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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, Ascrizzi, Murray, Kilpatrick and Holloway.

Alderman Sir was absent.

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

There were seventeen (17) people in the audience in person and online.

2. MINUTES

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, the minutes of June 20, 2023 were approved. Alderman Murray abstained.

3. PROPOSED POLICE OFFICER

Chief Wiegand introduced Mr. Chris Sharkey and proposed that he be appointed as a full-time Police Officer. He said Mr. Sharkey is presently a Police Officer with the City of Pacific, where he has been employed for several months immediately following his Police Academy graduation.

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Holloway and unanimously passed, Mr. Chris Sharkey was appointed as a full-time Police Officer.

4. GUEST PERIOD

There were no guests present that wished to address the Board.

5. PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAY 24, 2023.

(The meeting was cancelled; therefore, no Board action is required.)

6. BILL NO. 2841 RE: AMENDING CERTAIN CITY PARK REGULATIONS

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2841 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2841: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CERTAIN CITY PARK REGULATIONS.

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2841 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Holloway and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2841 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Murray moved, THAT BILL NO. 2841 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Holloway.

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

The motion for adoption was unanimously passed.

Mayor Flower declared Bill No. 2841 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2727.

7. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL LIST FOR 2023 - 2024

On motion by Alderman Holloway, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, all Liquor Licenses Renewals were approved for 2023 - 2024.

8. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Flower requested approval for the reappointment of Jennifer Gianino and Andrew “A.J.” Soll to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Holloway and unanimously passed, Mayor Flower's appointments were approved.

9. APPROVAL OF CITY DISBURSEMENTS

The list of City disbursements was reviewed by the Board.

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

10. STATEMENT OF FINANCES - MAY 31, 2023

The financial statement was reviewed by the Board.

On a motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Holloway and unanimously passed, the Board of Aldermen acknowledged receipt of financial statements for the period ending 5-31-23.

11. MAYORAL, ALDERMANIC AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Alderman Holloway said he received a call from a resident in the Legends complaining of roofers coming in and adding vents to homes that don't need them and choosing colors for roofs that are not appealing. He inquired whether the City had any authority in this matter.

Mayor Flower said that the City does not have the authority to enforce color palettes, but the HOA may have rules regarding this.

Alderman Holloway also reported that there are two (2) homes on South Fox Creek Lane he would like the Building Department to check due to reports that they may not be structurally sound.

Mayor Flower stated that he will have staff perform an exterior appearance review on both homes. He also encouraged the Board to communicate such issues to staff as soon as they are made aware of them rather than wait for a meeting.

Alderman Kilpatrick said he has received calls about additional traffic cutting through the Augustine Heights subdivision to avoid the construction along I-44. He said he has advised residents that the streets are public, but reached out to Chief Wiegand and asked if there could be a larger police presence in the morning along Augustine Road to discourage speeding. He commended the police on being present and aiding in controlling the area to help improve the situation. He stated that he believes there will be fewer cars using Augustine Heights as a cut through now that the lane closure has shifted to the left lane on I-44.

Alderman Kilpatrick also asked if the City could consider a limb removal program for residents who are losing Ash Trees due to Emerald Ash Borer, a pest native to Asia that has killed many Ash trees.

12. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

15.

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

For a record of the Closed Session Minutes at Item No. 13, see Minutes this date in the Closed Session File.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Julie Wood, City Clerk