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AURORA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

City Council Chambers

2 W Pleasant

Monday, July 7, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mayor David L. Marks
Chairman Pro Tem Linda Barton
Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro
Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson
Councilman Steve Ramirez

All council members were noted present.

III. AGENDA

A. Discussion/Approval of Park Board's recommendation to not offer LCYSA a fall contract for soccer

Tina Lindeman-LCYSA

Tina wrote a letter to city council to support the LCYSA soccer program. She has been involved with their program for the past 10 years. She was concerned there were a couple of park board members that would like to do away with LCYSA completely. Tina stated that the YMCA stated they did background checks on all their coaching staff. She knew this was an area of great concern for the council. She stated that when she coached for the YMCA they never asked her for any information to do a check on.

Doris Colwell

Doris reiterated that the soccer program through LCYSA doesn't cost the city a penny. The park board has taken federal grant money to improve the parks therefore they are not able to shut anyone out of the parks. The board needs to look at other money taken away from the streets and given to the park board. The city is going to be broke and the council needs to use some common sense when making your decision on this. Council is going to ruin the city by running people off.

Linda Hull LCYSA

Linda stated that LCYSA had done everything asked of them during the spring session. They brought 30 games to the city which brought in 300 to 500 people during the course of the season. Tina stated its just too confusing to have two organizations. She stated the money you gave the YMCA to do the soccer program cost the city \$54 a child. LCYSA's cost would have been \$34 per child.

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Lisa Rentfro-Councilwoman

The city has accepted federal funds in the past so the city has to allow everyone to use the parks. The city needs to share the park for all children to play in. This is not about personalities.

Linda Barton-Chairman Pro Tem

Both the YMCA and LCYSA have been working together setting up the schedule and then giving it to Donna with no problems. Free enterprise is what America was founded on. Choice we need to allow people in our city to have a choice.

Theresa Pettit-Park Board President

YMCA stepped back this year to accommodate LCYSA to get through the season. The park board already discussed allowing LCYSA the opportunity to use the fields on Sunday and they didn't like that. The park board felt they had already met the city's accommodation by providing LCYSA the usage of the community field.

In order for the park board to properly evaluate YMCA Theresa felt the park board needed to see what the YMCA could do alone in a season. This needed to be done to evaluate the program for budgetary purposes.

Julie Browning-Park Board Member

Soccer goals were missing last year. The public works department found them and transported them back to the fields after repairing them. Aurora United program donated 2 goals to the city one of which is being used on the Community Field. Kids should be the number one priority of the city. As a part-time employee of the YMCA she reiterated that every coach did have to turn in paperwork for background checks.

Mayor Marks asked if it was true that if the city had received federal funds they would have to make the park available for usage. City Manager Randall replied that if money was received from a grant the one requirement is the park land has to be left in perpetuity. The Brownfield Grant required the city to comply with environmental regulations. The Park Levy mentions free parks in the ballot language.

City Attorney Petrus stated that by making the Community Field available he felt that the city satisfied is requirement to provide free parks.

Councilman Ramirez moved to not offer LCYSA a contract for the spring. Motion died from lack of a second.

Councilwoman Rentfro made the motion to offer LCYSA a contract for spring and for both programs (LCYSA & YMCA) to work together on setting up the schedule. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Barton, Henderson

NAYES: Ramirez, Marks

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**B. First Reading of Bill No. 2014-3008
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute Supplemental Agreement #1 on the STP 1102(704) White Park Trail Project**

Bids were let on the project with the bid coming back \$42,600 over the projected engineers estimate. In order to continue with the project MoDOT will take the overage from the city's STP fund allocation. The Park Board will pay the additional 20% on the match of the money. This agreement shows the reallocated numbers.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-3008. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:
AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Barton
NAYES: Rentfro

**C. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2014-3008 making Ordinance No. 2014-3008
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute Supplemental Agreement #1 on the STP 1102(704) White Park Trail Project**

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2014-3008 which will now be known as Ordinance No. 2014-3008. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Ramirez, Henderson, Barton, Rentfro, Marks
NAYES: 0

**D. Resolution No. 2014-1348
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Gerald Perry Tennis Company Inc. for renovation to the tennis courts**

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1348 awarding the bid to Gerald Perry Tennis Company Inc. for tennis court renovations. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Ramirez, Henderson, Barton, Rentfro, Marks
NAYES: 0

E. Approve utilization of city staff to complete necessary tasks for the tennis court

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve city staff to complete necessary tasks for the tennis court renovations. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Ramirez, Henderson, Barton, Rentfro, Marks
NAYES: 0

**F. Resolution No. 2014-1349
A Resolution appointing membership to the Aurora Park Board (Welch)**

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Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1349 which appoints Harv Welch to a term on the Park Board. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Ramirez, Henderson, Barton, Rentfro, Marks
NAYES: 0

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:

David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC