

**City of Aurora, Ohio
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2019**

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, January 14, 2019 for the purpose of holding a regular public meeting. Council President George Horvat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members of Boy Scout Troop 269 led 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.
James Vaca
Scott Wolf

Absent: Amy McDougald

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor
Dean DePiero, Law Director
Tim Clymer, Finance Director
Kris Allen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Laura Holman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Harry Stark, Director of Public Services
Jack Burge, Director of Economic and Entrepreneurial Development
Frank Desimone, IT Manager
Brian Byard, Police Chief
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council
April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

Consideration of Minutes

MOTION: Approval of the December 17, 2018 meeting minutes

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: McDougald

Executive Session – Imminent Litigation

MOTION: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) that Aurora City Council adjourn to executives session to discuss imminent litigation

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Executive Session – Employment of a Public Employee

MOTION: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) that Council enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

Council entered into executive session at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION: To return to open session.

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

Council returned to open session at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor's Report

(Attached)

Mayor Womer Benjamin wished everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. She thanked Council for their consideration of the 2019 budget and said she would appreciate their support to amend and approve it this evening. She said First Energy has scheduled a public meeting for Monday, January 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Christ Community Chapel to discuss the transmission project. She said she sent a letter to the residents last week stating the city's position and opposition to the project. She said the State of the City luncheon is on Wednesday, February 20 at 11:30 at the Bertram Inn. She said that the Aurora Chamber of Commerce presents the event.

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 did not read his report.

Council President's Report

(Attached)

MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding Ordinance 2019-003 thru 2019-008

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

Citizens Comments - Legislation

There were no remarks.

Councilman Remarks - Legislation

Mr. Vaca said he would abstain from voting on the annual employees generally.

Legislation

Ordinance 2018-170

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019, AS SUBMITTED BY MAYOR ANN WOMER BENJAMIN, AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS NECESSITATED BY THE ADOPTION OF THAT BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Kudley said that at the December 19 meeting, he addressed numerous areas of the proposed 2019 appropriations and he would like to provide Council with updates on some of his questions he had raised with the Mayor. (Please see attached comments provided by Mr. Kudley).

Mr. Clymer explained two additional amendments to the budget. He asked Council to approve the amendments before voting on the budget.

(See Attached)

MOTION: To amend Ordinance 2018-170 by including changes provided by the Finance Director

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2018-170 as amended

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-001

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, TO REFLECT A 2.5% INCREASE TO THE BASE SALARY OF THE LAW DIRECTOR, CONSISTENT WITH OTHER NON-UNION EMPLOYEES FOR 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE CITY CHARTER

MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-001

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-002

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MS. DIANE BARBEN TO AURORA'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS APPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions

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

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-002

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-003

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE QUOTATION OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CDW-GOVERNMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,250.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BARRACUDA BACKUP SERVER 891 DEVICE TAKING \$12,600.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) WITH AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$13,650.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE CURRENT BACKUP DEVICE

MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions
Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-003
Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

Ordinance 2019-004

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGING THE PART-TIME SENIOR COORDINATOR POSITION TO FULL-TIME WITH A SALARY RANGE OF \$33,949.00-\$70,000.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE CITY'S NEEDS

To second reading.

Ordinance 2019-005

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, WITH JACK BURGE, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEUR IN RESIDENCE 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 requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-005
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

Ordinance 2019-006

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 (**DESIMONE**)

MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions
Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-006
Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

Ordinance 2019-007

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 ON EXHIBIT "A" AT THE COMPENSATION SPECIFIED FOR THEM, APPROVING SUCH COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**ANNUAL INCREASES FOR NON-**

UNION EMPLOYEES)

MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0-2 roll call vote. Mr. Kudley and Mr. Vaca abstained.

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-007
Ms. Grandillo moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0-2 roll call vote. Mr. Kudley and Mr. Vaca abstained.

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

Resolution 2019-008

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DR. DIXIE BENSHOFF LUDICK TO AURORA'S PLANNING COMMISSION, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS COUNCIL DESIRES TO CONFIRM THIS APPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIII OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-008
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

Citizens Comments

There were no remarks.

Councilman and Committee Remarks

There were no remarks.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn
Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. McDougald seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.