

M I N U T E S  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 3, 2017  
5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Jeff Austin, Judy Enright, Steve King, David Hagen, Laura Helle (5:33 p.m.), 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, City Attorney David Hoversten, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Library Director Julie Clinefelter and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS PRESENT: Austin Daily Herald

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

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

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, approving the Council minutes from June 19, 2017. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Taxi Driver: Timothy Hansen, 708 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE

Temporary Liquor: Austin Area Commission for the Arts at the Paramount Theatre on August 26, September 12 and October 21, 2017

Claims:

- a. Credit Card and Financial Report.
- b. Pre-list of bills

Event Applications:

Austin ArtWorks Festival on August 26 & 27, 2017

Carried.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A public hearing was held for the proposed abatement of taxes for No Reh and Su Meh through the Austin Homes Initiative Program. City Administrator Craig Clark stated they are building a new home valued at approximately \$368,000 in Austin and requested that the taxes on the improvement value of the home be abated under the Austin Homes Initiative. The abatement would be in the approximate amount of \$8,980 over the five year period.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution approving a five year tax abatement request for No Reh and Su Meh. Carried 6-0.

## PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Public Works Director Steven Lang presented informal bids for the exterior door replacement at Riverside Arena. Mr. Lang stated there were two bidders on the project – Wagner Construction at \$72,300 and the Joseph Company at \$76,900. The project will be funded 50% through a Hormel Foundation grant and 50% through the general levy. Mr. Lang recommended awarding the bid to Wagner Construction Company.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution awarding an informal bid to Wagner Construction for Riverside Arena door replacement. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Hagen, appointing Oballa Oballa to the Human Rights Commission, term expiring 12/31/17. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution accepting a Hormel Foundation grant to the City of Austin. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Hagen, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 807 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Gerereo Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Hagen, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1006 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW, US Bank Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1303 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, US Bank Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Fischer, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 601 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW, Trowbridge Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 404 6<sup>th</sup> Pl NW, Winkels Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Enright, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 304 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Prestholt Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1702 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Fedoryk Property. Carried.

## REPORTS

Council Member Helle thanked the Vision 2020 Community Pride and Spirit committee for hosting movie night at the bandshell last Saturday night.

Council Member Hagen stated he was looking forward to the unveiling of the Pillars of the City on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

City Administrator Craig Clark stated he recently met with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency about cost concerns at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

City Clerk Ann Kasel invited the public to attend the Pillars of the City ceremony at 1:15 p.m. at the bandshell on July 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be three pillars unveiled this year.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the City has not been able to spray for mosquitoes due to unfavorable weather conditions.

Moved by Council Member Hagen, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to July 17, 2017. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:39 p.m.

Approved: July 17, 2017

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

City Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_