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AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marks called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Rick Boyer

Councilman Steve Ramirez

Councilwoman Linda Barton

Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson

All council members were present except Chairman Pro Tem Boyer.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session held on September 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on September 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for September

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the appropriations for September as submitted. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Ramirez, Marks

NAYES: 0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Regina Payne inquired why the 6:00 p.m. workshop was taken off the agenda. She stated she felt it was a very important issue and that tax payers would like to know how their money was being spent for overtime. Mayor Marks stated Chairman Pro Tem Boyer was absent and needed to be present for the conversation.

Councilwoman Barton remarked that she also wondered why it had been removed from the agenda. Mayor Marks stated it would take two council members to put it back on the agenda. Councilwoman Barton and Henderson both asked for it to be added to the next agenda.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Councilman Ramirez inquired if all evaluations were being put in employee's personnel files? City Clerk Needham replied that when they are given to her personally they are inserted into the personnel files however some of the old evaluations were never given to her and she could not be responsible for getting them into the appropriate file until

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they were personally given to her. To date all old evaluations have been received and are now in the appropriate files.

Councilman Ramirez also questioned what progress had been made on updating the Comprehensive Plan. City Manager Randall stated that Planning and Zoning had the first draft and was presently reviewing it. He also stated that in the past the city manager had not been the person that had updated the plan. Prior to him MSU updated the plan in 2002 and then in 2009 the city hired a planning student that had just graduated who worked for the city for 6 months while updating the plan.

Council questioned why there was so much detail in the monthly reports from each supervisor. City Manager Randall stated he would talk with them and tell them that only an overview was necessary.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3039 making Ordinance No. 2015-3039 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending the Personnel Policy (Chapter 130) Section 130.380 "Annual Salary Survey" and deleting Section 130.400 "Merit Increase Procedures"*

Upon final passage this bill will remove all language referring to merit increases as it is not the city's present practice to award merit increases.

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3039 this will now be known as Ordinance No. 2015-3039. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: Ramirez

- B. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3040 making Ordinance No. 2015-3040 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting the infrastructure of city streets in Brookside Estates*

Upon passage of this ordinance the city will accept the streets in Brookside Estates.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3040 this will now be known as Ordinance No. 2015-3040. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Presentation by TREKK on Infiltration and Inflow*

Brandon Freeman, Regional Project Manager, for TREKK showed a slide presentation referencing all the effects of Infiltration and Inflow into the sewer system.

I&I Abatement

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Bad Material
Deterioration

Sources
Bad lateral
Uncapped lines
Area drains tied to service laterals
Sump pumps/floor drains

Identification
Inspections
Dyed water testing
Smoke testing

Why Fix the problems?
Improve public health
Eliminate higher treatment cost
Comply with environmental regulations
Educe cost of capital improvements

Anticipated cost to eliminate 25% of problem areas is \$200,000 and \$1.2 million to eliminate 40% of potential problems. These figures are derived from area studies.

Area communities are doing voluntary programs to eliminate this type of problems. They are paying the unit associated costs in certain areas to fix the problems. It is no cost to the homeowner. The city bids out the renovations through local plumbers who have agreed to a set price for certain items.

The city also have ordinances allowing for ingress and egress to properties which allows entry to personal property. The biggest asset is educating the public on the value of fixing these problems. In Springfield there is presently a 98% participation rate because there is no cost to the home owner for the repairs.

TREKK is working with Springfield presently to see if they would allow piggy back verbiage in their contracts to allow smaller communities to take advantage of their bid.

B. *Discussion/Approval on recommendation from Planning and Zoning to accept Design for Phase II of the Walking Trail*

Planning and Zoning previously approved the design and plan of Phase II and recommended passage to the city council.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the design for Phase II and the Walking Trail. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Barton, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

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C. First Reading of Bill No. 2015-3043

An Ordinance accepting a Quit Claim Deed for a Special Easement from the Arrowood Beyers Cummings Post 126 American Legion to the City of Aurora

Membership has dwindled and the members are no longer able to maintain the building. They will be deeding the easement on the property to the city. The building is built on city property therefore the city will take over the building once deeded. The second reading of this bill will not occur until the end of October after their board had met and did the final paperwork.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2015-3043. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

D. Resolution No. 2015-1428

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri submitting a Grant Application for 2016 for E-Recycling to the Solid Waste Management District N

This resolution is to submit an application for a grant e-recycling drop off. There will be two days for the event; one in the spring and one in the fall. There will be no cost to the city. A 100% grant has been requested. If the event is a major success and more waste is submitted for recycling the vendor will cut off the drop off when the money from the grant runs out.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1428 authorizing the submittal of the grant application to SWMD District N. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Ramirez, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

E. Discussion/Approval to hold a Christmas Event around City hall on October 24th

Kella Lee submitted a request by email to city council after a phone conversation with the City Manager to hold a Christmas Event (craft fair) around city hall. She had previously rented the Armory and was told that only not for profit events were allowed to be held. Since she was holding a for profit event she was looking for a venue to hold her craft fair. She was told that she needed to attend the council meeting to discuss her plans with city council. She did not show up to discuss the matter with city council

Councilman Ramirez moved to table the matter until the next council meeting and requested that she be present to discuss her plans with council.

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

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Ramirez, Marks

NAYES: 0

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Park Board met to discuss their budget.

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B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Reynolds stated his report would be discussed with council during closed session.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- MoDOT is repairing crossing at K and Hwy. 39.
- Reflective paint has been put on the outside turn lane along the island on the intersection of 39 and 60.
- Main Street met with MoDOT on sidewalks along Olive prior to the sidewalk renovation they were planning. The committee asked them to leave the red pre stamped concrete in place. In order to comply with ADA regulations and the level of the present sidewalk high curbs have been installed which can cause a tripping hazard to citizens however it was done to prevent wheel chairs from falling off the step sides.
- Councilman Ramirez asked if the city manager could request repair for the Morgan Street crossing. Even though it will be three years till its permanent closure the crossing is very rough and almost impassable.

XI. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to 610.021 (1), (2), (3)

- (1) Legal actions, cause of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representative and its attorneys.*
- (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.*
- (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.*

Councilman Ramirez moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to 610.021 (1),(2),(3). Time noted 7:45 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Marks, Henderson, Ramirez,

NAYES: 0

No votes taken.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to go into Open Session time noted 8:20 p.m. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

Marks, Ramirez, Henderson, Barton

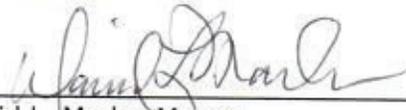
NAYES: 0

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

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APPROVED:



David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC



Posted September 18, 2015 by Kathie Needham City Clerk