

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHARTER MEETING
February 4, 2008
5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members McAlister, Austin, Dick Pacholl, Scott Pacholl, Hecimovich, and Martin. Council Member-at-Large Christopherson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Hurm, Jon Erichson, Tom Dankert, David Hoversten, Dan Wilson, Ann Hokanson, Denny Maschka, and Paul Philipp.

OTHERS PRESENT: Post Bulletin, Austin Daily Herald.

Added to the agenda: a motion approving a temporary liquor license for Austin Area Commission for the Arts at the Paramount Theatre on February 15. The AFSCME labor agreement was removed from the agenda.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Hecimovich, approving the amended agenda. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving the council minutes of January 22, 2008. Carried.

Fire Chief Dan Wilson recognized Harry Haden, a part-time firefighter who is retiring. Mr. Haden has been a firefighter since November 1992. He thanked his employer, Trimble's, for their cooperation while he was a firefighter.

Moved by Council Member Hecimovich, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, approving the consent agenda as follows.

Licenses:

Food: Dairy Queen, 1200 W. Oakland Avenue
Excavator: DeCook Excavation, Byron, MN

Claims:

a. Pre-list of bills.

- b. Jesus Alego, 700 14th Avenue SW. This claim has been referred to the city attorney to protect the city's interest.
- c. Chris Grunewald, 702 10th Street SW. This claim has been referred to the city attorney to protect the city's interest.

Carried.

The City of Austin has established rates for street assessments, and these are reviewed annually. The proposed rates reflect a 0 to 3% increase. Construction costs for concrete curb & gutter and for sidewalk would remain the same. Street reconstruction for urban and rural areas would increase by fifty cents per linear foot. The Council approves these proposed rate changes at a previous work session.

Moved by Council Member Dick Pacholl, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, adopting a resolution approving street and sidewalk reconstruction assessment rates. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Hecimovich, seconded by Council Member Scott Pacholl, approving Vicki Splinter to the Library Board. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Dick Pacholl, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk at 305 10th Street SW, Hall property. Carried.

The street reconstruction public hearings have been set for February 19. The sidewalk projects are set on another night – to be set on March 3 – in anticipation of more public input and questions.

Council Member-at-Large Christopherson questioned when the informal street informational meetings will be. Mr. Erichson said the meetings for the street projects will be February 13 at 5:30 to 9:00. The sidewalk informational meetings will be held at a later date.

Moved by Council Member Hecimovich, seconded by Council Member Dick Pacholl, adopting a resolution setting a public hearing for March 3 for the 2008 Sidewalk Project SW Quadrant. 7-0. Carried.

Bolton & Menk, Inc. has submitted a proposal for design engineering for traffic light signals at Oakland Avenue West and 4th Street and at 1st Avenue 4th Street SW. The traffic signals would be similar to the signals at Main Street and 1st Avenue SW. Bolton & Menk have done the design engineering for the last three signal projects. Cost of the project is \$22,000. Funding would come from the Municipal State Aid gas tax.

Council Member McAlister questioned why a study is done. Mr. Erichson said traffic signals require the completion of a Signal Justification Report.

Moved by Council Member Hecimovich, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, adopting a resolution accepting a proposal from Bolton & Menk, Inc. for traffic signal designs. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Dick Pacholl, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, setting a public hearing for February 19 for final plat of *Good Samaritan Addition*. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Scott Pacholl, setting a public hearing for February 19 for rezoning from R-1 to B-2 in connection with the Menards development. 7-0. Carried.

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Moved by Council Member Hecimovich, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, setting a public hearing for February 19 for the preliminary plat review of property to be known as *Menards Addition*. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Hecimovich, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, approving temporary liquor license for the Austin Area Commission for the Arts at the Paramount Theatre for February 15. Carried.

REPORTS:

Council has received updates on the judicial center and on the Menards development. If there are any questions, council members should call Jon Erichson.

The 2008 Capital Improvement informational meetings will be held February 13 from 5:30 to 9:00 in Council Chambers.

Moved by Council Member Hecimovich, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Christopherson, adjourning the meeting to February 19, 2008.

Adjourned: 5:47 pm

Approved: February 19, 2008

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____