

STERLING, COLORADO  
DECEMBER 27, 2016

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.

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Councilmember Flores gave the invocation. Mayor Torres 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, December 13, 2016. Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Torres
Councilmembers	Appelhans Flores Lawson McCarty Pitcher Rice

Also present:

City Manager	Saling
City Attorney	Penny
City Clerk	Forbes
Police Chief	Kerr
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Public Works Director	Good

Citizens present: 3

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

Appelhans	yes	Lawson	yes
Flores	abstain	McCarty	yes
Pitcher	yes	Rice	yes
Torres	yes		

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of December 13, 2016 and application for renewal of club liquor license for B.P.O.E. Lodge #1336, Sterling Elks Lodge located at 321 Ash Street.

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

Present to address Council was Ms. Linda Gebauer, 116 Hamilton Street. Ms. Gebauer had concerns regarding the appointment of the Planning Commission members. In the past, if a member was interested in continuing on the board, the member would fill out a letter indicating they would like to continue and they would automatically be put back on. She asked if the steps have changed.

There was discussion.

Council advised they would like to have a standardized agreement on how vacancies would be handled.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2016 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$180,300) AND REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY OUT OF THE CITY TREASURY, AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2016 BY SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$71,000):**

City Manager Saling advised Council first reading of this ordinance took place on December 13, 2016, and it was thereafter published. This ordinance relates to projects and revenues received in 2016 after the 2016 budget was completed.

City Clerk Forbes read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Torres opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Torres closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Lawson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2016. Councilmember Appelhans seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Saling updated Council on the following:

- City offices will be closed on January 2, 2017.
- The Sidney Avenue manhole project is moving ahead and by tomorrow it should be complete.
- The cold weather has been causing the water lines to freeze.
- Tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. there will be two new officers sworn in.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-4-16, SERIES OF 2016 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, CONCURRING WITH LEGAL INTERPRETATION REGARDING URBAN RENEWAL LAW AND ACKNOWLEDGING AND SUPPORTING STERLING URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY'S INTENT TO ENTER INTO A TAX INCREMENT AGREEMENT WITH LUXURY INN STERLING LLC:**

City Manager Saling advised Council this resolution states the City's concurrence with the legal interpretation submitted by the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority regarding Urban Renewal law and acknowledges and supports the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority's intent to enter into a tax increment agreement with Luxury Inn Sterling LLC relating to construction of a 4-story, 65-room Hampton Inn. The City supports the tax increment agreement that Sterling Urban Renewal

Authority intends to enter into with Luxury Inn Sterling LLC, and during the 10-year term of the proposed agreement the City will continue to receive the base amount of property taxes which have been generated on the property for the last several years, but will not receive any incremental property tax revenues. During that same 10-year period, the City is projected to receive an estimated \$798,000 in new sales tax revenue and lodging tax revenue. Thereafter, the City will begin to realize the benefit of the additional valuation, in an estimated amount of \$18,310 annually, in addition to the continued sales and lodging taxes generated by this project.

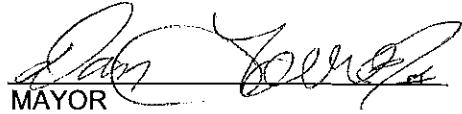
Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-4-16, Series of 2016. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT – PARKS, LIBRARY AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

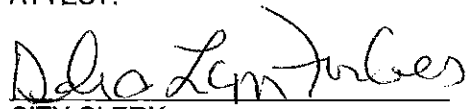
PLR Director Gandee gave the PLR Department report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK