

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 20, 2017
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Jeff Austin, Judy Enright, Steve King, Laura Helle, Paul Fischer and Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member David Hagen

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 Captain David McKichan, Park and Rec Director Kim Underwood, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Library Director Julie Clinefelter and City Clerk Ann Kasel

OTHERS PRESENT: AHS Soccer team, Jake Levisen, Sandy Forstner, KAAL TV, KAUS Radio, Austin Daily Herald, Public

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-at-Large Anderson, approving the Council minutes from November 6, 2017. Carried.

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

The City Council recognized the Austin High School Boys Soccer Team for third place finish at the State tournament this fall. Coach Levisen stated that was the furthest that any AHS Soccer team has ever made it in the State finals.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Exempt Gambling (raffle): Austin Youth Hockey Association on January 1, 2018
Food: Rave Nutrition, 310 North Main Street

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills
- b. Financial and Investment Reports.
- c. Bertha Gonzalez, 704 2nd Avenue SW. The matter has been forwarded to the city attorney to protect the City's interest.
- d. Candice Riles, 1008 7th Avenue NW. The matter has been forwarded to the city attorney to protect the City's interest.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing was held to consider a tax abatement request from New Horizon Homes, LLC. They are proposing to build a home at 2002 13th Street NE and the amount of the tax abatement over the five years is proposed to be \$7,000.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution approving a tax abatement for New Horizon Homes, LLC. Carried 6-0.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution setting a public hearing for December 18, 2017 on the adoption of the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Carried 6-0.

Administrative Services Director Tom Dankert requested the Council approve calling the 2004B Improvement Bond issue due on February 1, 2018. The bonds are scheduled to mature in 2020 but the City would like to pay them off early. He stated once this is paid off there will be no more street improvement debt.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution calling the 2004B Improvement bond issue due. Carried 6-0.

City Clerk Ann Kasel requested the Council approve the 2018 off-sale, club on-sale and wine on-sale licenses.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution granting 2018 off-sale liquor licenses, club on-sale licenses and wine on-sale licenses. Carried 5-0 with Council Member Helle abstaining.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution accepting donations to the City of Austin. Carried 6-0.

Administrative Services Director Tom Dankert requested the Council approve budget adjustment number 5, which would transfer \$500,000 from the Building Fund into the Risk Management Fund. This transfer would help cover shortfalls in the Risk Management Fund due to high health insurance claims.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, adopting a resolution transferring funds into the Risk Management Fund, budget adjustment number 5. Carried 6-0.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace requested the Council authorize annexation of 1502 10th Drive SE. The owner of the property has requested annexation and would connect to the sewer system after annexation. The property would be annexed as an I-1 light industrial property. The annexation is subject to the approval of the township.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution approving an annexation of the property at 1502 10th Drive SE, Bartley Property. Carried 6-0.

Parks and Recreation Director Kim Underwood requested the Council modify the lease agreement with the Marcusen Park Baseball Association. The Association requested the payment schedule be modified to have a lower yearly payment in 2017 but higher payments in 2018-2022.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution approving a modified lease with Marcusen Park Baseball Association. Carried 6-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested the Council approve a change order to the 6th Street and 16th Avenue SE project. During the construction the contractor ran into bedrock and there were extra costs and work as a result. The net change order to the project is \$45,463.80. Mr. Lang recommended approving the change order.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving change order number 1 to the 6th Street and 16th Avenue street reconstruction project. Carried 6-0.

Administrative Services Director Tom Dankert requested the Council accept the 2018 Hormel Foundation grants in the total amount of \$437,764. The Foundation allocated a total of \$8.2 million to the community.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution accepting 2018 Hormel Foundation grants. Carried 5-0 with Council Member Helle abstaining.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Sandy Forstner, with the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber is in support of the City's effort to bring the Hy-Vee distribution center to the City. He also stated Christmas in the City is coming up on Friday after Thanksgiving.

REPORTS

Council Member Enright stated she is working on the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon committee to bring a Vietnam Veteran's Tribute Wall to Austin May 17-20, 2018.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson stated planning for Paint the Town Pink is underway.

Council Member Helle stated Christmas in the City is on Friday and the Austin Arts Center will have a gallery opening and crafts.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated the leaf collection site at Cook Farm will be open through Thanksgiving weekend.

Mayor Stiehm thanked everyone involved at the Community Connect that was recently held.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to December 4, 2017. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:59 p.m.

Approved: December 4, 2017

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____