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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday, September 8th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:

Councilman Ramirez led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Mayor David L. Marks

Chairman Pro Tem Linda Barton

Councilman Steve Ramirez

Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro

Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson

All council members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session held on August 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Rentfro made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular session held on August 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Barton (not in attendance)

Special Closed Session held on September 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the special closed session minutes held on September 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Ramirez, Marks (not in attendance)

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for August/September

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the appropriations for August/September as submitted. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Marks, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Ward, 2 E Plumb

Paul questioned why City Attorney Petrus had written an opinion letter that was to be attached to the signed city manager contract. How can you change something without a vote?

City Attorney Petrus replied that a motion was made to renew the contract. Nothing was done to modify the old one that was signed. Nothing was done to reflect the substance of the vote.

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Mr. Ward questioned why the revote had not been put on the next agenda as requested by the Mayor. Isn't that enough to get something on the agenda? Direction was given at the time to not put it back on the agenda until council requested it.

Mr. Ward stated he would routinely continue to bring this matter up until a resolution is in place. He felt contracts should never be taken from city hall to be signed for any reason. Why had the city manager felt the need for the councilwomen to sign the contract after the Mayor refused to sign it? When did the councilwomen learn that they were being requested to sign the contract and where did they each sign it?

City Manager Randall offered to Mr. Ward that his office was open at all times if he had any questions he would like answered. He also offered to come to Mr. Ward's office if it was more convenient for him.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Councilman Ramirez questioned how much time the Mayor had to change his mind to sign the city managers contract? City Attorney Petrus replied until the effective date of the contract.

Councilman Ramirez inquired if there were any plans to clean up around the Creamery since the city has acquired the property? Public Works will be weed eating around the property and Charley Richardson has offered to clean up the fallen bricks before the car show later this month.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/ Approval to loan the Fire Department's Light package to the staff of the Diamonds & Divas concert to use in the parking area.*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to allow the use of the Fire Department's light package at the Diamond's and Divas Concert. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

- B. Request/ Approval for Empire District Electric to change out a street light located on Mc Natt between the RR tracks from a 250 MV to a 150W HPS*

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the request from Empire District Electric to change out the street light located on Mc Natt between the RR tracks. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Ramirez, Marks

NAYES: 0

- C. Resolution No. 2014-1360
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri awarding the contract for the purchase of four sets of bunker gear*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1360 allowing for the purchase of 4 sets of bunker gear for the fire department. Chairman Pro

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Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

No reports given.

B. City Attorney Report

No report was given.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- Testing has been completed for the training burn for the airport.
- The fire department is preparing for the concert by reviewing emergency exit plans.
- Concert staff has hired their own private security however the police department and the National Guard will assist.
- Public Works has improved the road into Baldwin Park in preparation for the upcoming concert.
- The sidewalk around the north side of Oak Park is completed.
- Singer Construction has started on the Walking Trail in White Park.
- There are thirty-five active permits the building inspector is pursuing.
- The Farmers Market will be relocating to Sutherlands parking lot within the next several weeks.

XI. Closed Session pursuant to 610.021 (2)

Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to 610.021 (2). Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

No motions were made nor votes taken.

Councilman Ramirez moved to go into Open Session. Time noted 8:06 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Marks, Ramirez, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:

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David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC

Posted September 5, 2014 by Kathie Needham, City Clerk