

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Eureka Board of Aldermen met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call were: Mayor Flower, Aldermen Diekmann, Kilpatrick, Ascrizzi, Sir, Holloway and Murray.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Craig Sabo, City Attorney Kathy Butler, Police Chief Michael Wiegand and City Clerk Julie Wood.

There were twenty-seven (27) people in the audience both in person and online.

2. MINUTES

Alderman Kilpatrick identified a typographical error in Item No. 12 of the minutes.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, the minutes of April 4, 2021 were approved as amended.

3. ELECTION RESULTS OF APRIL 6, 2021

The official results of the General Municipal Election of April 6, 2021 were read by the City Clerk. The successful candidates were:

- City Marshal - Michael Wiegand
- Alderperson Ward I - Wes Sir
- Alderperson Ward II - Carleen Murray
- Alderperson Ward III - Maria Ascrizzi

4. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

The successful candidates were sworn into office by the City Clerk and took their respective seats.

5. EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDAL OF VALOR AWARDS

Police Chief Wiegand honored Officer Timothy Shipp, Sergeant William Knittel and Lieutenant Michael Werges with the Eureka Medal of Valor. He also presented Justin Flynn with the Citizen's Service Citation.

St. Louis County Councilman Mark Harder presented resolutions from St. Louis County honoring Sergeant Knittel and Lieutenant Werges for their bravery.

6. GUEST PERIOD

Todd Sweeney, representing Navigate Building Solutions, was in attendance to provide the Board with an update on the Municipal Government Center project. Mr. Sweeney said they will be recommending Archimages as the architectural firm for the new building and will negotiate the best contract for the City which will be prepared in the next few weeks. He also reported that Navigate has started looking at possible park improvements for the Board to consider as well as improving and creating standards for City signage.

7. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

Camila's Tex Mex - 54 Legends Parkway, Suite 152 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration - May 7th - 8th. Alex Escamilla was in attendance to request approval to host a Cinco de Mayo celebration in the parking lot and he presented the Board with a revised site plan to include a children's bounce house. On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, the Special Event Permit was approved.

8. PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MARCH 24, 2021

A. The Commission negatively recommended a petition from Bob Moore, representing Enduring Properties, LLC, for off-site parking of vehicles at 25 Truitt Drive.

Alderman Sir stated that there was a lack of a parking plan and there was visual buffering from Highway 109.

Mr. Moore inquired as to if there were types of vehicles to which the Board objected being parked at the property. He said that there were twenty (20) spots available, and they would most likely be used for RV and work truck storage.

Following a general discussion, Mayor Flower asked Mr. Moore to get more details together with a specific site plan of parking spots and contact City Administrator Sabo to schedule a meeting before coming back to the Board for consideration.

On motion by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Diekmann and unanimously passed, the matter was tabled to the meeting of 5-4-21.

9. BILL NO. 2702 RE: AGREEMENT WITH EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

Alderman Murray inquired as to the qualifications required for building inspectors and how long the City has been short staffed as well as how far behind the City is on inspections.

Mayor Flower related that there are many qualifications in various areas for this type of position. He stated that the City is short staffed due to a military leave and a staff injury, and is three (3) to four (4) business days behind on inspections.

Chief Greg Brown, representing the Eureka Fire Protection District, said that their code enforcement team comprised of Rich Pallarito and Mike Stockard, are qualified to do building inspections. He stated that they currently inspect a wide range of commercial buildings, and were doing these type of inspections before the City took them over about ten (10) years ago.

Mayor Flower said that the Fire District's code enforcement team would supplement the City's current inspections, and they will not inspect anything for which they are not qualified.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Holloway and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2702 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2702: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES.

On motion by Alderman Sir seconded by Alderman Holloway and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2702 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Ascrizzi, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2702 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Sir moved, THAT BILL NO. 2702 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Holloway.

The roll call vote was as follows: Alderman Kilpatrick - YES; Diekmann - YES; Ascrizzi - YES; Sir - YES; Murray - YES; Holloway - YES.

The motion for adoption unanimously passed.

Mayor Flower declared Bill No. 2702 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2588.

10. BILL NO. 2703 RE: EASEMENT AGREEMENTS

On motion by Alderman Sir seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2703 was read for the first time by short title.

10. CONT'D.

BILL NO. 2703: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO EASEMENT AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH CITY FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES.

On motion by Alderman Ascrizzi seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2703 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2703 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Sir moved, THAT BILL NO. 2703 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi.

The roll call vote was as follows: Alderman Kilpatrick - YES; Diekmann - YES; Ascrizzi - YES; Sir - YES; Murray - NO; Holloway - YES.

The motion passed with five (5) "YES" votes and one (1) "NO" vote cast by Alderman Murray (she said she based her vote on not having an opportunity to review the agreement in view of when the proposed Ordinance was distributed).

Mayor Flower declared Bill No. 2703 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2589.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 4-20-21-1 RE: HILLTOP VILLAGE CENTER COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

On motion by Alderman Holloway, seconded by Alderman Diekmann and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 4-20-21-1 was approved.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 4-20-21-2 RE: EUREKA OLD TOWN TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

On motion by Alderman Holloway, seconded by Alderman Diekmann and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 4-20-21-2 was approved.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 4-20-21-3 RE: THE SHOPPES AT HILLTOP TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

On motion by Alderman Holloway, seconded by Alderman Diekmann and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 4-20-21-3 was approved.

14. APPROVAL OF CITY DISBURSEMENTS

The list of city disbursements was reviewed by the Board.

On a motion by Alderman Holloway seconded by Alderman Diekmann and unanimously passed, the list of City disbursements was approved for payment.

15. STATEMENT OF FINANCES - MARCH 31, 2021

The financial statement was reviewed by the Board.

Mayor Flower highlighted that the general fund is in excellent shape and the revenue is showing that the sales tax is down, but property tax is up. He stated that the City received \$788,000.00 of Cares Act funding which helped shore up the City's revenue and the rate increase on the utilities has also helped. Mayor Flower showcased how hard the staff has worked to hold expenses down. He said that the City will not be able to do that forever, but the cash management that has been exercised was exceptional.

On a motion by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, the Board of Aldermen acknowledged receipt of the financial statements for the period ending 3-31-21.

16. MAYORAL, ALDERMANIC AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Alderman Sir related that GORC will be performing work on May 8th at the Mountain Bike Park. Alderman Ascrizzi said she liked the idea of implementing some sort of activity that the residents can all enjoy such as a skate park/rink and would like a stronger recycling program.

Alderman Kilpatrick said that there are still a few potholes in Augustine Heights that need to be addressed.

Aldermen Ascrizzi commented that there is a large pothole near the maintenance entry on Main Street.

Alderman Murray asked if Building Commissioner John Boggs has viewed the water issue on Maureen. City Administrator Craig Sabo said he would follow-up with Mr. Boggs regarding the matter.

Alderman Diekmann congratulated Police Chief Wiegand on ten (10) City Marshal victories.

17. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, a Closed Session was called for discussion of matters relating to attorney-client privilege, litigation, personnel and real estate matters.

18. CLOSED SESSION

19. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

20.

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

For a record of the Closed Session Minutes at Item No. 18, see Minutes this date in the Closed Session File.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Julie Wood, City Clerk