

MINUTES

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kruger, concern regarding the appointment and reappointments on the Planning Commission. The way in which the current commissioners were asked to step down is not the way he believes we should conduct business. Change for the sake of change is not good but agrees change is a necessary step. Concerned we will lose a since of community in Rogers if continue on this path. If choose to continue, he would encourage term limits to be set for people to be aware of the term commitment.

Legere, as chairman of the Community Environment & Welfare Committee, and have worked closely with Community Development Director John McCurdy to find good applicants for Planning Commissioner seats. I ran for the city council seat on basis of community culture and growth and we do not have minority representation on the Planning Commission. We need to recognize who our community is and what we need if we want to continue to grow and be attractive. We need to match the face of our community.

Mayor, appreciate feedback but the appointments are at the discretion of the Mayor. Respect and will listen to all varying sides but it is my role to preserve this seat.

Kruger, not trying to single out anyone, only stating opinion.

ROLL CALL:

ACTION ON MINUTES:

(Agenda Item #1.)
March 09, 2021

Motion by Townzen, second by Brashear to approve the March 09, 2021 minutes.

Motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda on a single reading and by title only.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

RES. Re: Amending The FINANCE
2021 Budget; COMMITTEE
Recognizing
Funds From The
Rogers School
District To The
City Of Rogers
Fire Department
In The Amount
Of \$14,651.00
Into Account
#100-04-49255
Reimbursement
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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 Deputy Chief Cliff Thompson.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

ORD. Re: Authorizing COMMUNITY
The Mayor ENVIRONMENT &
And City WELFARE
Clerk To Enter COMMITTEE
Into A
Contract With
Cox Advanced
Services
Arkansas,
LLC, Of
Springdale,
Arkansas, In
The Amount
Of
\$143,481.58,
For
Underground
Utility
Installation
And To
Provide Power
Necessary For
Public Safety
Related To
The Walnut
Widening
Project;
Waiving
Competitive
Bidding

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

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Lance Jobe.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”

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

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

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

ORD. Re: Amending COMMUNITY
Rogers Code ENVIRONMENT &
Section 14-675 WELFARE
By Re-Zoning COMMITTEE
Certain Lands
From RMF-6B
To C-2
(Express Oil)

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

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized representative Daniel Ellis.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”

Roll call: Unanimous - Yes. The ordinance is adopted.

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

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

(Agenda Item #4.)

ORD. Re: Amending COMMUNITY
Rogers Code ENVIRONMENT &
Section 14-675 WELFARE
By Re-Zoning COMMITTEE
Certain Lands
From R-O And
RO-CU To
NBT (Jones)

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

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized representative Mr. Jones. Representative not present.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”

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

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

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. The emergency clause adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. Re: Amending COMMUNITY
Rogers Code ENVIRONMENT &
Section 14-675 WELFARE
By Re-Zoning COMMITTEE
Certain Lands
From R-O,
C2-CU, And
PUD To C-3
(Olive St.)

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

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Staff Attorney Bonnie Bridges. Council was provided the settlement provided to the City from David Matthews. The ordinance must be recalled to reopen for dialogue.

Brashear, if the ordinance is recalled tonight we will revote immediately? Bridges, correct.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?” Roll call: Kruger, Hayes, Brashear, Legere, Townzen, Kendall – Yes. Wolf - No. Reithemeyer - Recuse. The ordinance is recalled.

Bridges, the lawsuit in the works currently and this is an opportunity to come to a settlement agreement.

Wolf, understand the cost to the city of the lawsuit but I do not understand why a question comes to us for a yes or a no if the no vote still brings the ordinance back to us for a question.

Mayor, understands some might feel like they are being forced to say yes but the alternative is having a judge tell you, you must say yes. The comprehensive growth map tells us this is the rezone is legal.

Kruger, what is legal and what is right feels like a tough situation at this point.

Brashear, discussion with Community Development Director John McCurdy about

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

Appointment of Emery David to the Museum Commission; term to expire December 31, 2023

Reappointment of John Ford to the Museum Commission; term to expire December 31, 2023

Reappointment of Mike Whitmore to the Museum Commission; term to expire December 31, 2022

Reappointment of Nancy Swearingen to the Museum Commission; term to expire December 31, 2022

Appointment of Steve Lane to the Planning Commission; term to expire December 31, 2021

Appointment of Jorge Andrade to the Planning Commission; term to expire December 31, 2023

Appointment of Derek Burnett to the Planning Commission; term to expire December 31, 2023

Appointment of Emery Davis to the Museum Commission; term to expire December 31, 2023
Motion by Wolf, second by Reithemeyer.

Reappointment of John Ford to the Museum Commission; term to expire December 31, 2023
Motion by Kruger, second by Townzen.

Reappointment of Mike Whitmore to the Museum Commission; term to expire December 31, 2022
Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer.

Reappointment of Nancy Swearingen to the Museum Commission; term to expire December 31, 2022
Motion by Hayes, second by Kruger.

Appointment of Steve Lane to the Planning Commission; term to expire December 31, 2021
Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer.

Appointment of Jorge Andrade to the Planning Commission; term to expire December 31, 2023
Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Legere. Kruger - opposed.

Appointment of Derek Burnett to the Planning Commission; term to expire December 31, 2023
Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Brashear. Kruger - opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor, January Sales Tax numbers came in and happy with the path forward.
Possible to reconvene in person meetings in late May.

Kruger, BikeNWA presented to the Transportation Committee a Safe Streets program to run on S. 5th Street between Oak and Cherry Street.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor