

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Joseph called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joseph and Vice Mayor Perschbacher;  
Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, LaLonde, Ronan and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Homier

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items;
  - a. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
2. Tax Increment Finance Authority Meeting Minutes. (February)
3. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. (February)
4. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority/Economic Development Corporation BRDA/EDC Meeting Minutes. (February)
5. Receipt of Notice of Temporary Street Closure on Broadway Street between Main and University.
6. Communication received from Charlotte Grant, 1112 Wendrow Way, in support of temporary street closure on Broadway Street between Main and University.
7. Communication received from Jamie Maynard, 826 E. Bennett, expressing concerns with the temporary street closure on Broadway Street between Main and University.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held May 26, 2020.
2. Resolution confirming the waiving of housing license late fees as presented. (CC Exh. 7)
3. Budget amendment of \$15,920 for chiller repair at City Hall.
4. Warrants dated May 27 and June 2, 2020 and Payrolls dated May 29, 2020 all totaling \$727,249.14.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Commissioner Alsager to approve the following resolution approving the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan with modifications as presented.

WHEREAS, the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan was provided to the City Commission, in accordance with the City Charter, at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting;

WHEREAS, the plan must be adopted by June 8<sup>th</sup>, in accordance with the City Charter;

WHEREAS, a vast majority of the work to prepare this plan was prepared prior to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic beginning;

WHEREAS, there remain many unknowns regarding the financial impact of COVID-10 on the City revenue for 2020 and 2021;

WHEREAS, during these uncertain economic times, deferring capital projects is an avenue towards balancing operating budgets during an economic downturn;

WHEREAS, capital projects proposed for 2021 have been prioritized by staff and discussed by the City Commission in work session as to what can be deferred and what cannot be deferred;

WHEREAS, the actual appropriation of funds for 2021 capital projects is approved with the 2021 operating budget in the fall of 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan be adopted as presented, with the attached projects for 2021 being deferred to a future year and the projects noted in the can be delayed with possible ramifications section, will be incorporated into the proposed 2021 operating budget to the extent that estimated revenue is projected to be able to cover them;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the deferring of these projects will cause the projects in 2022-2026 to be reprioritized in the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Alsager to confirm the sale of 3.579 acres in Industrial Park South to Konwinski Construction (or any related entities) as recommended by the EDC.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Alsager to confirm the reinstatement of Parking Lot #10 as a 10-hour lot and authorize prorated refunds for eight permit holders as recommended.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

## Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

City Manager Ridley gave an update on the City's current status in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and gave some updated information and plans on current staffing levels with some limited appointments available, farmers market update, outdoor dining applications, status of reopening parks and amenities further, recycling curbside pickup starting again, as well as information on timelines and guidelines for further reopening city offices. She also asked everyone to be patient, compassionate and kind with each other as we work towards returning to a form of normal.

Mayor Joseph thanked the community and Public Safety Department for showing that they can come together in a peaceful way to demonstrate and march in support of current issues. He is proud and happy to be part of this community.

Commissioner Gillis thanked Public Safety for the work they do and thanked the community members for coming out to show solidarity and support during recent marches and demonstrations. She encouraged everyone to fill out the census; reminded citizens that two seats are available for City Commission on the November ballot and packets can be picked up in the Clerk's office; she encouraged everyone to wear masks for their safety and the safety of others; and she congratulated all 2020 graduates, both high school and college.

Commissioner Alsager thanked the community for their peaceful actions during the recent demonstrations and marches and she is proud to be part of this community.

Commissioner Tolas commented that he observed that there were several people from out of town that seemed to be leading the protests and had some concerns with some comments that were made by them; but he appreciates city residents for remaining peaceful and thanked Public Safety for their participation, and support of the marches.

## Public Input on Agenda Items

Due to the meeting being conducted electronically, public comments were emailed to the city and then read aloud by City Manager Ridley.

Jeff Fisher, 308 S. Oak St., would like to see the City and Commission look into implementing policies to improve and reform use of force in the Police Department.

The Commission recessed at 8:04 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:10 p.m.

## WORK SESSION – Discussion on 2019 goal reports and next steps.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the 2019 goal reports and next steps.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will continue to work on items that were discussed and had general agreement. Further discussion on remaining items will continue at the work session on June 22, 2020.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:19 p.m.

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William L. Joseph, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk