

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY December 28, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. City Attorney Defoyd.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Department: Chief Ayala: busy with traffic. Unfortunately the city had 3 DOA's off of Garber at 1405 Holland & Crystal Inn.

-Mayor requested to have more police presence in the residential streets.

Public Works Department: Bernardo Perez: Keeping up with the city. Using New Sludge Pump at the Sewer Plant.

Parks & Recreation Department: Ivan Rojas: Department out

Heritage Hall Director: Elizabeth Flores: Department out on Vacation

Fire Department: Mo Davis: Responding to more medical calls due to the uprise of Covid & Flu. Projected to kick off CPR classes for Employees & their families in order perfect program before opening to the public.

Mayor: Ana Diaz:

City Manager: Lon Squyres: Mentioned the Closure of longtime business EJ's. Sentiments were expressed and the possibility of making a proclamation was mentioned.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

10826 Mun St-Christopher Diaz: Gratitude was expressed to the Mayor & Council for all the hard work throughout the year. Fond memories of EJ's were shared. Fond memories & Gratitude was expressed for City secretary, Ms. Joyce's Service all these years.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to take action on Recommendation of Variance Board on Variance Request at 1403 Kilroy, 1615 Holland and 11105 Muscatine.

* 1403 Kilroy: Variance requested by Mr Coronado Avalos.

Property is Zoned as Residential but has been a transmission shop for years. The property would require extensive work in order to comply with residential guidelines. The Variance committee voted to recommended 3:2 in Favor to approve variance for the building to be used as a cabinet shop.

Motion to approve Variance request made by Councilman Gonzales,

Second'd by Councilwoman Garcia.

In Favor 4:1

* 1615 Holland: Request to move Gonzales Paint & Body Shop from Market to Holland.

Councilman Gonzales announced he would abstain from this vote. He abstained due to conflict of interest.

Variance was requested due to the Property being zoned as light commercial and Paint & Body being Heavy Commercial.

Motion made by Councilwoman Garcia

Second'd by Councilman Rivas

In Favor 5:0

* 11105 Muscatine: Jose Ramo Blanca -Retail Building-requesting to move Back Set Back Line from 20ft to 10ft.

Customer has an existing approved variance for the commercial build but did not realize they would have an issue with the setback line and would like to take care of it now. The additional space would be used as basic access for the employees and back door. no vehicles access.

The Variance committee voted to recommended 4:1 in Favor.

Motion made by Councilwoman Garcia

Second'd by Councilman Lee

In Favor 4:1

2. Mayor and Council to consider the Adoption of ARPA Federal Procurement Policies.

Motion made by Councilwoman Garcia

Second'd by Councilman Robinson

In Favor 5:0

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Diaz gave Ms. Joyce a Boquet of appreciation flowers on behalf of herself, Council & Attorney Defoy'd. They all expressed heartfelt words of appreciation, admiration and love along with fond memories shared over the years

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Christal Rodriguez

City Clerk