

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2020
8:00 AM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm.

MEMBERS APPEARING
ELECTRONICALLY: Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin. Council Members Steve King, Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Laura Helle, Jason Baskin, Joyce Poshusta

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, City Attorney Craig Byram and City Clerk Ann Kasel

STAFF APPEARING
ELECTRONICALLY: Public Works Director Steven Lang, Police Chief David McKichan

OTHERS PRESENT: Austin Daily Herald

Mayor Stiehm called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

City Administrator Craig Clark presented an ordinance for Council consideration which would allow the City Administrator or his designee to approve temporary outside seating areas for bars and restaurants during the COVID-19 emergency. The outdoor seating would be allowed until the establishments were allowed to return to 100% indoor dining capacity.

City Clerk Ann Kasel noted that any applications for the closure of a street would still need Council approval.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member King, approving a resolution creating a temporary administrative process for the approval of temporary outdoor seating during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to June 1, 2020. Carried.

Adjourned: 8:07 a.m.

Approved: June 15, 2020

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2020
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin. Council Members Joyce Poshusta and Laura Helle

MEMBERS APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Council Members Steve King, Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Jason Baskin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Fire Chief Jim McCoy, Police Chief David McKichan, Park and Rec Director Kevin Nelson, City Attorney Craig Byram, Library Director Julie Clinefelter, Human Resources Director Trish Wiechmann, and City Clerk Ann Kasel

STAFF APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace

OTHERS PRESENT: Austin Daily Herald

OTHERS APPEARING ELECTRONICALLY: Brian Beasley, Elaine Hansen, Sherry Scheid, Sheila Berger

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

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

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Fischer, approving Council minutes from May 18, 2020. Carried.

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

Licenses:

Concrete: JC Masonry, LLC, Hollandale

Sign Installer: Sign Pro of Owatonna, Owatonna

Claims:

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

Event Applications:

Cast Off for Tomorrow (Project Graduation 2020 Scavenger Hunt) June 1 to June 5, 2020

Pacelli Graduation on June 3, 2020

AHS Senior 2020 Police Escort on June 5, 2020

River Rats Car Show on August 15, 2020

Carried.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

City Clerk Ann Kasel stated the Old Mill is requesting to permanently expand their food and beverage area into their fenced back yard.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Waller, approving a permanent patio service liquor area for the Old Mill.

City Clerk Ann Kasel reported on changes for the 2020 election. The legislature recently passed election laws due to the COVID-19 pandemic including removing schools as polling places. Ms. Kasel stated the City will have a shortage of election judges due to the older age of the judges. She proposed using the Holiday Inn as one large polling place due to judge and location issues.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution setting a polling location for the 2020 elections. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang requested approval of an independent fee estimate contract with TKDA for an updated layout project at the Austin Municipal Airport. The FAA requires this estimate whenever a project is over \$100,000.00

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, adopting a resolution approving an independent fee estimate for work at the Austin Municipal Airport. Carried 7-0.

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated a fence on the boundary of the National Guard Armory and the Austin Municipal Airport needs to be relocated for a new easement boundary. He stated SEH has provided a proposal in the amount of \$16,800 for design, construction supervision and administration of the project. The expense would be eligible for FAA reimbursement.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, adopting a resolution approving a proposal with SEH for engineering services fence relocation at the Austin Municipal Airport. Carried 7-0.

City Administrator Craig Clark requested the Council approve a labor agreement with the Minnesota Public Employees Association. The contract would be for three years and include retro pay to July 1, 2019.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution approving a labor agreement with Minnesota Public Employees Association and associated memorandums of understanding. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Poshusta, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution granting a cable tv franchise extension to Spectrum Mid-America, LLC through December 31, 2020. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Helle, adopting a resolution accepting donations to the City of Austin. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Austin, authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 605 10th Drive SE, Guzman property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Austin, authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 503 8th Ave SE, Wakefield Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Poshusta, seconded by Council Member King, authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 705 14th Ave SW, Hemann Housing Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Austin, authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 704 27th Ave NE, Kornexl Property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Waller, authorizing the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 1017 10th Ave SW, Ernst Property. Carried.

AWARDING BID

The City received bids for sanitary sewer spot repairs and concrete repairs associated with the repairs. The following bids were received for sanitary sewer spot repairs:

Contractor	Bid
Hansen Hauling & Excavating, Inc.	\$104,194.00
Elcor Construction	\$139,195.00
Jensen Excavating & Trucking, LLC	\$168,250.00

The following bids were received for concrete repairs:

Contractor	Concrete Price	Total Cost
Cummings Concrete, LLC	\$7.80/SF	\$35,100.00
Gary Groh Construction, LLC	\$8.00/SF	\$36,000.00
Mark Lang Construction	\$9.45/SF	\$42,525.00

Mr. Lang stated the combined cost to repair the sanitary sewer and replace the concrete is \$139,194 and he plans to adjust the number of repairs to match the project budget of \$100,000. He stated this is part of the City's I & I inspection program.

Moved by Council Member Waller, seconded by Council Member Fischer, awarding a bid for sanitary sewer spot repairs to Hansen Hauling & Excavating, Inc. Carried 7-0.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, awarding a bid for concrete repair work to Cummings Concrete, LLC. Carried 7-0.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

Elaine Hansen thanked the Council for approving outdoor dining options.

REPORTS

Council Member Waller thanked to law enforcement for keeping citizens safe in Austin.

Council Member Poshusta stated she was impressed with the Austin Police Department's presence at the recent protest.

Council Member Baskin agreed that the Police Department did a great job at the protest and thanked City staff for their work on the outdoor dining options.

Council Member Helle stated she is proud to be associated with the City of Austin and thanked citizens and police for a peaceful rally. She congratulated the class of 2020 for their graduation. She stated she will be working on the 2021 budget subcommittee and is hoping to create a list of options for the Council to choose from for budget cuts with a focus on large scale savings that are sustainable.

Council Member-at-Large Austin thanked the Police and Fire Departments and thanked City staff for helping businesses to open up for outside dining.

City Administrator Craig Clark stated Representative Poppe is working on the bonding bill that will hopefully include funds for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Police Chief McKichan stated he appreciated the Council's comments.

Mayor Stiehm stated he was shocked by the George Floyd video and noted this behavior wouldn't be accepted by the Austin Department because of their great leadership and training.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Austin, seconded by Council Member Poshusta, adjourning the meeting to June 15, 2020. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

Approved: June 15, 2020

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____