

STERLING, COLORADO
APRIL 11, 2023

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF LOGAN)ss
CITY OF STERLING)

As required by the Colorado Sunshine Law, the meeting was posted timely in the City Hall lobby more than twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting.

Pastor Brad Cox, United Church of Crook, gave the invocation. Mayor Desormeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance. The City Council of the City of Sterling, Colorado, met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Angell Blecha Delgado Haynie Janes Ritter

Also present:

City Manager	Blankenship
City Attorney	Richardson
City Clerk	Forbes
Public Works Director	Good
Police Chief	Kerr
Public Safety Communications Director	Lybrand
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Parks, Cemetery and Forestry Superintendent	Ulrich
Human Resources (HR) Director	Brown
Finance Account Technician	Perez
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 8

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Angell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a six-yes and one abstain vote, the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

Angell	yes	Janes	yes
Ritter	abstain	Blecha	yes
Delgado	yes	Desormeaux	yes
Haynie	yes		

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of March 28, 2023, Special City Council minutes of April 4, 2023 and City Council work session minutes of April 4, 2023.

COMMUNICATION AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

Present to address Council was Ms. Karyn Furrow, 7487 County Road 30, Sedgwick, Colorado. She advised Cowboy Down Liquor had gotten their liquor license in October, 2022 and have not had any sales. They are moving down the street and was wondering if Council could give any consideration regarding the \$750 "Change of Location" fee on their liquor license from the City. City Attorney Richardson advised Council this would require an amendment of the City Code.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2023 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STERLING CITY CODE, APPENDIX A ZONING, CHAPTER XIII BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, VARIANCES, SEC. 1303 DUTIES AND PROCEDURES:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council first reading of this Ordinance took place on March 14, 2023, and it was thereafter published. This Ordinance amends Appendix A Zoning, Chapter XIII Board of Adjustment, Variances, Section 1303 Duties and Procedures, to conform with the requirements of Appendix A Zoning, Section 112 Public and written notices of public hearings, which sets forth the rules regarding published and written notices of public hearings in Appendix A Zoning. As presently written, Section 1303 is not consistent with Section 112. The wording in brackets set forth in this Ordinance are omitted, and the underlined words are added.

City Clerk Forbes read the Ordinance by title.

Mayor Desormeaux opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Desormeaux closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Delgado made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2023. Councilmember Haynie seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Public Works projects
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan application
- Paving projects
- Ty Jackson project
- Ayres Associates status
- Region 4 Opioid meeting

- CML- Land Use
- Spring Cleanup reminder
- Arbor Day Celebration
- Drug Take Back Day

City Manager Blankenship advised Council that he has been attending meetings for the South Platte Transportation Authority. This Board calls for one representative from the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Desormeaux presented the Arbor Day Proclamation to Parks, Forestry and Cemetery Superintendent Ulrich.

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK:

Mayor Desormeaux presented the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation to PSC Director Lybrand.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2-23, SERIES OF 2023 - A RESOLUTION FINDING SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE AND SETTING A HEARING DATE FOR THE ANNEXATION PETITION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY LAND, LLC ADDITION TO THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution finds that the Petition for Annexation for the 21st Century Land, LLC Addition to the City is in substantial compliance with the State statutes, and also sets the public hearing for May 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The petition requirements and map requirements are set forth in the forms.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4-2-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion.

Present to address Council were two representatives from 21st Century Land, LLC. They advised Council they would be building a new building.

By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

Finance Account Technician Perez updated Council regarding the plastic bag fee.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Mayor Desormeaux reminded Council of the Special Council meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 12:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURSUANT TO C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(e) FOR THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS WHICH MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS: DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE:

Mayor Desormeaux made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) for the discussion of matters which may be subject to negotiations: discussion of possible purchase of real estate. Councilmember Janes seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 6:20 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 6:54 p.m.

Mayor Desormeaux advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and Police Chief. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, she asked that they state their concerns for the record.

There was none.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Mayor Desormeaux asked Council if there would be a quorum on April 18, 2023. Also, she advised it is important to know in advance of the meeting and for regular Council meetings.

ADJOURMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK