Council Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Tony Williams and Councilors Brittney Gorter, Madeline Bozeman, Austin Schwenker, Jennifer Kleier, Andrew Klump and arriving late Stephanie George. Also present were Chief of Police Mike Minniear, City Attorney Keith Larson and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Opening Public Comments

Mayor Williams opened the floor for opening public comments.

Jim Walsh, 1201 Audubon Parkway – Mr. Walsh wants to install solar panels and where he is locating some of the panels are against the ordinance. He had a very lengthy discussion on his support for solar energy. He would like for the council and Mayor to investigate accepting the placements of the panels in question. The Mayor offered Mr. Walsh a variance hearing to consider the panels in question. Mr. Walsh declined because of the need to get started.

Attorney's Remarks

Mr. Keith Larson discussion his findings for the recodification process. He received an email from Rich Frommeyer, codification consultant for American Legal Publishing Corporation, that explains the process and cost involved. The email is included as part of these minutes.

Police Report

Mayor Williams gave the floor to the Chief of Police. Chief Minniear introduced Mike Murdoch and Don Passafiume as candidates for the position of police officers. The chief gave a brief synopsis for both candidates. After the introductions, the Mayor asked for a motion to confirm these appointments. Jennifer Kleier made a motion to approve Mike Murdoch. Stephanie George seconded, and the motion unanimously. Madeline Bozeman made a motion to confirm Don Passafiume. Brittney Gorter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor executed the oath of office with the candidates. There were some kind comments made about Teddy Laun, Assistant Chief.

The Chief covered the police and code enforcement reports. There were questions and comments made about the Cookout with the Cops at City Hall, Wednesday, August 28.

The Chief explained a plan the department will execute with the schools back in session. There were some discussions about the missing person that disappeared near Audubon.

Financial Report

The Mayor presented the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to actual report for the month July to approve. He opened the floor for discussion and questions, hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the July budget to actual report FY 2020. Stephanie George made a motion to approve the report. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for questions. Mayor gave an update on the planting and removing of trees along the golf course. Leah Netherland gave a more in-depth report on the tree project along the golf course. Andrew Klump gave the update on the Forest Code and stated he thought it should be ready for first review by the next meeting August 19.

Parks and Recreation Board

The Mayor gave an update on the City-Wide yard sale, Auktoberfest and bike ride. There were suggestions about a map, questions about the number of residents that will be participating in the yard sale, and how it will be advertised. There were several comments about three events going on at the same time in the city and safety issues.

Stephanie George gave an update on a water fountain and a playground in the parks. Mayor Williams stated that he has contacted Pat Mulvihill of the Louisville Metro Council to see if they would help finance a water fountain.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Williams presented Mr. Banks variance hearing documents and asked to a motion to approve the variance. There were questions about adherence to the agreement set at the variance hearing. Austin Schwenker call in question the discussion. Madeline Bozeman made a motion to approve the variance. Austin Schwenker seconded, and the motion passed with 5 in favor (Madeline Bozeman, Brittney Gorter, Austin Schwenker, Andrew Klump and Jennifer Kleier in favor) (Stephanie George abstained).

Mayor Williams presented the July 15 meeting minutes for approval. Madeline Bozeman made a motion to approve the minutes. Andrew Klump seconded, and the motion passed with 4 in favor (Madeline Bozeman, Brittney Gorter, Austin Schwenker and Jennifer Kleier in favor) (Stephanie George and Andrew Klump abstained).

New Business

The Mayor present the July 29th variance hearing minutes for approval. Austin Schwenker made a motion to approve. Jennifer Kleier seconded, and the motion passed with 4 in favor (Madeline Bozeman, Brittney Gorter, Austin Schwenker and Jennifer Kleier in favor) (Stephanie George and Andrew Klump abstained).

Mayor Williams offered the floor to Andrew Klump for the first reading of the *Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinance with Respect to City Sales*. Mr. Klump executed the first reading of the ordinance.

The Mayor offered the floor to Brittney Gorter for the first reading of the *Ordinance Amending the Code* of *Ordinance with Respect to Minimum Building Standards and Regulations*. Ms. Gorter executed the first reading.

Mayor Williams offered the floor to Madeline Bozeman for the first reading of an *Ordinance Specifying Requirements to Erect or Maintain Solar Panels*. Ms. Bozeman executed the first reading of the ordinance. There were several discussions about solar panels.

The Mayor presented a Municipal Order approving a new police patch. He gave the floor to the Chief to speak of the changes to the current patch. The asked for a motion to approve the patch. Austin Schwenker made a motion to approve the patch. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Andrew Klump presented a form for the council to prioritize city projects. He asked that the council complete the form and email the completed form to him. He will tally the results and comprise one list, so that the council has a reference.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor gave an update on the employee handbook and he is waiting on KLC for feedback. There were questions and comments on LG&E tree trimming in the city. Mayor discussed the content of the newsletter and when is the deadline for submitting an article for the newsletter. There were discussion of the bike ride and the safety issues.

Closing Public Comments

Jim Walsh, 1201 Audubon Parkway – He asked about the variance hearing for solar panel installation and again discussed his support of solar panels. The Mayor explained the variance process.

The Mayor asked if there were any more closing comments, hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Madeline Bozeman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is September 16, 2019 at 7:00.

Attested

Approved