

MINUTES
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE WORK SESSION
March 7, 2022
City Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor King. Council Members Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Michael Postma, Jason Baskin, Oballa Oballa and Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Joyce Poshusta

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Police Chief David McKichan, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann

STAFF APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Public Works Director Steven Lang, Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, and City Clerk Ann Kasel

APPEARING IN PERSON: Austin Daily Herald,

Mayor King opened the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Item No. 1 – Health Insurance Contributions

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert stated the City of Austin switched from a self-insured program to a PEIP program in 2019. He stated as part of the HRA/HSA plan, the City is required to contribute \$750 for single coverage or \$1,500 for family coverage annually to an account. City staff recently discovered that the contributions were being paid out of the employee's premiums, thereby overcharging the employees. Mr. Dankert proposed that the City refund the overcharged amount to the employees and adopt a new resolution with the corrected insurance premiums.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Waller, approving a refund of overpayment for health insurance premiums. Carried.

The item will be on the March 21, 2022 Council Agenda.

Item No. 2 – Single Point Intersection Video

Public Works Director Steven Lang provided a video with information on the single point intersection proposed on the 14th Street NW bridge.

For Council information only; no Council action needed at this time.

Item No. 3 – County Road 46 Reconstruction

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated that Mower County is planning the reconstruction of County Road 46 from 28th Street NE to Hwy 56. The project will take two years, with year one being the bridge replacement and the second year being the roadway reconstruction.

For Council information only, no action needed at this time.

Item No. 4 - Administrative Report

None.

Item No. 5 – Open Discussion

None.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Oballa, adjourning the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann M. Kasel
City Clerk