

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES / FEBRUARY 28, 2017

OFFICIAL RECORDED MINUTES OF LAKELAND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

WORKSHOP:
10:00 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Richard Glasgow, Council Member Joe Paiement, Council Member James Stanton, Council Member Shayne Orning

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Tami Fahey

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Dave Snyder, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Hutchins Farrell, City Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki

STAFF ABSENT: City Administrator/Clerk Sandie Thone

OTHERS PRESENT: Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. representatives, David F. Simons and John Thom

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Richard Glasgow at 11:00 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE was recited.

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Stanton / Second: Council Member Orning to adopt Agenda (items Water Department/Review of Contract and Personnel Matter). All Ayes (4-0).

Motion carried. Time Stamp 11:00 a.m.

4. WATER DEPARTMENT/REVIEW OF CONTRACT

Motion: Council Member Stanton / Second: Mayor Glasgow to accept Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) contract as presented to serve in the interim as the Contract Certified Water System Operator. All Ayes (4-0). Motion carried.

Time Stamp 11:01 a.m.

Motion: Council Member Stanton / Second: Council Member Orning to terminate position of Public Works Water Operator at the end of the work day. Discussion ensued (Council Member Paiement, City Attorney Dave Snyder, City Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki). Chris White, 311 Queenlan Avenue South inquired of any stipulations regarding the Joint Powers Agreement among the cities (Lakeland, Saint Mary's Point, Lake Saint Croix Beach, Lakeland Shores). All Ayes (4-0). Motion carried.

Time Stamp 11:09 a.m.

Motion: Mayor Glasgow / Second: Council Member Stanton to allow Finance Director (City Treasurer) Tom Niedzwiecki to issue final paycheck to Public Works Water Operator Joshua Conroy. Public Comments; Chris White, 311 Queenlan Avenue South requested that he be given at least two week's severance pay considering statements made regarding his job security at the January city council meeting. Mayor Glasgow said it would be considered. All Ayes (4-0). Motion carried. Time Stamp 11:11 a.m.

5. PERSONNEL MATTER

City Attorney Dave Snyder asked the council for a motion to close the meeting for an executive session under Attorney-Client Privilege MN Statute 13D.05 to discuss potential litigation.

Motion: Council Member Paiement / Second: Council Member Orning to close the meeting for an executive session. No discussion. All Ayes (4-0).

Time Stamp 11:14 a.m.

Motion: Council Member Stanton / Second: Council Member Paiement to re-open the special city council meeting. No discussion. All Ayes (4-0).

Time Stamp 12:33 p.m.

City Attorney Dave Snyder reported a resignation and attendant letter dated February 27, 2017 from City Administrator/Clerk Sandie Thone was discussed along with a potential separation agreement. Those in attendance other than himself included; Mayor Glasgow, Council Members Paiement, Stanton and Orning, and Pat Beety from the League of Minnesota Cities.

Motion: Council Member Stanton / Second: Council Member Orning to accept City Administrator/Clerk Sandie Thone's resignation and separation agreement. No discussion. All Ayes (4-0).

Time Stamp 12:34 p.m.

7. ADJOURN

Motion: Council Member Paiement / Second: Council Member Orning to Adjourn the Special City Council Meeting. All Ayes (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hutchins Farrell

Richard Glasgow, Mayor

Jennifer Hutchins Farrell, Deputy Clerk