

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2018
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Jeff Austin, Judy Enright, Steve King, Laura Helle (5:33 p.m.), David Hagen, Paul Fischer and Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, City Attorney David Hoversten, Police Chief Brian Krueger, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Library Director Julie Clinefelter and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Oscarson, KAUS Radio, Austin Daily Herald, Public

Mayor Stiehm called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Addition to Agenda:

Consent Agenda License:

Massage Therapist: Alisha Wigham, 2203 4th Drive SW

(res) 10. Approving the renewal of a hard liquor on-sale and Sunday liquor on-sale license for Cira Hernandez dba El Maguey Bar.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, approving the agenda as amended. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Hagen, approving the Council minutes from January 2, 2018. Carried.

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

County Coordinator Craig Oscarson presented the annual food drive plaque to the City for winning the friendly competition.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Hagen, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Cab Driver: Daniel Konken, 406 9th Street NE, Apt B
Cab Driver: James Bracken, 1210 B 5th Street NW
Cab Driver: Miguel Diego Pedro, 805 5th Avenue NE
Excavation: Fraser Construction Co., Rochester
Exempt Gambling (raffle): Austin Area Chamber of Commerce on March 2, 2018
Food: Maya's Restaurant, 501 West Oakland Avenue
Food: Sudanese Community International Market, 501 1st Street NW
Massage Therapist: Leann Finnestad, 57369 227th Street
Master Plumber: K&S Heating & Plumbing
Master Plumber: Route 52 Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Byron
Master Plumber: T' NG Plumbing, LLC, Dexter
Temporary Liquor: Austin Area Commission for the Arts on February 10, 2018
Temporary Liquor: Mower County Ag Society on February 11, August 7-12, 2018
Temporary Liquor: Pacelli Catholic Schools on April 21, 2018
Massage Therapist: Alisha Wigham, 2203 4th Drive SW

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills
- b. Investment Report.

Carried 6-0 with Council Member Helle abstaining.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Director of Public Works Steven Lang presented the 2018 assessment rates stating it is the City's goal to assess adjacent property owners 50% of the costs of street projects. He proposed increasing the assessment rates for urban and commercial streets 3%. Therefore, the rate for 2018 will increase from \$44.00 per lineal foot to \$45.25 per lineal foot for residential street reconstruction and \$63.00 per lineal foot to \$64.75 per lineal foot for commercial properties. The sidewalk rate will also increase from \$4.75 to \$5.25 per lineal foot. Other rates would also be increased.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution setting street improvement assessment rates for 2018. Carried 7-0.

City Administrator Craig Clark requested the Council approve an extension to the franchise agreement with Charter Communications through June 30, 2018.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution granting Charter Communications a franchise extension through June 30, 2018. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve a Federal Transportation Grant application for 2022 for 21st Avenue NE. The grant is for \$880,000 in federal aid which would be matched with \$220,000 in state aid.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution approving a federal transportation grant application. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, approving the following appointments and reappointments to City Boards and Commissions:

Appointments:

Sara Karki to the Human Rights Commission, term ending 12/31/20
Ojoye Akane to the Library Board, term ending 12/31/20
Mariana Camarena to the Library Board, term ending 12/31/20
Adama Youhn to the Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/20
Jonathan Caporale to the Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/19
Melissa Swenson to the Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/19

Reappointments:

Gregg Gaffney to the Cable TV Committee, term ending 12/31/20
Paul Spyhalski to the Fire Civil Service, term ending 12/31/20
Carole Granholm to the HRA, term ending 12/31/22
Judy Enright to the HRA, term ending 12/31/22
Janet Anderson to the HRA, term ending 12/31/22
Jason Baskin to the Human Rights Commission, term ending 12/31/2020
Oballa Oballa to the Human Rights Commission, term ending 12/31/20
Melissa Bonorden to the Library Board, term ending 12/31/20
Don Fox to the Park and Recreation Board, term ending 12/31/21
Helen Jahr to the Park and Recreation Board, term ending 12/31/21
Howard Nepp to the Pillars of the City Committee, term ending 12/31/20
Daphne Wagner to the Pillars of the City Committee, term ending 12/31/20
Steve Kime to the Pillars of the City Committee, term ending 12/31/20
Steve Kime to the Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/21
Jay Lutz to the Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/21
Ron Howard to the Police Civil Service Commission, term ending 12/31/20
Lee Bjorndal to the Port Authority, term ending 12/31/23
Holly Wallace to the Sustainability Taskforce, term ending 12/31/20
Kelly Lady to the Sustainability Taskforce, term ending 12/31/20
AHS Going Green Club representative, term ending 12/31/20
Kris Heichel to the Austin/Mower County Homeownership Board, term ending 12/31/20

Carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace requested the Council approve an annexation agreement with Lansing Township for property north of Kwik Trip on 14th Street NE and authorize a detachment agreement for property east of the Austin Utilities building. Ms. Wallace recommended approval of both resolutions.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution authorizing an annexation agreement with Lansing Township. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution authorizing a detachment agreement petitioned by the Port Authority. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving the renewal of a hard liquor on-sale and Sunday liquor on-sale license for Cira Hernandez dba El Maguey Bar. Carried 7-0.

REPORTS

Council Member Enright stated there are many events going on for Paint the Town Pink with the plunge taking place on January 27th.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson stated there are new events this year and to check out the City website for more information. She added the HRA had a retreat earlier in the day.

Council Member Helle thanked the Austin Human Rights Commission for their film on Martin Luther King Day.

Library Director Julie Clinefelter stated there is new programming at the Library on Saturday mornings including a book art class and origami.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adjourning the meeting to February 5, 2018. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:48 p.m.

Approved: February 5, 2018

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____