

Aurora City Council Tentative Agenda

MINUTES FROM JOIINT SESSION WITH PARK BOARD

City Council Chambers, Third Floor

2 W Pleasant

Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marks
Chairman Pro Tem Boyer
Councilwoman Barton
Councilwoman Henderson
Councilman Ramirez

All council members were noted present except Mayor Marks and Chairman Pro Tem Boyer. In the absence of the Mayor and Chairman Pro Tem Councilwoman Barton was asked to chair the meeting.

III. AGENDA

Joint Session with Park Board to discuss and approve recommendations regarding:

- The August ballot and how it will impact the parks
- Discuss budget planning for the parks

City Manager Randall presented information on the upcoming sales tax election. Information had previously been presented to the old park board as well as with President Pettit on the issue before council made the decision to put it on the ballot.

Certain park activities are presently funded through the general fund. If the ballot issue passed, those expenses would be transferred to the Park and Storm Water Control Fund which would free up approximately \$150,000 in the general fund which could be used for other things.

In return for the ballot issue passing the city agreed to no longer collect the portion of the levy which relates to the park tax. This would result in a reduction of taxes for all property owners. Sales tax would then be collected from every purchase made within the city limits. The Department of Revenue would make monthly remittances to the city which would be credited to the Park/Storm Water Control Fund. Only expenditures for Park or Storm Water Control would be allowable expenses to come from the sales tax revenue. The new revenue, by statue, would not be allowed to be comingled with other city funds.

The park board, upon passage of the ballot issue, would then become an advisory committee rather than an administrative one. The board would continue to function and

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would recommend/request funding from city council for the coming year just as all other departments of the city do. City Council previously determined they would be willing to provide the park board with a minimum of \$100,000 each year if the sales tax issue passed. The board would then prepare its annual budget request with any improvements they wish to do for the next year and submit it through the budgeting process. City Council would then determine how the sales tax money would be allocated for the next year. The city has not, for many years, been able to budget any money toward storm water control.

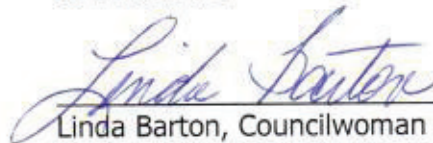
President Pettit asked to whom the Recreation Director would report to if hired? City Manager Randall replied that it would depend on their job description and duties. All employees are under the supervision of the City Manager.

President Pettit stated that she had been talking to MoDOT about putting curbed sidewalk in along the south end of Oak Park. They quoted her an estimate of \$10,000 per block for them to install the sidewalk. She felt the cost was exorbitant and didn't want to spend that much of their Dyer money to do the job. She asked council if they would be in support of the public works department laying the sidewalk. No official vote was taken because it was not on the agenda however, all members would be in favor.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

APPROVED:


Linda Barton, Councilwoman

ATTEST:


Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC