

MINUTES – March 08, 2022

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building and via ZOOM on Tuesday, March 08, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Invocation provided by Eric Pate of the Joppa House of Prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Betsy Reithemeyer, Marge Wolf, Gary Townzen, Barney Hayes, Clay Kendall, Mandy Brashear, and were present. Mark Kruger and April Legere were absent.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Staff Attorney John Pesek, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Street Superintendent Frankie Guyll, Rogers Police Chief Jonathan Best, Arts & Culture Coordinator Anna Watson, Rogers Fire Deputy BJ Hyde, Food & Wellness Program Coordinator Fran Free, Arts & Culture Justin Pounds, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, Constituent Services Liaison Kay Ricker and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

February 22, 2022

Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 as presented.

Voice vote: Yes. **Motion carried.**

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda on a single reading.

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

RES. R22-15 Adopting The City Of Rogers' Cultural Plan

The resolution was introduced by Brashear and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Brashear, chair of Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Arts & Culture Coordinator Anna Watson.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Brashear, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R22-16 Amending The 2022 Budget To Recognize A Donation From The Artosphere Festival Of \$1,000.00 Into Account #100-18-45600 Grants And Donations

The resolution was introduced by Brashear and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Brashear, chair of Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Arts & Culture Coordinator Anna Watson.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Hayes, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #3.)

RES. R22-17 Amending The 2022 Budget To Appropriate \$19,338.00 From CMRS Fund Reserves Into Account #352-52-70256 Software Licensing To Purchase An Updated Software License That Is Needed For The Rogers Police Department’s Computer Aided Dispatch Software

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Rogers Police Chief Jonathan Best.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Brashear to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #4.)

RES. R22-18 Amending The City Of Rogers’ 2021 Budget To Appropriate General Fund Reserves, CDBG Fund Reserves, American Rescue Plan Fund Reserves, And Health Insurance Fund Reserves To Various Accounts

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Hayes, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R22-19 Amending The 2022 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$1,574,780.00 To Various Accounts; Airport Fund Reserves

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Airport Director David Krutsch.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #6.)

RES. R22-20 Amending The 2022 Budget To Appropriate CDBG Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$416,034.00 Into Various Accounts

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Wolf, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #7.)

RES. R22-21 A Amending The 2022 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$27,366.00 Into Account #100-03-45620 Federal Grant CESF; To Appropriate Said Grant Proceeds And General Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$17,878,902.00 Into Various Accounts

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Brashear, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #8.)

RES. R22-22 Amending The 2022 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$2,871,000.00; To Appropriate Said Grant Proceeds And Street Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$8,172,709.00 Into Various

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

Accounts

No questions from the council.

Motion by Hayes, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #9.)

RES. R22-23 Amending The 2022 Budget To Appropriate Act 988 Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$19,729.00 Into Account #339-39-80100 Capital Expenditures

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Wolf, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #10.)

RES. R22-24 Amending The 2022 Budget To Appropriate American Rescue Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$69,908.00 Into Account #348-48-73135 Covid-19 Public Health Expense

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Wolf, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #11.)

RES. R22-25 Amending The 2022 Budget To Appropriate CMRS 911 Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$37,691.00 Into Account #352-52-84007 Police Facility Expansion

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Wolf, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #12.)

RES. R22-26 Amending The 2022 Budget To Appropriate Court Automation Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$104,269.00 Into Account #338-38-70251 Court Automation Expense

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #13.)

ORD. #22-19 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From A-1 To C-3 (Church of Christ, 307 South Promenade Blvd)

The ordinance was introduced by Hayes and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Hayes, acting chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and introduced representative Bill Watkins.

Watkins, notes the Community Environment & Welfare Committee and Planning Commission both agree due to the location of this land, it should be zoned as commercial use. Concerned if the property is not rezoned, it will be a trapped piece of land and therefore have no value. The CGM is not reflective of the reality on the ground.

Brashear, questions if the comprehensive growth map will be updated? Mayor, not at this time. The council will need to adopt a new comprehensive growth map.

McCurdy, the staff recommendation was to not approve. To follow up to Mr. Watkins statement, I disagree the CGM doesn’t match up to the reality on the ground. This is a reasonable request and doesn’t disagree with the rezone presented.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”

Roll call: **Unanimous – Yes.**

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”

Roll call: **Unanimous – Yes.** The ordinance is adopted.

(Agenda Item #14.)

ORD. #22-20 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From A-1 To C-3 (SoHo, 4901 S Champions Drive)

The ordinance was introduced by Hayes and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Hayes, acting chair of Community Environment &

Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and introduced representative Bill Watkins.

Watkins, staff and planning commission supported.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”

Roll call: ***Unanimous – Yes.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”

Roll call: ***Unanimous – Yes.*** The ordinance is adopted.

APPOINTMENTS:

Appointment Kathryn Heller to the Public Arts Commission; term to expire March 2025.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf. Appointment approved.

Appointment Chris Brown to the Public Arts Commission; term to expire March 2025.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf. Appointment approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brashear, Happy International Women’s Day.

Hayes, motion to cancel the March 22, 2022 City Council meeting, second by Townzen.

Reithemeyer, recognize Frankie and the street department for all their hard work. Notes, McCurdy and the planning commission will begin the conversation to update and revisit the Comprehensive Growth Map.

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm, second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor