

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall

City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant

Aurora, Missouri

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - 6:09 P.M.

4/12/2022 - Minutes

1. CONVENING OF NEW COUNCIL

A. Call to Order - City Clerk

City Clerk, Kamy Kulow, called the meeting to order to convene the new Council at 06:09 p.m.

B. Oath of Office for newly elected City Official - City Clerk

City Clerk, Kamy Kulow, asked Dawn Oplinger to come forward and take the Oath of Office. Dawn came forward and was sworn in.

C. Election of Mayor - City Clerk

Nominations for Mayor will be taken from the Council at the direction of the City Clerk.

City Manager, Jon Holmes, spoke to Council and explained how the process would be done to determine who would go first to make a nomination for Mayor. They each drew a chip with a number on it and the person who drew #1 would get to go first, if they chose not to make a nomination, then it would go to #2 and so on and so forth. City Clerk, Kamy Kulow, asked Council who drew #1, Councilwoman Oplinger drew #1 and made a motion to nominate Jason Lewis for Mayor. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Councilman Lewis - *Abstain*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Ferguson - *Aye*

Councilman Kennedy - *Aye*

D. Election of Chairman Pro Tem Mayor

Nominations for Chairman Pro Tem will be taken from the Council at the Direction of the Mayor

Councilman Ferguson drew #2 and made a motion to nominate Councilman Kennedy for Chairman Pro Tem. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Ferguson - *Aye*

Councilman Kennedy - *Abstain*

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.I. Resolutions 2022-1843 To 2022-1848: Council Liaison Appointments Agenda Cover Sheet

2.I.i. Resolution 2022-1843 Planning And Zoning Council Liaison Appointment

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to keep Mayor Lewis on as the Council Liaison. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - *Abstain*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Ferguson - *Aye*

2.I.ii. Resolution 2022-1844 Solid Waste Management Dist. Appointment

Mayor Lewis made a motion to keep Councilwoman Pettit on the Solid Waste Management as Council Liaison. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - *Aye*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Ferguson - *Aye*

2.I.iii. Resolution 2022-1845 Solid Waste Management Dist. Appointment-Exec. Board

Mayor Lewis made a motion to keep Councilwoman Pettit on the Solid Waste Management as Council Liaison. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - *Aye*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

2.I.iv. Resolution 2022-1846 Airport Board Council Liaison Appointment

Mayor Lewis made a motion to appoint Councilman Ferguson as Council Liaison to the Airport Board. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded that motion. The motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - *Abstain*

2.I.v. Resolution 2022-1847 Bright Future Board Member Appointment

Mayor Lewis made a motion to appoint Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy as Council Liaison to the Bright Future Board. Councilwoman Pettit seconded that motion. The motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Abstain*

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

2.I.vi. Resolution 2022-1848 Aurora Hospital Board Council Liaison

Mayor Lewis made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Oplinger as Council Liaison to the Aurora Hospital Board. Councilman Ferguson seconded that motion. The motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

2.II. Aurora Chamber Of Commerce Request-Shannon Walker

Shannon Walker with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce requested to host her Aurora Chamber Banquet on the City Lawn at City Hall scheduled for Saturday May 21, 2022.

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to allow the Aurora Chamber Banquet to be held outside City Hall. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

2.III. Energy Audit Presentations - Veregy And Entegrity Partners

Veregy and Entegrity Partners addressed Council and presented their presentations for the RFQ Energy Audit. Each company had about 20 minutes to present their slideshow while the other company stepped out during that time. Each company went over what their company is all about and the plans of how to save money should the City choose them. No votes or decisions were made during this meeting.

2.IV. Resolution 2022-1841 Broadband Construction And Services Agreement

City Manager, Jon Holmes, addressed Council to discuss the Broadband Construction and Services Agreement. This meets ARPA guidelines for the ARPA funding. Helps us move forward to make sure all City facilities and future facilities (Recreation Center and Aquatic Center) have internet access. Will work with our new phone systems and help lower the overall costs.

Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-1841. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

2.V. Resolution No. 2022-1842 Appointment Of Membership - Planning & Zoning Commission

Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett, addressed Council that Dennis Baker filled out a formal application to fill the current vacancy until it expires for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-1842. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis- Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

2.VI. First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2022-3248 Administrative Rezone Request, City Of Aurora

Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett, addressed Council that this has been brought up to Council in the past and Council passed this in Resolution No. 2022-1834. Request that the Planning & Zoning Commission take up consideration of this Administrative Rezone Request at the corner of Church and Olive. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this rezone of this entire area. No changes to how it was presented to Council previously.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-3248. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis- Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

2.VII. First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2022-3249 Vacate Request, Margo May

Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett, addressed Council that this request comes from the last meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Formal Request from property owner, Margo May, at 650 W Elm St. Her request was to vacate the easement and service road area that abuts her property. The original plat dictates this as a 30' service road that is bordered by a 40' wide drainage easement which is an existing drainage channel within the city for our storm water. It carries a large volume of storm water repeatedly and the service road could be necessary for future maintenance and upkeep of that storm water infrastructure. This property is in fact part of a flood plain. Margo May has indicated that she has maintained the area encompassing the service road for several years and that is why she seeks ownership of that. Planning & Zoning Commission recommended to deny the request in order to maintain the ownership by the City for the infrastructure. Margo May is present and would like to speak regarding this request. Margo May addressed Council and stated the City would have plenty of access to this even if she was to take ownership. She state that if does not get ownership, then she will not continue to keep it maintained. She also stated that it isn't a service road, it is only used when people drive down and dump stuff. The guy that lives in the house, since 1986 in and out. He said there is no service road, it is just grass that he mows every year. Margo May stated that the letters about getting fined regarding dumping, she will no longer keep it clean.

Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-3249. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion failed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis- Nay

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Nay*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Nay*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Nay*

Councilman Ferguson - *Nay*

2.VIII. First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2022-3250 Minor Subdivision/Lot Split Request, Eutsler Property

Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett, addressed Council that this request comes from Marvin and Thad Eutsler, owners of property at 1205 E High St, for a minor subdivision lot split. Has been to the Planning & Zoning Commission public meeting with no negative input. Seek to separate 5 acres from the 9 acres they own. Their intent is to construct a single family home that falls within the current zoning and meets all code requirements. Carrie Howlett's recommendation is approval.

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-3250. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis- *Aye*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Ferguson - *Aye*

2.IX. First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2022-3251 Minor Subdivision Lot Split Request, Seitz Property

Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett, addressed Council that this request comes from Seth and Amy Seitz in a Trust. Has been to the Planning & Zoning Commission public meeting had questions on intended use either Commercial or Residential, indicate lot split request is to coincide with current uses of the neighborhood. Current parcel is 6.75 acres and proposed to be split into 2 parcels at 2.05 acres and 7.79 acres. Lot sizes meeting City Code requirements. Carrie Howlett's recommendation is approval.

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-3250. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis- *Aye*

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - *Aye*

Councilwoman Oplinger - *Aye*

Councilwoman Pettit - *Aye*

Councilman Ferguson - *Aye*

3. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

City Manager Report and Economic Development Report attached.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to go into Closed Session at 07:57 p.m. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to come out of closed session and back into open session at 08:48 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lewis made a motion to adjourn at 08:49 p.m. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye