

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall

City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant

Aurora, Missouri

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 - 6 P.M.

3/22/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Councilman Ferguson led the Council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lewis - *Present Via Zoom*

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - *Present*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Present*

Councilman Ferguson - *Present*

Councilman Kennedy - *Present*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

5. CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Jon Holmes presented Robert Ward and Betty Baum with Proclamations for their service with the City of Aurora.

6. COUNCIL FORUM

All of Council attended the Hospital Board meeting and the Park Board meeting.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Kennedy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - *Aye via Zoom*

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Ferguson - *Abstain*

Councilman Kennedy - *Aye*

7.I. Approval Of Minutes - City Council Regular Session March 08, 2022

See Consent Agenda

7.II. March 2022 Appropriations

See Consent Agenda

8. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.I. Special Event Application - 5K Mercy Run

Community Development Director Carrie Howlett addressed Council about the special event permit for Mercy's 5K Run. Ms Howlett stated that the route will be the same route as previous years. She has spoke with city staff regarding the safety of this event and city staff does not have concerns and are prepared to assist. Martha Youngblood with Mercy addressed Council that they are adding a 1 mile fun run but it will be within the 5K route.

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to approve the special event permit for the Mercy 5K Run. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as:

Mayor Lewis - *Aye via Zoom*

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Ferguson - *Aye*

Councilman Kennedy - *Aye*

9.II. Special Event Application - Easter Parade

Community Development Director Carrie Howlett address Council with a special event permit for the Easter Parade put on by the Chamber of Commerce. The parade route will mirror the Christmas parade route. Police Chief Coatney and the Street department do not have any concerns and will work with Shannon Walker to close off certain streets for this parade. The parade starts at 1:00 p.m. and following will be photos with the Easter Bunny at the Chamber Depot from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the special event permit for the Easter Parade.

Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documents as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

9.III. Resolution 2022-1840 Appointing City Treasurer

City Manager Jon Holmes addressed Council discussing the conversations that have been had between Betty, him and Council due to Betty's upcoming retirement. Betty and Jon recommended Jessica Jenkins for the position based on her knowledge skills, abilities and working with the City of Aurora. Appointment directly made by City Council due to State Statue.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-1840 Appointing Jessica Jenkins as Treasurer. Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

9.IV. Oath Of Office For New Treasurer And Deputy Clerk

New Treasurer and Deputy City Clerk Jessica Jenkins was sworn in by City Clerk Kamy Kulow.

9.V. First Reading Of Ordinance 2022-3247 Amending Chapter 115, Establishing The Position Of Asst. City Manager

City Manager Jon Holmes addressed Council that there have been many conversations about the position of Assistant City Manager. It has been recognized that one city staff member has served and assisted greatly in a lot of different aspects. Direction was given to City Manager Jon Holmes and City Attorney Ken Reynolds to work out the details and put that into City Ordinance. It was the position of the City Council to make this an appointed position which falls in line with state statues and to refine the code. One Section of the old code that Ken thought was a conflict of interest was removed, stating, all authority and responsibility and direction of departmental staff would fall to City Council. Between adding Assistant City Manager and having that Section in there, Ken felt that was a conflict. City Manager Jon Holmes and Mayor Lewis determined that there had been enough discussions regarding the position of Assistant City Manager to go ahead and bring both readings forward at the same time.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-3247 Amending Chapter 115. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettie - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

9.VI. Second Reading Of Ordinance 2022-3247 Amending Chapter 115, Establishing The Position Of Asst. City Manager

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance 2022-3247 Amending Chapter 115. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes document as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

10. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Councilman Kennedy attended a Bright Futures Advisory Board meeting. Had good information and always a need whether it's monetary or time. If interested, contact Ashley or Tony Kennedy. Also Councilman Kennedy wanted to let everyone know that Oacac doors are open again.

Full City Manager Report attached.

Economic/Community Development Report attached.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to go into Closed Session, time noted 06:43 p.m. for the purpose of RsMO 610.021 (1) and RsMO 610.021 (3). Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed by Roll Call votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem made a motion to move out of Closed Session, time noted 06:54 p.m. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with Roll Call votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye via Zoom

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilman Kennedy - Aye