



City of Littleton

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

6:30 PM

Virtual Regular Meeting

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1. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey, Mayor Pro-Tem Melin, Council Member Milliman and Council Member Grove

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Comments / Reports

a) City Manager

No report

b) City Attorney

No report

c) Council Members

Council Member Milliman - Aspen Grove is doing well during COVID with 72% occupancy. Support local businesses this holiday season. The Paris Street Market will continue through October 1, 2020. The "Restaurant Concept" has been postponed due to COVID. The Housing Task Force will be doing a presentation at this evening's meeting. RTD hired CEO Debra Johnson. The Library and Museum are moving to Stage II of reopening starting September 14, 2020. The Annual Craft Faire has been cancelled. The Library is bringing back "Story Time with a Twist".

Council Member Grove – The Douglas County Transportation Subcommittee Meeting went over their 2050 Strategic Plan. NGAC met to discuss Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belongingness. A mission statement was created. NGAC will put together a list of topics that will be presented to the Council.

Council Member Fey - No report

Council Member Elrod – Aspen Grove will be hosting the Plein Air Festival on September 19, 2020. Town Hall Arts Center is partnering with Hudson Gardens to put on an event from September 11-October 11, 2020, Almost Heaven. There was an AIAA (American Institute for Aeronautics' and Astronomic) event at Aspen Grove.

Council Member Driscoll - No report

Mayor Pro Tem Melin - No report

d) Mayor

Met with The South Platte Water Renewal Partners and State Rep Jeni Arndt regarding the Biogas project. The Transportation Mobility Board met last week and will be changing their meeting dates for the remainder of the year due to holidays. Reminder to council that budget meetings will take place at on September 8, 9 and 24 at 6:00 p.m. The City Manager arranged for a meeting with the Littleton Public School Board on September 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

4. Citizen Appearances - None**5. Public Comment**

Citizens wishing to provide public comment prior to the meeting, or who wish to participate via phone, please see instructions listed at the top of the agenda.

Frank Atwood - Approval Voting - in favor of.

Pam Chadbourne - Disappointed with Zoom disconnecting her for the Planning Commission Meeting. Disappointed with the lack of data presented at the Planning Commission Meeting.

Viji Singam - Funding for LIRC - in favor of.

Meka Farer - Funding for LIRC - in favor of.

Lynette (last name ?) - Funding for LIRC - in favor of.

Jeannie Erickson - SMHO; concerns about low-income housing.

John Pojman - Funding for LIRC - in favor of.

6. Consent Agenda Items

- a) [Resolution 66-2020](#) Resolution 66-2020: Authorizing a grant application by the city for funding from DOLA's The Peace Officers Mental Health Support grant program
approved
- b) [ID# 20-222](#) Approval of the August 18, 2020 virtual regular meeting minutes and the August 25, 2020 virtual special meeting minutes
approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Driscoll, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Melin, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey, Mayor Pro Tem Melin, Council Member Milliman and Council Member Grove

7. General Business

- a) [ID# 20-221](#) SMHO Presents an Update from Root Policy Research on the Housing Study

8. Ordinances on Second Reading and Public Hearing

- a) [Ordinance 30-2020](#) Ordinance 30-2020: An ordinance on second reading adding Section 6-4-75 regarding fireworks to the Littleton City Code and amending Section 1-6-8 regarding the municipal court process

Mayor Valdes opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Pam Chadbourne - in favor

Mayor Valdes closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

Council Member Milliman moved and Council Member Driscoll seconded to approve Ordinance 30-2020 adding Section 6-4-75 regarding fireworks to the Littleton City Code and amending Section 1-6-8 regarding the municipal court process.

Council Member Elrod moved and Mayor Valdes seconded to amend the motion to add language at the end of 6-4-75 which states "or those allowed by Colorado state law". The vote is 5-2 with Mayor Pro Tem Melin and Council Member Fey voting no. The motion to amend carries.

Vote on the main motion, as amended, is 7-0. The motion carries unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Mayor Valdes, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey, Mayor Pro Tem Melin, Council Member Milliman and Council Member Grove

- b) [Ordinance 33-2020](#) Ordinance 33-2020: An ordinance on second reading submitting to the registered electors of the City of Littleton, Colorado, a proposed amendment to Littleton City Charter Sections 19, 22, and 24 requiring the Mayor and City Council positions to be elected for four-year terms

Mayor Valdes opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

Frank Atwood - Concerned that there was no study session on this item. Opposed.

Jeannie Erickson - It would have been helpful to have had a study session. Opposed.

Pam Chadbourne - Proud of Frank and Jeannie and points made. There should have been a study session. Opposed.

Kyle Schlachter - In favor

Alexis Barrera (sp) - In favor

Mayor Valdes closed the public hearing at 8:56 p.m.

Council Member Milliman moved and Mayor Pro Tem Melin seconded to approve Ordinance 33-2020 submitting to the registered electors of the City of Littleton, Colorado, a proposed amendment to the Littleton City Charter sections 19, 22, and 24 requiring the Mayor and City Council Members to be elected for four-year terms.

Council Member Driscoll moved and Council Member Elrod seconded to amend Section 24 of the Charter to state "the candidate elected to the vacated seat will serve the remainder of that term". The vote is 7-0. The motion to amend carries unanimously.

Vote on the main motion as amended is 5-2 with Mayor Valdes and Council Member Grove voting no. The motion carries.

Aye: 5 - Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Elrod, Council Member Fey, Mayor Pro Tem Melin and Council Member Milliman

Nay: 2 - Mayor Valdes and Council Member Grove

9. Adjournment

Mayor Valdes adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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