

STERLING, COLORADO
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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 Richard vonSteinman, First English Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Pro-tem Janes 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, February 22, 2022. Mayor Pro-tem Janes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Pro-tem	Janes
Councilmembers	Anderson Blecha Gaines Haynie Ritter

Councilmember absent:

Mayor	Desormeaux
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Also present:

City Manager	Blankenship
City Attorney	Richardson
City Clerk	Forbes
Fire Chief	Ritter
Police Chief	Kerr
Public Works Director	Good
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Public Safety Communications (PSC) Director	Lybrand
Human Resource Director	Brown
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 5

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Blecha	yes	Haynie	yes
Ritter	abstain	Anderson	yes
Gaines	yes	Janes	yes

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of February 8, 2022, City Council Work Session minutes of February 15, 2022 and an application for renewal of fermented malt beverage liquor license for Everyday 5721 located at 303 North 3rd Street.

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Blankenship updated Council on the following:

- **Project Update**
 1. Head Works Sewer Project – Work continues. The project is approx. at 55% complete.
 2. Force Main Pipeline Project – Update.
 3. Heritage Park – Update.
 4. Camera Project – Wade met with bidders for preparation of bids.
- **Meetings/Events Attended**
 - Meet and Greet at Parts & Labor with President White and Myself
 - Business After Hours at Sky Ranch through Chamber of Commerce
 - Sterling Workforce Center Meeting to discussion employment in Sterling
 - Sterling Urban Rural Authority (SURA) Board Meeting
 - Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District Meeting
 - Colorado Municipal League (CML) Annual Legislation Workshop in Denver
 - Colorado Municipal League (CML) Webinar on Housing and Homelessness
 - Sterling Housing Authority Meeting
 - Emergency Operation Plan Meeting

City Manager Blankenship informed Council the CML Annual Conference is scheduled for June 21-24, 2022. If any Councilmembers would like to attend please let Connie or him know.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC WORKS BOARD, PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD:

Mayor Pro-tem Janes made a motion that the Mayor's recommendation of appointment to the Public Works Board is Mr. Philip Pollock. Councilmember Gaines seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Pro-tem Janes made a motion that the Mayor's recommendation of appointment to the Planning Commission is Mr. Thor G. Nelson. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Pro-tem Janes made a motion that the Mayor's recommendation of appointment to the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) is Ms. Jane A. DeSanti. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2-22, SERIES OF 2022 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, ACCEPTING THE BID FROM McATEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY DBA SIMON FOR THE CITY OF STERLING 2022 SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT #22-001:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution accepts the Bid from McAtee Construction Company, doing business as Simon, in the amount of \$875,336.00, for the City's Surface Treatment Project #22-001. This was the only bid received for this project and the bid amount is an acceptable amount for the project. There are sufficient funds in the Public Works 2022 budget for this project.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-2-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-3-22, SERIES OF 2022 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ALL COUNTY HEALTH POOL MEMBERS' MEETINGS, AND DESIGNATING THE REQUIRED CORRESPONDENTS:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council the City's medical insurance health provider, County Health Pool, requires the governing body of the City to designate an official representative for the City to all County Health Pool Members meetings, and also designate the correspondents for the City to receive all monthly billing invoices and other general correspondences intended for distribution to the employees. This Resolution makes those designations in accordance with the usual duties of administrative staff by adding the Payroll Specialist as an individual designated as one of the City's correspondents.

Councilmember Blecha made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-3-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-4-22, SERIES OF 2022 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING A FITNESS PASSPORT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH OPTUMHEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS, LLC:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves a Fitness Passport Service Agreement with OptumHealth Care Solutions, Inc. whereby OptumHealth Care Solutions, LLC will provide the City with a cash reimbursement for general admission to the City's Recreation Center for senior citizens enrolled in an OptumHealth Medicare Advantage Plan.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2-4-22, Series of 2022. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES OF 2022 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE HAYNES ESTATE RESUBDIVISION OF HIGH SCHOOL ACRE TRACTS, LOTS 7 & 8, HIGH SCHOOL ACRE TRACTS, CITY OF STERLING, COUNTY OF LOGAN, STATE OF COLORADO; AND APPROVING THE PLAT THEREOF:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council on February 2, 2022, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Subdivision Application submitted by Sheri LePore, as Manager of ALS Investments LLC, and found that the application met all requirements of Chapter 18, Subdivisions, except that the resubdivision will result in one lot that does not meet the present City Code requirements. The Planning Commission recommends approval of this resubdivision, which will be known as the Haynes Estate Resubdivision of High School Acre Tracts, Lots 7 & 8 High School Acre Tracts, City of Sterling, County of Logan, State of Colorado, with a condition that the subject lot will need to be brought into compliance with the City Code. This Ordinance sets forth findings by City Council and approves the resubdivision and plat and authorizes and confirms the execution of the certificate of same on the plat by the Mayor and attestation by the City Clerk, upon proof provided to the City Clerk that the resulting lots conform to City Code, or

proof that applicant has obtained a proper 18-month variance to bring all lots into compliance with the requirements of the City Code. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Councilmember Ritter made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2022. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. City Clerk Forbes read the Ordinance by title. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2022 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RELATING TO DONATION TO THE STATE OF A PORTION OF SOUTH DIVISION AVENUE, AND SPECIFYING THE CONDITIONS OF DEVOLUTION OF PORTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAY TO THE CITY, ALL IN RELATION TO THE FINALIZATION OF THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE SH14 “S” CURVE IN THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE REQUIRED AGREEMENT AND RELATED DEED TO THE CITY PROPERTY;

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Ordinance approves an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Colorado for the use and benefit of the Department of Transportation for finalizing the project known as the SH14 “S” Curve by the transfer of a portion of South Division Avenue to CDOT, and specifying the conditions of the State’s abandonment of portions of State highway that no longer function as State highway, and acceptance of said abandoned portions by the City.

Councilmember Gaines made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2022. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. City Clerk Forbes read the Ordinance by title. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(b) – ATTORNEY ADVICE REGARDING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT;

Mayor Pro-tem Janes made a motion to go into executive session for a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Attorney advice regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.


Council went into executive session at 6:00 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 6:32 p.m.


Mayor Pro-tem Janes advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, Public Works Director and Finance Director.

Councilmember Anderson advised sometimes when going to the radio station there is not much to talk about and Council is only there for a very short time. He asked what other Councilmembers thought about staff updating citizens on City events at this time. City Manager Blankenship advised Council he would get staff’s input.

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK