

City of Aurora, Ohio
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2020

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, January 13, 2020 the purpose, a regular public meeting. Council President George Horvat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Present: Reva Barner
 Amy Eckard
 Kathi Grandillo
 Harold Hatridge
 George Horvat
 Dennis Kovach
 John Kudley, Jr.
 James Vaca
 Scott Wolf

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor
 Dean DePiero, Law Director
 Tim Clymer, Finance Director
 Brian Byard, Police Chief
 Karen Pope, Director of Personnel/Chief of Staff
 Laura Holman, Director of Parks and Recreation
 Denise Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
 Harry Stark, Director of Public Services
 David Barnes, Fire Chief
 Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council
 Colleen Martin, Deputy Clerk of Council
 April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

Consideration of Minutes

MOTION: Approval of the December 16, 2019 regular meeting minutes

Ms. Grandillo moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0-2 roll call vote. Ms. Barner and Ms. Eckard abstained.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: Barner, Eckard

Mayor's Report

(Attached)

Mayor Womer Benjamin congratulated all council representatives that were re-elected. She asked Council to let her know if they have any questions regarding the 2020 Budget. She said the State of the City Luncheon would be on Wednesday, February 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Bertram Inn and Conference Center; the Aurora Chamber of Commerce puts on the luncheon. She said the Service Department started a special brush collection that will continue through the end of the week.

Mayor Womer Benjamin provided a brief recap of those she met with and functions that she attended since the last meeting of Council.

Mr. Vaca said he appreciates the brush pickup. He said residents still putting out leaves. He said he would like to know if the city is going to do something.

Mr. Stark said they are presently doing leaf pickup.

Mr. Kovach asked if the brush pickup includes Christmas trees.

Mr. Stark said no, it is part of the Rumpke trash pickup.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said Rumpke does pick up trees. She said those over 10 feet you must cut up.

Ms. Barner said there are several residents in Barrington who have cut their trees and they are not picking them up. She asked for clarification from Rumpke.

Mr. Vaca suggested having a dump off place for them and the city recycle them.

Law Director's Report

(Attached)

Mr. DePiero did not read his report.

Council President's Report

(Attached)

MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding Ordinance 2020-001 thru 2020-004

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments - Legislation

Ms. Deb Conti, S. Chillicothe Road, commented on Ord. 2019-190 – read a document she provided Council regarding her concerns with the code.

Councilman Remarks - Legislation

Ms. Eckard commented on Ord. 2019-190 – she said one of the nice things about Aurora is that there are residential areas with HOAs and there are areas with no restrictions. She said when people buy their homes they buy them with those expectations. She said there are people on a fixed income, their taxes have gone up, want to stay in Aurora are being told they have to put a new roof on or paint their house. She said she could support something like this if the people of Aurora have a choice. She said people that have lived in Aurora for several generations and all of the sudden are put in a position where they have to make substantial improvements to their house or face having to leave or even faced with going to court or even jail; she said she is not comfortable with that.

Mr. Wolf commented on Ord. 2019-190 – he asked Mr. DePiero to provide the cost for what it took to get the house surrendered in the Highlands.

Mr. Vaca commented on Ord. 2019-190 – he said this maintenance code has been around over 20 years. He said when it originally started it was very intrusive. He said the one before Council has good points to it. He said 30% of home in Geauga Lake are rental units; they the owners do not live there so they do not keep them up. He said as far as trash in the yards the city has one on the books but it is not enforced. Ord. 2019-191 – he said agrees with registering rental property. He said immediate family should be exempt as a rental. He asked how will we know who is renting and who is the homeowner. Ord. 2019-214 – he said the \$100,000 allocated for storm water problems in Geauga Lake. He asked are they going to do.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said number of studies done and several things she would like to discuss with

him from the studies. She said the \$100,000 is to start the process of implementing some of the suggestions.

Mr. Vaca asked how much money is allocated in the budget for the CHIP Revolving Loan Fund and.

Mr. Clymer said the amount appropriated covers fees. He said there is over \$100,000 available in the CHIP Revolving Loan Fund. He said those monies exist from loans that have been repaid and the purpose of those funds is to issue new loans.

Mr. Kudley commented on Ord. 2019-190 – he said the city has been struggling with the issue for a long time. He said there were stringent codes brought before Council and ones that went before the electorate and voted down. He said he believes that this one is the least restrictive code.

Mrs. Barner commented on Ord. 2019-190 – she said she would like to echo Mr. Kudley and Mr. Vaca. She said it is long overdue.

Ms. Grandillo commented on Ord. 2019-190 – she said when it came to Planning it was over four pages long. She said they peeled it down because they wanted it to be as non-evasive as possible. She said is happy that Council thinks they did a good job. She said she believes the city needs something.

Mr. Kudley commented on Ord. 2019-214 – he said in the past Council took a hard look at the budget with the department heads explaining everything. He said it was an educational process and we saw the budget up close department by department. He said he reviewed the budget and he will share his thoughts and does not believe they will negatively affect the passage of the budget. He said they are differences that are more philosophical and would like to share them. He said regarding the food pantry; the city should not provide taxpayers funds to a nonprofit organization. He asked how Council and the Administration justify financially supporting one charity and not others that are just as worthy and would Benefit citizens of Aurora that suffer from other things. Mr. Kudley stated that he discussed all of the items with the Mayor and said that he indicated that he would express his personal feelings at the meeting. He said that he does not support continuing the \$2,500 each year for fireworks. He said that in the 2019 budget when it first appeared, it was to be one time only for the 220 anniversary of the city. He said rather than shooting taxpayer's money into the sky, allocate these funds to other areas. He recalls in the past private and corporate donations funded the fireworks. He said he would like to see the administration actively pursue that. He said he totally supports the connectivity program; he along with other council members object to the city snowplowing the new sidewalks while existing neighborhood sidewalks are not included. He said the current city ordinances require that the maintenance and clearing sidewalks is that of the affected property owner and that essentially we are ignoring our ordinance. He thanked the Mayor for addressing his concerns regarding the funding, completion and timeline for the Hartman property athletic complex. He said he greatly appreciates the additional funds for the paving of the parking lot. He said he is a strong advocate for completion of the project by the end of 2020 and talking with the Mayor; she assured him that the paving of the lot would take place early this spring and completed by June, prior to the spring sports taking place.

Mr. Hatridge commented on Ord. 2019-214 – he said that 43 years ago the fireworks did not cost the city anything. He said you would pass the hat for donations and volunteers shot them off. Ord. 2019-190 – he said he has been watching it for a long time. He said the last time it was brought to Council it was very long and intrusive. He said he agrees with Mr. Vaca, Mr. Kudley and Ms. Grandillo said about the Maintenance Code. Ord. 2019-214 – he said we can talk about the budget all we want but it does not make it necessarily so. He said Council could vote to change anything in the budget if they want. He said the budget is a formal budget. He said he is concerned there will not be enough time to complete all of the projects.

Mr. Kovach commented on Ord. 2019-190 – he said he agrees with all of the council people that spoke

before. He said the key is when passed, is to enforce it.

Legislation

Ordinance 2019-189

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1177 "MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

To third reading.

Ordinance 2019-190

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1317 "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

To third reading.

Ordinance 2019-191

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1319 "RENTAL REGISTRATION" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

To third reading.

Ordinance 2019-192

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1321 "ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

To third reading.

Ordinance 2019-193

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1329.01 "PERMITS AND FEES – FEE SCHEDULE" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

To third reading.

Ordinance 2019-194

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1305 "OHIO BUILDING CODE" AND CHAPTER 1325 "INSPECTION PROCEDURES" IN THE BUILDING CODE OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES

To third reading.

Resolution 2019-195

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. MELISSA COLEMAN TO MEMBERSHIP ON AURORA'S ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO APPROVE THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF THE ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 1321 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-195

Ms. Eckard moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-196

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. BRUCE GEIER TO AURORA'S AUDIT COMMITTEE, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-196

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-197

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. FRANK VITALE TO AURORA'S AUDIT COMMITTEE, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-197

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-198

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. ANTHONY GRAMM TO AURORA'S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO APPROVE THIS APPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 1137 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-198

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-199

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES FISHER TO MEMBERSHIP ON AURORA'S EARNED INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW, AS AN ALTERNATE, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-199

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-200

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. DENNIS MERVIS TO MEMBERSHIP ON AURORA'S EARNED INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-200

Ms. Eckard moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-201

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. TIMOTHY HOLDER TO MEMBERSHIP ON AURORA'S LANDMARK COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE LANDMARK COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 183 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-201

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-202

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. DEBORAH DAVIS TO AURORA'S TREE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE TREE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 955 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Vaca said for the past eight years he has worked with Ms. Davis, Ms. Pease, Ms. Sickinger, and Mr. Swaney on the Tree Commission. He said he has been on many committees, but this committee is an exceptional committee. He said he has never worked with a group of people that are so dedicated to the service. He said they take the community very seriously and they have received numerous awards.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-202

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-203

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. KIM PEASE TO AURORA'S TREE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE TREE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 955 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-203

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-204

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. MARTHA SICKINGER TO AURORA'S TREE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE TREE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 955 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-204

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-205

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. ROB SWANEY TO AURORA'S TREE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE CURRENT TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS REAPPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE TREE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 955 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-205

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-209

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1501 "NOFPC AND NATIONAL FIRE CODES" AND CHAPTER 1503 "OHIO FIRE CODE" OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE IN AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO ENACT THE NEW CHAPTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-209

Ms. Grandillo moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-214

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020, AS SUBMITTED BY MAYOR ANN WOMER BENJAMIN, AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS NECESSITATED BY THE ADOPTION OF THAT BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

To third reading.

Resolution 2020-001

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MR. JIM MAULIS TO AURORA'S PLANNING COMMISSION, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS APPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIII OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Ms. Grandillo moved; Mr. Kovach seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2020-001

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT "A" TO AURORA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 161, "EMPLOYEES GENERALLY," TO REFLECT CHANGES IN COMPENSATION FOR THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE AND/OR TO PLACE THOSE NEWLY HIRED INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE ON EXHIBIT "A" AT THE COMPENSATION SPECIFIED FOR THEM, APPROVING SUCH COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**BENNER**)

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt ordinance 2020-002

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-003

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, FROM MARIO AND JOANNE LIUZZO FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A SIDEWALK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S CONNECTIVITY PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO AVOID DISRUPTION IN THE CITY'S CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Ms. Grandillo moved; Mr. Kovach seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt ordinance 2020-003

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-004

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TAX ABATEMENT TO AUBURN LAND CO., LTD (ROBECK FLUID POWER CO.) FOR A 100%, 15 YEAR ABATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA KNOWN AS CRA I AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

To second reading.

Citizens Comments

Ms. Deb Conti, S. Chillicothe Road, thanked Ms. Eckard for her comments on Ord. 2019-190. She asked whether it would supersede everything in conjunction with HOAs that are already in place in the city. She talked about a question she asked at the previous Planning Commission meeting. She said people on fixed incomes need special resources to make the maintenance code work.

Mr. DePiero said that the maintenance code would not affect HOAs.

Council member and Committee Remarks

Mr. Vaca said he understands where the resident is coming from. He said when the legislation is passed the inspectors need to apprise people of lower income of the CHIP program so that they can take advantage of it. He stated regarding Mr. Kudley's comment on the sidewalks; he wondered who was shoveling them. He said the City should not be doing that. He said if this continues, there is approximately 1,000 ft. in his Ward along SR 43 that should be included.

Ms. Eckard congratulated the members that were reelected and wished everyone a happy new year.

Liquor License Notice – Art N Spirits LLC

There were no concerns.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

George Horvat, Council President

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council