

CITY OF LANSING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2020

Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Smith at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor Mike Smith called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Gene Kirby and Dave Trinkle

Ward 2: Don Studnicka and Marcus Majure

Ward 3: Jesse Garvey and Kerry Brungardt

Ward 4: Tony McNeill and Gregg Buehler

Councilmembers Absent:

Mayor Smith stated I'd like to make a quick statement about the events going on in our world today. It is fair to say that we as a community and a nation have never experienced times like these. Images we see on television and online show there is a lot of anger out there, much of it justified. The challenges we face are many. We support those who feel left out, who feel persecuted because of their skin color or other traits that make this country a diverse melting pot. We support those who are economically disadvantaged through no fault of their own. We also support those who protect us; being a police officer for 20 years I know how hard that job is for police to do, and I appreciate what they are trying to accomplish. At this time I'd ask for a moment of silence to remember those who been hurt, or worse, during the recent demonstrations, and to thank those who are trying to get us through this latest unrest so that we can all do our best to do better.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 21, 2020, as presented. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Audience Participation: Mayor Smith called for audience participation and there was none.

Presentations

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Planning Commission Appointment: Councilmember Buehler moved to appoint Amy Baker to the Lansing Planning Commission for a term that will expire on April 30, 2022. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion.

- Mayor Smith stated I've advised her what she is getting into.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Independence Day Event Date: Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated so we've reached out to all our vendors and talked to them. Everybody is available for the date we're looking at which is the 4th and 5th of September. The weekend of Labor Day. There are some increased costs associated with postponing until then. Our fireworks vendor has told us that they would need another \$3,000 to store the pyrotechnics until then. Fun Services has said they are available but because that is a holiday weekend, they would want another \$1,700 in order to pay their staff during that time to have them work that weekend. So roughly \$4,700 in increased costs. Tim and I talked a little about that and because we didn't have the BBQ, we've got some extra funds in that budget that we think can cover these additional costs without any significant impact. Obviously, we don't want to spend anything out of that fund if we don't have to but if this is something the governing body wants to do. We think we can do it without any major impact.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked the staff you mentioned from what was that second one.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz asked from Fun Services.
 - Councilmember Studnicka replied yeah.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz responded so they operate the rides for us

- Councilmember Studnicka stated right. They weren't going to do that for the 4th of July.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied they would have but because it was not on the weekend when the holiday occurred, they wouldn't have to pay holiday pay.
 - Councilmember Studnicka responded this is because it's on a holiday.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated it's because of the 4th and 5th dates. I think that was the dates.
 - Councilmember Studnicka replied because it's on a holiday, it's holiday pay.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied right.
 - Councilmember Studnicka responded I gotcha you.
 - Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated so we could always consider moving it back a week if you wanted to avoid those costs. There's options there if we wanted to do something differently in order to try and avoid that.
- Councilmember McNeill responded we would have lost a lot of the deposits and stuff too if we decided to cancel so it's kind of a wash.
- Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz replied yes. So, I have those numbers for you too. If we cancel the event, we are out about \$18,500 that we've already paid out in deposits.
 - Councilmember McNeill stated moving it and paying the extra is good with me.
- Councilmember Studnicka replied yeah, I agree.
- Councilmember Majure stated I mean, it is a holiday weekend.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to move the Independence Days Event from June 26 and 27 to September 4 and 5, 2020. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney: Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into executive session for the consultation with an attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for 45 minutes, beginning at 7:07PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 7:52PM. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Studnicka moved to return to open session at 7:52PM. Councilmember Garvey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Garvey moved to recess into executive session for the consultation with an attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for 23 minutes, beginning at 7:52PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 8:15PM. Councilmember Studnicka seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Kirby moved to return to open session at 8:15PM. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into executive session for the consultation with an attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for 10

minutes, beginning at 8:16PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 8:26PM. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Buehler moved to return to open session at 8:26PM. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Department Heads had nothing to report.

City Attorney: City Attorney Greg Robinson had nothing to report.

City Engineer: City Engineer Matt Harding had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall had nothing to report.

Governing Body: Councilmember Garvey stated the positive news in Leavenworth County is there has been no new cases of Covid the last few days. He asked if we could do something with the sign in front of City Hall.

- City Administrator Tim Vandall stated a couple of years ago when we had an employee at the museum, we looked at doing wayfinding signs along K-7 but we can look into that sign.

Councilmember Kirby stated its good news that Covid cases are holding steady and asked that everyone continue to be careful, so we don't have a big increase. The NAACP and Unity and Community are organizing a March at 9am on Saturday, June 6th at the Richard Allen Cultural Center. Leavenworth County and the cities around here have conducted themselves well so participation will shine a positive light on it. Councilmember Trinkle stated we lost a local businessman, Ernie Peterson passed away. He was at the Fire Department, sponsored ball teams and was a big part of Lansing. He would like the City to send a plant or something to recognize the service he did for the City.

Councilmember Studnicka stated he had a transient vendor at his residence and let her know she needed a license from the City and to contact the City Clerk.

Councilmember Majure gave a shout out to the library on their procedures set in place for when it opens back up next week.

Councilmember Buehler thanked Amy Baker for volunteering, and we appreciate your help. He also provided a fun fact, on this day in 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution which allows women to vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Majure moved to adjourn. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk