

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES / JULY 28, 2016

OFFICIAL RECORDED MINUTES OF LAKELAND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2016

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Amy Williams, Council Member Jeri Ryan, Council Member Richard Glasgow, Council Member Evan Loenser

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Joe Paiement

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Matt Kline, City Attorney Katie Jarvi, City Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki, City Administrator/Clerk Sandie Thone

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Nelson (Habitat for Humanity), Daniel Abeln (EAPC Architect)
[Please refer to video for those who attended meeting as well as those who addressed the CC]

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Williams at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE was recited.

ADOPT AGENDA:

Request by Council Member Glasgow to read into the record a July 23, 2016 letter from Council Member Joe Paiement. **Motion: Council Member Loenser / Second: Council Member Ryan to adopt Amended Agenda / All Ayes; 4-0; Motion Carried.**

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AGENDA:

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: MIKE NELSON

Council Member Loenser introduced Mike Nelson, a land development director at Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. Mike Nelson introduced possible options for the old City Hall site. It was decided by Mayor Williams, confirmed by City Attorney Jarvi according to MN Statutes 412.191, sub. 2, that only residents of Lakeland would be recognized to speak at this special CC meeting [see video for public comments].

RESOLUTION 2016-12: APPROVAL TO PROCEED TO CONSTRUCTION PHASE AND SOLICIT BIDS

Daniel Abeln, EAPC, provided proposed City Hall plans in terms of the construction process. Mayor Williams advised resolution not required, but means to communicate to residents and clarify with public the process; opened for questions directly related to the new building plans and assessing the project [see video for public comments]. **Motion: Council Member Ryan / Second: Council Member Loenser, to adopt Resolution 2016-12, Approval to Proceed to Construction Phase and Solicit Bids for the New City Hall.** Council Member Glasgow asked for additional discussion suggesting continuing use of the Water Plant for City offices and to delay building a New City Hall. **Mayor Williams called the question / Council Member Loenser aye, Council Member Ryan aye, Mayor Williams aye, Council Member Glasgow, nay / 3-1; Resolution 2016-12 adopted.**

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REFERENDUM DISCUSSION

City Attorney Jarvi advised she had reviewed authorization for a special election and State Statutes lay out what can be voted on in a referendum; as the new City Hall is not being bonded for, it is not an authorized question; also consulted with League of Minnesota Cities and other relevant case laws.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF DISCUSSION

City Treasurer Niedzwiecki reported funds of \$610,000 in reserve - \$330,000 in non-levy sources - \$280,000 levy (\$175,000 discontinuing City snow removal and \$105,000 funds set aside for CSAH 18 project). Council Member Glasgow made a motion to set aside \$300,000 of City funds to be used for New City Hall, returning funds to taxpayers by property tax relief for up to six years at 0%; motion died for lack of a second.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Council Member Loenser, seconded by Council Member Ryan, to adjourn Meeting; (4-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Kate Piscitello

Amy Williams, Mayor

Sandie Thone, City Administrator/Clerk