

**City of Aurora, Ohio
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2020**

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, March 9, 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
Kathi Grandillo
Harold Hatridge
George Horvat
Dennis Kovach
John Kudley, Jr.
Scott Wolf

Absent: James Vaca

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
David Barnes, Fire Chief
Brian Byard, Police Chief
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council
April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

Reconsideration of a Prior Action

MOTION: To reconsider Ord. 2020-015

Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION: To amend Ordinance 2020-015 by making the necessary changes provided by the Law Director

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

MOTION: To approve Ord. 2020-015 as amended

Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Consideration of Minutes

MOTION: Approval of the February 24, 2020 regular meeting minutes

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

Executive Session to Discuss Pending Labor Negotiations

MOTION: To amend they agenda my removing the Executive Session to Discuss Pending Labor Negotiations

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

MOTION: Pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) Council enter into Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

MOTION: Pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (8) Council enter into Executive Session to consider negotiation with another political division regarding entering into a Joint Economic Development District

Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

Council entered into executive session at 7:04 p.m.

MOTION: To return to open session

Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

Mayor's Report

(Attached)

Mayor Womer Benjamin said in response to the concern regarding the coronavirus outbreak, she is meeting with members of the administration to discuss emergency plans and identify essential personnel. She said the city have been asked by the Aurora Schools that the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Chief of Staff meet with Superintendent Pat Ciccantelli next week to discuss the same issue.

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

Law Director's Report

(Attached)

Mr. DePiero stated regarding Whitted v. City of Aurora the insurance company settled the matter. He said McFadden v. City of Aurora Planning Commission the decision made by the Planning Commission was upheld. He said regarding the Service Union negotiations SERB has scheduled a Hearing for April 22, 2020 at 10:00. He said Fact Finding for Police Dispatchers is on March 19, 2020 at 10:00.

Mr. Horvat asked how long it would take to receive notification after the SERB meeting.

Mr. DePiero said it would be a few weeks.

Council President's Report

(Attached)

MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding Ordinances 2020-020 thru 2020-027

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

MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding Ordinances 2020-028 and 2020-029 from the executive session

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

Citizens Comments - Legislation

Ms. Deb Conti, S. Chillicothe Road - commented on Ord. 2020-027 she asked how it compares to what the city spent last year for the turf and bed landscape maintenance.

Councilman Remarks - Legislation

There was none.

Legislation**Ordinance 2020-011**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, WITH NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) HOME REPAIR PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING \$185,000.00 FROM THE CHIP RLF FUND (#24) TO FUND THE PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

To third reading.

Ordinance 2020-018

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION THE WATER AND SANITARY SEWER LINES ON HAWKIN LANE, WHICH IS PART OF THE HAWKIN SUBDIVISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO BEGIN MAINTAINING THE LINES

To second reading.

Ordinance 2020-019

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE TO BREEZY POINT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR A MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH AURORA ROAD BETWEEN 800 AND 680 NORTH AURORA ROAD, IN THE M-1 MIXED-USE DISTRICT

To second reading

Ordinance 2020-020

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 (**PART-TIME AND SEASONAL**)

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

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2020-020

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A LIFEPAK 15 HEART MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR FROM PHYSIO-CONTROL, INC. THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE BID PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,771.53, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE FIRE PARAMEDIC LEVY FUND (#39) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PURCHASE EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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 2020-020

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-022

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CLEAN AIR CONCEPTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$114,190.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO MAGNA GRIP EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEMS FOR BOTH FIRE STATIONS, THROUGH A FEMA GRANT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE FIRE PARAMEDIC LEVY FUND (#39) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO ORDER EQUIPMENT FOR INSTALLATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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 Ordinance 2020-022

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-023

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH I2C TECHNOLOGIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,944.84, FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CITY SECURITY UPGRADES, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO PROPERLY SECURE CITY BUILDINGS

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 Ordinance 2020-023

Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Kovach seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-024

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DS ARCHITECTURE DESIGN GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00 TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN PLANS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CARPORT DESIGN PROJECT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TIME FOR THE DESIGN AND BUILD PHASE

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 Ordinance 2020-024

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD F250 TRUCK FROM LIBERTY FORD FOR USE BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AT A COST OF \$38,908.52, TO REPLACE A 2015 FORD F350 THAT WAS DEEMED A TOTAL LOSS BY THE CITY'S INSURANCE COMPANY AFTER IT CAUGHT FIRE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2020, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01), WITH \$28,000.00 BEING REIMBURSED BY THE CITY'S INSURANCE COMPANY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE VEHICLE IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

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

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2020-025

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Resolution 2020-026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GENERAL ENGINEERING SCOPE OF SERVICES, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, AND CONSENTING TO ODOT COMPLETING THE BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF AURORA, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS ODOT'S MUNICIPAL BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

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 Ordinance 2020-026

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-027

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT TO ASTURI LANDSCAPE GROUP AS THE BEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, FOR 2020 TURF MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPE BED MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,904.79 (\$40,318.39 FOR

TURF MAINTENANCE AND \$4,586.40 FOR LANDSCAPE BED MAINTENANCE), AND HAVING THE OPTION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR THE SECOND AND/OR THIRD YEAR FOR THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THE ATTACHED BID RESPONSE, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO BEGIN THE WORK AS SOON AS THE WEATHER PERMITS

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.

Mr. Stark stated it is difficult to compare old bids with the current bids. He said last year, the city spent \$37,991.00. He said there were many additions to the contract this year; therefore, \$55,000.00 was budgeted.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2020-027

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-028

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, WITH HOLLY HARRIS BANE, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF AURORA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN 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 Ordinance 2020-028

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2020-029

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, WITH BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP AND INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, LLC ("ICP") AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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.

Mr. DePiero said the MOU is to lay out key terms for the eventual enactment of a Joint Economic Development District with the township trustees of Bainbridge. He said it is a major step forward with the development of the Geauga Lake Property. Mr. DePiero reviewed the key items of the MOU.

Mr. Horvat asked if ICP is a local company.

Mr. DePiero said ICP is located in Solon.

Mr. Kudley said this is a positive movement in the right direction to moving toward to the eventual signing of a JED with the Bainbridge Trustees. He said he gland there is a developer interested in turning the property into something positive. Mr. Kudley said the park closed in 2007 and we have been long

waiting to have something happened. He said it is a positive move not only for Bainbridge but for the City of Aurora as well.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2020-020

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Citizens Comments

Ms. Deb Conti, S. Chillicothe Road, thanked Mr. Horvat for his comments about the rust proofing on the trucks. She hope to see everyone next Tuesday to vote.

Council member and Committee Remarks

Mr. Wolf said nice job this evening.

Ms. Barner asked if Mr. Stark had any information regarding the Heinen's parking lot. She asked if Rumpke takes mattresses and if the city still disposes of old paint.

Mr. Stark said Rumpke does take the mattresses put they must be wrapped in plastic. He said the paint cans no longer picked up and the county is saying to use kitty litter. He said he has been in touch with the owner of the shopping center; they will repair it when the weather gets better.

Mr. Kudley added that Rumpke would like to have a call if you anything large for them to pick up as they send a different truck for that. He said if you call them in advance, there is no problem.

Mr. Wolf mentioned that Home Depot has a product called Magic Powder to use in place of kitty litter in the paint cans.

Mr. Hatridge said he hopes the development goes through with our neighbor, as it will be nice to drive through. He said he is very happy to see the city buildings are secure.

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 8:22 p.m.

George Horvat, Council President

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council