

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 22, 2019
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Heinrich at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Mayor Heinrich, Council Members Phillips, Steele, Brubakken and Buchanan, City Attorney Ryan, and City Administrator Hellekson.

Council Member Phillips moved a Resolution to approve adopting rates for the Stormwater Utility Fee for the City of Jamestown as set forth in the amended Equivalent Residential Unit Structure. Seconded by Council Member Buchanan. Discussion and agreement to amend the structure and resolution. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Council Member Brubakken moved a Resolution to approve and authorize signing of the NDDOT Contract for Permit to install and operate a pop-up demonstration consisting of a temporary multi-use path and walk/bike event scheduled for September 6 and 7, 2019. Seconded by Council Member Steele. Roll Call No. 2 showed: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Buchanan), 0 absent. Carried.

A public hearing was held concerning the request from EPIC Companies to form a tax increment finance district for the upper four floors of student housing at a proposed mixed-use facility on the University of Jamestown campus. The following people spoke against the formation of a tax increment finance district: Susan Roemmich and Council Member Buchanan. The following people spoke in favor: Dr. Polly Peterson, President, UJ; and Blake Nybakken, VP Development, EPIC Companies. The hearing was closed.

Council Member Steele moved a Resolution to approve the project specific plan, approve and authorize the signing of the tax abatement agreement requiring that residential units be rented only to UJ students and staff, and approve the request from EPIC Companies to form a tax increment finance district for the upper four floors of student housing at a proposed mixed-use facility on the University of Jamestown campus. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. Discussion to amend the motion to require residential rental only to university students and staff. Council Member Buchanan read a dissenting statement. John Shockley, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C., the City's bond counsel, provided information. Roll Call No. 3 showed: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Buchanan), 0 absent. Carried.

Council Member Phillips left the meeting.

Council Member Brubakken moved a Resolution to authorize the City to submit a preliminary application for economic development funds to locate a National Guard facility at the Jamestown Airport Industrial Park. Seconded by Council Member Steele. Roll Call No. 4 showed: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Carried.

Council Member Brubakken moved to adjourn at 5:45 PM. Seconded by Council Member Steele. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

SARAH HELLEKSON, City Administrator

DWAINE HEINRICH, Mayor