

Minutes
Special Meeting of the Aurora City Council
City/Town Government Center
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor, Councilors Worshek, Jofs, Honkola

ABSENT: Councilor Lakso

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Lammi, Aurora City Administrator

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

OLD BUSINESS

Brian with Bolton and Menk discussed the recent notice of violation received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, as well as information on mercury limits. He also discussed possible grants available for upgrades. Additional information and cost estimates will be considered at the November 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Moved by Jofs supported by Honkola to allow the tax forfeited lots near Family Dollar to go back to St. Louis County for auction.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Worshek supported by Honkola to discount the August and September city billings for services utilized by the Aurora Housing and Redevelopment Authority by 50%.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Honkola supported by Jofs to waive the city billing of storage fees to the Aurora Housing and Redevelopment Authority until December 1, 2020.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Honkola supported by Jofs to close the Blight Enforcement Officer applications without hiring and suspend applications until 2021.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Gregor supported by Worshek to advertise for a seasonal part-time rink attendant.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Worshek supported by Honkola to adopt Resolution 2020-23 Accepting CARES Election funding in the amount of \$1051.00 from St. Louis County.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Gregor supported by Worshek to approve Resolution 2020-24 Authorizing the Costin Group to make application to and accept funds from the DIIRRR for Application Fund Monies.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Honkola supported by Jofs to approve allocating any remaining CARES funding after all City Department requests to the East Range Police Department.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Jofs supported by Honkola to approve Resolution 2020-25 Accepting Donation from Al & Erika Hodnik in the amount of \$10,250.00.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET

City Administrator Lammi reviewed the budget presented. She also discussed alternate options for the budget, including incentives, decreasing part time hours, and training hours.

Moved by Gregor supported by Jofs to direct the Personnel Committee and City Administrator Lammi to discuss and draft an incentive agreement to be brought for consideration at the Special Council Meeting set for October 27, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Honkola supported by Jofs to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Gregor, Honkola, Jofs, Worshek

Nays: None

Absent: Lakso

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Doug Gregor, Mayor

Becky Lammi, City Clerk