

**STERLING, COLORADO
MARCH 28, 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.

Human Resources Director Brown 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, March 28, 2023. Mayor Desormeaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Desormeaux
Councilmembers	Blecha Delgado Haynie Janes Ritter

Councilmembers absent:

Councilmember	Angell
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Also present:

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

Citizens present: 4

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Delgado seconded the motion. Mayor Desormeaux advised on the second page of the March 14, 2023 minutes, in paragraph five, "Ryan Kailey" should be "Brian Kailey". Councilmember Ritter advised she would be abstaining because she was absent. By a five-yes and one abstain vote, the motion was approved with the change. Voting was as follows:

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

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council Training minutes of March 11, 2023, City Council minutes of March 14, 2023, application for renewal of Beer and Wine Liquor License for Bamboo Garden located at 1027 West Main Street and an application for renewal of Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine Liquor License for 7-Eleven Store 1504A located at 311 West Main Street.

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

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Sales and Lodging Taxes
- Water Production/Demand
- Tornado Announcement
- Spring Cleanup begins the week of April 24, 2023
- Engineering RFP for WWTP needed a consensus from Council to go forward. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the engineering RFP.
- Ty Jackson Housing project at Stevens Elementary School – City Manager Blankenship presented information to Council and asked them to look over the information and they would discuss it later.
- PLR Donation from Leslie Petteys for \$20,000 – \$10,000 for the Library, \$5,000 for Museum, \$2,500 for Recreation Center and \$2,500 for the parks.
- CML News Release

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2-23, SERIES OF 2023 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF LAUER, SZABO & ASSOCIATES, PC FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE CITY'S DECEMBER 31, 2022 AUDIT; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RELATED ENGAGEMENT LETTER AGREEMENT:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves a current Engagement Letter Agreement with Lauer, Szabo & Associates, PC to conduct the City's December 31, 2022 Audit, pursuant to City Charter Section 3-8. The services provided under the Agreement will be billed at varying hourly rates, with the gross fee, including expenses, not to exceed \$33,400.00.

Councilmember Haynie made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-2-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-3-23, SERIES OF 2023 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM AYRES ASSOCIATES, INC. TO ASSESS HOUSING NEEDS AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RELATED AGREEMENT:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves a proposal from Ayres Associate, Inc. in the amount of \$47,940.00, to provide services to the City for the City's Sterling Affordable Housing Strategies project relating to assessing the housing needs in the City and to promote the development of affordable housing. The City has received a grant from the Department of Local Affairs to use for 75% of the cost of this project, up to \$36,000.00, and there are sufficient funds in the Public Works 2023 Budget for the City's 25% required grant match estimated to be \$11,985.00.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-3-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Delgado seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-4-23, SERIES OF 2023 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT FOR FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-USE TRAIL, IDENTIFIED AS THE CITY OF STERLING SEEP DITCH TRAIL PROJECT, SEGMENT #2:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves the application for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant through the Colorado Department of Transportation in the requested amount of \$349,608.00. The grant application includes the responsibility of the City for matching funds of 20% of the total project cost. The anticipated total project cost is \$437,010.00. The grant request is for the amount of \$349,608.00. The City would be responsible for the 20% matching funds required by the grant program.

Councilmember Ritter made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-4-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Blecha seconded the motion. By a six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-5-23, SERIES OF 2023 - A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN FY 2023 CYCLE 23-07 EIAF TIER II GRANT FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS FOR THE CITY OF STERLING BALLPARK ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT:

City Manager Blankenship advised Council this Resolution approves submission of an application for a Tier II Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund grant (EIAF) from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for the City of Sterling Ballpark Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project. The estimated total project cost is \$786,542.06. The Grant request is for the amount of \$393,271.03. The City would be responsible for the 50% matching funds required by the Grant program of \$393,271.03.

Councilmember Janes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-5-23, Series of 2023. Councilmember Ritter seconded the motion.

Councilmember Delgado asked what is a Tier II Energy grant. City Manager Blankenship advised Council it is the title of the DOLA grant the City is applying for, which is for a wastewater distribution project.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Ritter gave his department report.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Mayor Desormeaux reminded Council of the Work Session scheduled for next Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:30 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 six-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 6:03 p.m.

Council came out of executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Desormeaux advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Manager and City Attorney Richardson. 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.

City Manager Blankenship handed out information regarding the CML news release that he spoke about in his report.

ADJOURMENT:

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK