

Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Audubon Park was held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 3340 Robin Road, with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Darrell Shelton, Brittney Gorter, Lisa Weaver and Andrew Klump. Also present were City Attorney Chip Hayward, Chief of Police Mike Minniear, bookkeeper Susan Gordinier, and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Mayor opened the floor for public comments; hearing none, he moved to Legal Affairs.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Hayward asked that the Council go into executive session, as provided by KRS 61.810 (1) (c), for discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the City. Andrew Klump made a motion to go into executive session. Darrell Shelton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The mayor called the meeting back to order at 7:15.

Financial Report

The Mayor noted the written financial report and opened the floor for discussion. There were comments about the revenue and expenditures under the Parks and Recreation line. Andrew Klump asked the Chief if the department has disbursed the amended funds appropriated. The Chief replied most of the funds have been spent and the balance will be spent. There was discussion about plans for street paving. Darrell Shelton made a motion to accept the financial report. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety

The Mayor noted the written report and gave Chief Minniear the floor for remarks. The Chief distributed packets for the Councilors about road safety. Andrew Klump made remarks about sidewalks for public safety and feels it should be a budget priority. Brittney Gorter thanked the Chief for setting a police car at the roundabout and it was agreed to be effective.

Forest Board Report

The Mayor noted the written report and opened the floor for discussion. Brittney Gorter mentioned that Saturday, May 26, volunteers will be welcome to work in Curlew park to spread mulch and to work on the park.

Parks and Recreation Board Appointments

Mayor Crawford presented 4 candidates for the Parks and Recreation Board. He asked the Councilors to confirm them as members of the board. The candidates are as follows: Mitchell Kersting, Sarah Bhatia, Chris Lueken and Erika Hickman-Gray. Brittney Gorter made a motion to confirm the candidates. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to 3 of candidates. Mitchell Kersting was not present, and the Mayor will administer his Oath at a later date.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Crawford presented the April meeting minutes for approval and opened the floor for discussion. Brittney Gorter noted that she was not at the present at the April Meeting, so her name should be removed. Andrew Klump made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mayor Crawford discussed three of the upcoming ordinances, *ad valorem tax, FY 2019*, waste management, FY 2019, and budget FY 2019. He asked the City Clerk for first readings of the three ordinances. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the *ad valorem tax ordinance*. Brittney Gorter seconded. Mr. Shelton questioned the lowering of the tax rate, recalling earlier discussions about the property taxes being lowered versus the insurance business tax. Darrell Shelton made a motion to approve the waste management ordinance. Lisa Weaver seconded. There was no discussion because this will be the third year on the fixed waste management contract. Andrew Klump made a motion to approve the budget ordinance for FY 2019. Brittney Gorter seconded. Andrew Klump doesn't agree with the current practice of how the contingency reserve is listed in the budget. There was discussion about the reserve and general funds. Mr. Klump reiterated the importance of considering sidewalks for public safety. There were several comments about sidewalks and the ordinances related. Brittney Gorter asked if there was a long-term City capital plan. The Mayor observed that efforts to date have focused on restoring civic and fiscal health, and addressing deferred needs, with long-range future planning still to come. Darrell Shelton asked if the money allocated for the entrance lighting is enough to cover the cost. He would like to consider increasing the amount. There was conversation about what should be considered priorities among sidewalks, entrance lighting or roads. Andrew Klump expressed his dissatisfaction with the layout of the budget ordinance, with carryover funds and park reserves "TBD."

Mayor's Report

Mayor Crawford made a few brief remarks about recodification, community activities ahead, and further Town Hall budget discussion. He asked if there was anything else from the Council. Darrell Shelton spoke about an AirBNB property on Cardinal and the type of permit that the owners were obtaining. There was conversation about having some sessions to educate the community about Metro's ordinances on AirBNB.

Closing Public Comments

Tony Williams, 3220 Eagle Pass - Mr. Williams revisited several topics, including sidewalks along Cardinal; procuring a high-definition projector; budget for heating and air conditioning at City Hall; Google Fiber and how it will affect repaving; and the need for an update on legal issues.

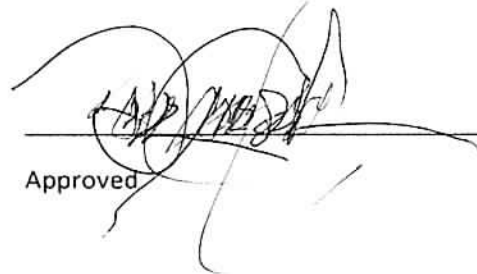
Brittney Gorter made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Weaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be a Town Hall budget and tax discussion on Thursday, May 24 at 6:00 PM.



Attested



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