

STERLING, COLORADO
MARCH 27, 2018

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 Ben Hackbarth, Sterling Foursquare Church, 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, March 27, 2018. Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Torres
Councilmembers	Appelhans Flores McCarty Pitcher Rhodes Rice

Also present:

Acting City Manager/ Police Chief	Kerr
City Attorney	Penny
City Clerk	Forbes
Fire Chief	Ritter
Public Works Director	Good
Public Safety Communications (PSC) Director	Lybrand
Human Resource (HR) Director	Brown
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee
Water Plant Superintendent	Beck
Paralegal	Welsh

Citizens present: 18

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes of March 13, 2018 and an application for renewal of 3.2% beer off premises liquor license for 7-Eleven Store 15041A located at 311 West Main Street.

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES OF 2018 – AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOT 8, BLOCK 9, CHEAIRS FIFTEENTH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO:

Acting City Manager Kerr advised Council first reading of this ordinance took place on March 13, 2018, and it was thereafter published. This ordinance approves a request from Philip J. Pollock and Vicky L. Pollock for a zoning change for Lot 8, Block 9, Cheairs Fifteenth Addition to the City of Sterling, Logan County, Colorado, from MS, Medical Services, to R-3, High Density Residential. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request after a public hearing was held at its December 6, 2017, meeting. Submission of this matter to Council for action was not done immediately at the request of the applicants, but they are now ready to go forward with their request for rezoning.

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 Appelhans made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2018. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

ACTING CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting City Manager Kerr updated Council on the following:

- Spring clean-up
- Logan County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
- Tornado Siren testing
- Police Department grant applications
- Police Department extra traffic enforcement
- Fire Department grant application
- There is a PLR bid opening on March 29 for the family restroom at the Recreation Center

NEW BUSINESS:

FUNDING REQUEST FROM CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR A NATURAL BACKDROP ON FRONT STREET:

Ms. Kim Sellers, Citizens Advisory Board, advised Council that the Board feels the statue needs some type of background. They are recommending 10 foot tall Crimson Spiral Oak trees. They can purchase 11 trees for \$4,000.

Councilmember Appelhans asked if they had looked at Colorado Tree Coalition, who will give matching funds for trees. Ms. Sellers advised Council they would look into this.

City Attorney Penny advised a resolution would be needed to approve the funding.

PRESENTATION OF THE OVERLAND TRAIL EXPANSION MASTER PLAN:

Mr. Kevin Lyles, Confluent Design, gave a presentation of the plan for the river bottom area.

PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – STERLING ELKS LODGE #1336 – 321 ASH STREET:

Acting City Manager Kerr advised Council that an application for a special event permit was filed by the Sterling Elks Lodge #1336 for the Red Cross fundraiser, to be held on April 13, 2018 from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock midnight, for the sale of malt, vinous and spirituous liquor. The application was timely filed and is in proper form and the required fee has been submitted. The premises were properly posted. A letter was sent to the applicant advising of the date of the public hearing and requesting a representative be present at this meeting to answer any questions City Council might have concerning the application.

Present to address Council was Mr. Frank Gower, 221 Villa Vista.

Mayor Torres opened the public meeting.

There were no comments.

Mayor Torres closed the public meeting.

Councilmember Appelhans made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit on April 13, 2018 for the Sterling Elks Lodge, 321 Ash Street. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Mr. David Beck, Water Plant Superintendent, gave the department report.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS:

Mayor Torres made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4) (e). Councilmember Appelhans seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 8:07 p.m.

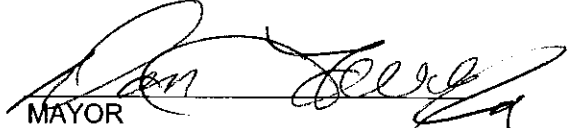
Mayor Torres advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Attorney, Acting City Manager and Public Works Director. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to 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, he asked that they state their concerns for the record.

There was none.

Mayor Torres made a motion to file a Statement of Opposition for 18CW3005. Councilmember Rhodes seconded the motion. By a seven-yes vote, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK