

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**Tuesday, August 21, 2018**  
**5:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Lislegard, Councilors Worshek, Gregor, and Cromley

ABSENT: Councilor Lakso

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Lammi, Aurora City Clerk; Wayne Thuringer, Aurora Public Works Director; Mike Patchin, Colosimo, Patchin, & Kearney, LTD; Mike Beach, RA Morton for Mesabi East Schools; Richard Hess

A special meeting was called to order by Mayor Lislegard at 5:30 p.m.

An announcement was made that the Public Hearing to Vacate Railroad Avenue West has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Discussion took place on the Affordable Care Act part time staff number of hours in regards to the Affordable Care Act and the City Attorney recommendation about part time hours.

**Motion by Worshek supported by Cromley to direct part time staff to remain under 29 hours per week. MOTION CARRIED**

Clerk Lammi explained the proposed changes to the agenda format – including a consent agenda, removal of moving permits and employment applications, addition of a community comments section, and combination of the appearances and public forum sections. Attorney Patchin stated Hoyt Lakes has been using a consent agenda for years; it really helps with length of meetings. He stated if any councilor would like to discuss an item of the consent agenda, a motion would be made to remove the item from the consent agenda and it would be addressed in its' normal order. Richard Hess had questions on the transparency of moving towards a consent agenda. Councilor Gregor stated everything will still be listed on the agenda and meeting materials will be available to the public, the items would just be approved in one motion instead of five or six.

**Motion by Gregor supported by Worshek to place Ordinance Amendment for updating the Regular Meeting Agenda on the next City Council agenda. MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion by Lislegard supported by Cromley to appoint Councilors Gregor and Worshek to complete the Board of Appeal online training. MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was had over accepting a piano donation for the Community Center. Concerns were had over cleaning the floors, who would be moving the piano, and how to keep the piano in tune and good shape. Councilor Gregor offered a piano cover. Mayor Lislegard stated the piano would be tuned after it was moved to the Community Center by Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

**Motion by Gregor supported by Lislegard to accept the piano for the Community Center donated by Our Savior's Lutheran Church with the understanding the piano will be tuned once and Councilor Gregor provides a piano cover. MOTION CARRIED**

NTS has requested an additional \$4,117 for the next part of their St. James Pit Hydrology Study. This cost will need to be approved at a joint meeting with Town of White as it will be paid by the Joint Water Project funds. No action.

Discussion was held about the Mesabi East Athletics Project. Councilor Cromley appreciated how the lease extended for several years, so if the project was delayed the playing fields would still be available. Also confirmed with Mike Beach the (current) fields will be completely empty and seeded once the new project is complete. Attorney Patchin stated the next actions to move the project forward would be: public hearing on vacation of Railroad Ave, motion to vacate Railroad Ave, motion to approve easements for the bike trail and road, motion to approve land exchange at the next meeting. He appreciates the collaboration between the School and City. Discussion took place on the vacation of Railroad Avenue, the placement of the new bike trail, the route the busses could take, and traffic flow. A small group meeting will be held early next week to discuss the traffic flow prior to the Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. No action.

Moved by Cromley and supported by Gregor to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

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David Lislegard, Mayor

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Becky Lammi, City Clerk