

City Council

March 2, 2021 – 5:30 pm

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

In light of the recently declared COVID-19 health pandemic, the Mayor of the City of Golden Valley declared a local emergency under Minnesota Statute, section 12.37. In accordance with that declaration, beginning on March 16, 2020, all meetings of the City Council held during the emergency were conducted by telephone or other electronic means. As such, all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded pursuant to Minnesota Stat. 13D.021.

The City used WebEx to conduct this meeting electronically. Members of the public were able to monitor the meetings by watching it on Comcast cable channel 16, by streaming it on CCXmedia.org, and by dialing in to the public call-in line. The public was able to participate in this meeting during public comment sections, including the public forum, by dialing in to the public call-in line.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Shep Harris, Council Members Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Gillian Rosenquist and Kimberly Sanberg

Staff present: City Manager Cruikshank, Human Resources Director Santelices, City Attorney Cisneros, and City Clerk Schyma

3. Adjourn to Closed Executive Session

- a. Special City Council Closed Executive Session to discuss labor negotiation strategy related to the City's negotiations with the Police Sergeants (LELS Local 34) Union. The meeting may be closed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03.

Motion by Rosenquist, Second by M. Harris to close the special meeting, pursuant to Minnesota State Statute § 13D.03, for the purpose of discussing labor negotiation strategy related to the City's negotiations with the Police Sergeants (LELS Local 34) Union.

Motion carried 5-0. (In Favor: Fonnest, M. Harris, S. Harris, Rosenquist, Sanberg. Opposed: N/A)

Prior to going into closed session Mayor Harris announced that no other regular business of the City would be discussed at the closed meeting and that a summary of the outcome of the closed session would be provided when the special meeting reconvenes.

The Closed Executive Session was called to order by Mayor Harris at 5:35 pm in a virtual private room.

Present: Mayor Shep Harris, Council Members Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Gillian Rosenquist and Kimberly Sanberg

Staff present: City Manager Cruikshank, Human Resources Director Santelices, and City Attorney Cisneros

The special executive session was closed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03.

The Closed Executive Session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:13 pm.

4. Reconvene Special City Council Meeting

The City Council reconvened the meeting at 6:14 pm.

5. Summary of the Outcome of the Closed Executive Session

City Attorney Cisneros provided a summary of the Closed Executive Session relating to the City's negotiations with the Police Sergeants (LELS Local 34) Union. While in closed session, staff answered questions about the negotiations process and strategy and discussed specific contract provisions in the proposed agreement. The Council concluded that they were comfortable proceeding with a vote on the proposed agreement at tonight's regular Council meeting which convenes after the close of this special meeting.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Rosenquist, Second by Fonnest to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Motion carried 5-0. (In Favor: Fonnest, M. Harris, S. Harris, Rosenquist, Sanberg. Opposed: N/A)

Shepard M. Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa J. Schyma, City Clerk