

**City of Aurora, Ohio
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2019**

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, August 19, 2019 the purpose, a regular public meeting. Council President George Horvat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Present: Reva Barner
Amy Eckard
Kathi Grandillo
Harold Hatridge
George Horvat
Dennis Kovach
John Kudley, Jr.
James Vaca
Scott Wolf

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor
Dean DePiero, Law Director
Tim Clymer, Finance Director
Brian Byard, Police Chief
David Barnes, Fire Chief
Denise Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
Harry Stark, Director of Public Services
Laura Holman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council
April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

Consideration of Minutes

MOTION: Approval of the July 15, 2019 meeting minutes

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0-2 roll call vote. Ms. Barner and Mr. Horvat abstained.

AYES: Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Barner, Horvat

Special Recognition of Mr. Ken Lahmers

Mayor Ann Womer Benjamin presented Mr. Ken Lahmers, Reporter, Aurora Advocate, with a proclamation in recognition of his retirement.

Mr. Kudley presented Mr. Lahmers with a plaque from the Aurora Historical Society recognizing him for his service to the Historical Society over the years.

Mr. Vaca wished Mr. Lahmers well.

Mr. Horvat asked that Council support a motion to amend the agenda.

MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding an executive session to discuss imminent litigation

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

Executive Session to discuss Discipline of a Public Employee

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

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Executive Session to discuss Acquisition of Property

MOTION: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) (2), that Council enter into executive session to discuss acquisition of property for public use

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation

MOTION: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) (3), that Council enter into executive session to discuss imminent litigation

Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Council, Mr. DePiero, and Mayor Womer Benjamin entered into executive session at 7:08 p.m.

MOTION: To return to open session

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Council returned to open session at 7:32 p.m.

Mayor's Report

(Attached)

Mayor Womer Benjamin said on September 15 at Sunny Lake Park the 16th Annual Classic Car Show is from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Registration is at noon and judging will begin at 3:00 p.m. She confirmed Police Officer Joseph LaPerna's termination for just cause based upon an incident that occurred in Florida in March and for his past disciplinary record with the Aurora Police Department. She said that some areas of Aurora recently experienced damage from strong winds along with downed trees on W. Pioneer, a damaged culvert on Aurora Hudson and three trucks belonging to the Parks and Recreation department this past weekend.

Mayor Womer Benjamin provided a brief recap of those she met with and functions that she attended since the last meeting of Council.

Mr. Vaca asked what Congressman David Joyce is going to do for Aurora.

Mayor Womer Benjamin replied that she thinks Mr. Joyce represents Aurora well and that he is very responsive. She said she has never dealt with a congress representative as responsive and interested in the community as Mr. Joyce.

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 2019-127 thru 2019-141

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

Citizens Comments – Legislation

Ms. Deb Conti, S. Chillicothe Road, commented on Ord. 2019-126 – she said prefers that the acreage donated to Aurora as a public park not be a part of the legislation.

Councilman Remarks – Legislation

There was none.

Legislation**Ordinance 2019-125**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR BARRINGTON SUBDIVISION, PHASE 6 LOCATED ON CLUBDRIVE, IN A PD – PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE PROJECT TO BEGIN DURING THE CONSTRUCTION SEASON

To second reading.

Ordinance 2019-126

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE GEAUGA LAKE MIXED-USE AREA LOCATED BETWEEN SQUIRES ROAD, NORTH AURORA ROAD AND TREAT ROAD, IN THE M-1 MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

To second reading.

Mr. Jim O'Conner, Pulte Homes provided an overview of the redevelopment of the Geauga Lake Area. He said the plan has several components to it. He said there is a commercial component, townhome product and single-family product and on the eastern side ranch style homes. He said the project represents about an \$110,000,000 capital investment in the area.

Mr. Kudley said he sat through many of the Planning Commission meetings and watched the development take form. He said at the request of Council and Planning Commission members the plan has gone through a modification and reduction from 341 homes to 308 units. He said Pulte has taken and listened to City Officials and the Planning Commission. He said he understands that there is a point at which reduction of the number of units has to stop to be able to make the project feasible. Mr. Kudley asked the Law Director to explain what has happened in the past when developers have wanted to come into the city and Council resisted and ended up in court.

Mr. Horvat said he would go back to that after hearing from everyone.

Mr. Kudley said he knows that there are 22 acres set aside for commercial development only and there is no guarantee that any will take place. Mr. Kudley asked questions regarding the schools; the impact on the City's infrastructure, Fire, EMS and Police Departments; along with the Parks Department and the City's Finances. (For a complete list of Mr. Kudley's concerns and questions, please see the attachment.)

Mr. Kudley stated before he could potentially approve the project to move forward through the initial stage his questions need answers regarding the park. He said he does not want to see the park become something the City cannot handle. Mr. Kudley said he would like to know and Council needs to know as this moves forward and all approvals are in place how soon would construction actually begin; and how long is the projected build out of the development over a period.

Mr. Wolf thanked Mr. O'Connor for taking time with him to talk about his environmental concerns, talking about the buffer, the discussion about single-family ownership and how that plays into the development.

Mr. Vaca said he is concerned with the quarry and the security. He said he would rather see that particular area stay with the homeowners association. He said he is not happy with the City taking the parkland.

Ms. Barner said she moved to Aurora in 2006 for the small town charm. She said she is not in favor of the development. She said she is concerned with the infrastructure, schools and traffic flow on SR306 and SR43 as well as water and sewer. She said she is not myopic, but as the voice of Aurora, people are not thrilled with more homes.

Mr. Grandillo said Chagrin River Watershed Partners said the drainage would not affect the quarry. She said she would be happy to share the report with anyone interested.

Mr. Kovach said he agrees with Mr. Kudley and Mr. Vaca. He said it is a great event for homebuilding but he would like to see all of the questions answered.

Mr. Hatridge said at first he had a lot concerns and he now feels most of them are answered. He said he appreciates the time taken to answer all of the questions of the Planning Commission, Council and residents. He said his biggest concern was the density. He said he is grateful they are doing what they are doing. He said Cedar Fair owns the property, they have a right to sell it and the developer has the right to build. He said there are many positive things and there are questions that still need answers.

Ms. Eckard said the City has done a lot to purchase land but there is no way the City can purchase all of the land that is available. She said if the developer conforms to all the City asks and Council votes no, we go to court. She said the City usually loses and it is a big cost to the City. She said she likes that Pulte has come to Council, taken us on tours, has listened to our recommendations and made changes. She said she would like to see more of the questions answered.

Mr. DePiero said in the five and a half years he has been with the city there has been four if not more developments with judgement entries, and the City ordered to allow development to go forward. He said the developer came into the city, conformed to the code and turned down. He said there is always that risk, Council has discretion and the Planning Commission has discretion to push development in a certain direction as well as the City through our zoning, through our codes, through our design standards, can also push a developer in a certain direction. He said 2014 it passed by over 80% for mixed-use. He said the development falls in that category. He feels the Planning Commission has done their due diligence and it does not say that Council does not have their discretion to vote for or to turn it down. Mr. DePiero touched on the quarry and immunities that the government would have and not a private citizen. He said if it were properly marked and safeguards in place the City would enjoy a number of immunities if something should happen.

Mr. Kudley said Council cannot stop the development but has worked with the Administration to establish rules and regulations within the Building Code to kind of control what goes on, on that property. He said in this case the developer has worked hard to work within those controls and has gone out of their way to deal with Council's concerns. Mr. Kudley asked what the process is after tonight moving forward and through its conclusion.

Mr. DePiero said his expectation there will be a second and third reading in September. He said if it is passed it will go into effect 30 days after that. He said he believes there would be a lengthy planning stage with the Planning Director and her department. He said environmental studies and a lot of due diligence would have to be done.

Mr. Kudley asked for clarification purpose, that after it goes back to Planning for their approval would it then come back to Council.

Mr. DePiero said that the final plat would.

Mr. Horvat said when he moved here he felt the same as others that he did not want anyone living behind him. He said unfortunately, that is not how things turned out. He said he learned that if you do not want a parcel developed the only way you can stop that is to buy the parcel yourself.

Ordinance 2019-127

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH CONTRACT WITH STAR2STAR COMMUNICATIONS, LLC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LTECH SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE A NEW CITY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR A ONE-TIME COST OF \$42,787.08 FOR HARDWARE AND INSTALLATION OF ALL SYSTEM COMPONENTS, PLUS A BASE RATE OF \$2,643.40 PER MONTH FOR RELATED SERVICES, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS SOME CITY OFFICES ARE WITHOUT FUNCTIONING PHONES AND THE CITY'S CURRENT PHONE TECHNOLOGY IS SO ANTIQUATED THAT REPLACEMENT PHONES ARE NOT A VIABLE OPTION

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-127

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-128

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 (**MISC. EMPLOYEES**)

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-128

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-129

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE A NATURAL GAS ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND AN

AGREEMENT WITH CONSTELLATION ENERGY GAS CHOICE, INC., ("CONSTELLATION") FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD (OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021) FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONTINUATION OF A NATURAL GAS ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO MEET SPECIFIC PROGRAM DEADLINES

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-129

Ms. Eckard moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-130

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$18,000.00 FROM THE FIRE PARAMEDIC LEVY FUND (#39) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-130

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-131

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE QUOTATION OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MARSHALL POWER EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,464.71, THROUGH STATE BID PRICING, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN EXMARK LAZER ZX SERIES 60 INCH MOWER AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, LESS THE TRADE IN VALUE OF \$15,000.00 FOR A 2006 JOHN DEER TRACTOR, LEAVING A CREDIT OF \$535.29 ON THE CITY'S ACCOUNT WITH THE VENDOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO HOLD PRICING

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-131

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Eckard seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-132

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01) FOR CDL TRAINING FOR PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0-1 roll call vote. Mr. Kudley abstained.

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

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Kudley

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-132

Ms. Grandillo moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0-1 roll call vote. Mr. Kudley abstained.

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

Ordinance 2019-133

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, FROM CAMPUS SQUARE LTD., LLC THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A SIDEWALK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S CONNECTIVITY PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO BID THE PROJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-133

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

Resolution 2019-134

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AN OHIO EPA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND THROUGH THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE WWTP UPGRADES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 30, 2019

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-134

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

Ordinance 2019-135

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE QUOTATION OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CLEARSPAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,459.90 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SALT DOME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION BEFORE THE WINTER SEASON

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-135

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

Ordinance 2019-136

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HEJDUK-COX AND ASSOCIATES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,940.00 TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR EAST PIONEER TRAIL, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL FEMA GRANT FUND (#22) AND THE STORMWATER CAPITAL FUND (#79) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WITH THE DESIGN SO THAT THE PROJECT CAN MOVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-136

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Eckard seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

Ordinance 2019-137

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CR CONSTRUCTION, INC. AS THE BEST BID, REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CR CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2019 SALT DOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,451.00, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO THE WINTER SEASON

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-137

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

Ordinance 2019-138

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PERRIN ASPHALT COMPANY AS THE BEST BID, REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERRIN ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE 2019 CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$295,525.37, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-138

Ms. Eckard moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

Ordinance 2019-139

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GREENWICH ELECTRIC, INC. AS THE BEST BID, REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GREENWICH ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE 2019 AURORA COMMONS CIRCLE SIGNAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,197.20, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND (#41) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

Mr. Wolf asked if the owner of the Aurora Commons is going to put a sidewalk in to receive the pedestrians crossing off SR82. He said at the present, there is none on either side.

Mr. Stark said that would possibly be a further phase of the connectivity project. He said he would be meeting with Aurora Commons. He said this is to get people across the street safely from the one side to the other knowing that there is not a sidewalk at that point. He said there will be an ADA ramp at that location to get them across the street and he will be working with the Aurora Commons on completing the sidewalk.

Mr. Wolf said his concern is that they will get across the street and will be walking in the road.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-139

Ms. Eckard moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-140

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE QUOTES SUBMITTED BY UNITED MEDICAL RESOURCES (UMR) AS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SUN LIFE FINANCIAL AS MEDICAL STOP LOSS INSURER, AND UNITED HEALTH CARE (UHC) THROUGH CHAPMAN & CHAPMAN AS THE BEST QUOTES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A SELF-FUNDED MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR CITY OF AURORA EMPLOYEES FOR THE TIME PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE COMPANIES IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$3,429,578.00 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BASED UPON SELF-INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000.00 PER COVERED INDIVIDUAL WITH A TOTAL EXPECTED ANNUAL COST OF \$2,828,630.00 AND FURTHER BASED UPON A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 116 EMPLOYEES WITH ANY PRO-RATA CHANGES TO BE REFLECTED ACCORDINGLY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS THE CURRENT CONTRACTS EXPIRED AUGUST 31, 2019

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-140

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-141

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH EMIL

HACH, DEAN OLSON, DALE OLSON, AND EENNETH OLSON SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$775,000.00 PLUS APPLICABLE SURVEY AND CLOSING COSTS TO ACQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 91 ACRES OF VACANT PROPERTY ON MENNONITE ROAD WHICH WILL CONNECT TO SUNNY LAKE, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01)

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

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

Mayor Womer Benjamin said they have been investigating purchasing 91 acres that were for sale on the southeast side of the city along E. Mennonite Road at the Mantua boarder. She said property is zoned R2 and has no structures on it abuts Sunny Lake Park as well as Moebius Nature Preserve and a strip of it goes all the way to E. Pioneer Trail right across the street from Springhill. She said this presents just an optimal opportunity to connect all of those parks and provide that kind of park connection that has been anticipated both in the Master Plan and in the Connectivity Plan and she believes a Parks and Rec Plan of several years ago. She said these things do not come up often and she feels the City is fortunate to be able to be the winner bidder. She said the property listed around \$975,000 and the price the sellers agreed upon is \$775,000 paid over a period of four years.

Mr. Horvat asked the interest rate for \$775,000 for four years. Mayor Womer Benjamin said there is no interest; it was included in the agreement.

Mr. Horvat asked on 91 acres how many houses could you build. Ms. Januska said approximately thirty.

Mr. Vaca said he would not vote in favor of the legislation. He said the City is buying so much property they cannot keep up with it.

Mr. Kudley said there are three buildable lots on E. Mennonite that it is quite possible the City could potentially sell and recoup some of the money.

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the use for much of that land is for farming purposes. She said there are no immediate plans to spend money to upgrade. She said it would most likely remain a passive park, at some point a trail might be added. She said they would also probably continue to lease the land for farming purposes.

Ms. Eckard said she would support this because the City can parcel some of the land off and recoup the majority of the cost will still maintaining additional parklands. She said the connectivity from one park to the next that would allow biking and hiking that is missing in the city.

Ms. Barner said she agrees. She said she things it is a proactive move with the City purchasing land preventing additional homes; also recouping some of the money as well.

To adopt Ordinance 2019-141

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on an 8-1 roll call vote.

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

Citizens Comments

There were no remarks.

Council member and Committee Remarks

There were no remarks

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

George Horvat, Council President

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council