



## ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Meeting

Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: February 8, 2023

#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

#### Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Ray Kopczynski, Jackie Montague, Marilyn Smith, and Ramycia McGhee. Councilors Matilda Novak and Steph Newton attended virtually

Councilors absent: None

#### Proclamation

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Councilor Ramycia McGhee read the proclamation.

#### Special Presentation

**6:02 p.m.**

Swearing in new firefighters

Fire Chief Shane Wooton administered the oath to new firefighters Ashley Safa, Knightin Tomaz, Jordan Humphries, and Parker Romviel.

#### Public Hearing

**6:14 p.m.**

Supplemental budget  
Mayor Alex Johnson II opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Yeager explained the budget changes.

Councilor Matilda Novak asked if the economic development activities line item in the supplemental budget is subject to the new procurement rules. She also asked when the TLT committee will meet to discuss collaborative tourism. Yeager said the supplemental budget item is only an amendment to the current contract.

Economic Development Coordinator Sophie Adams said that in anticipation of the supplemental budget being passed, she had already met with the TAC and had them make recommendations. Adams will reach out to the recipients and make sure they receive their money.

No one else wished to speak.

Johnson II closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Councilor Ray Kopczynski moved to approve the resolution adopting the supplemental budget. McGhee seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. The resolution was designated Resolution No. 7174.

Business from the Public

**6:25 p.m.**

Lisa Grato, executive director of the Albany Downtown Association, gave an update on events downtown.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

**6:27 p.m.**

- a. Accept resignations from citizen advisory groups
- b. Accept appointments to citizen advisory groups
- c. Approval of minutes
  - 1) December 12, 2022, city council work session
- d. Apply for grant
  - 1) Apply for a CIS grant for risk management
- e. Award of contract
  - 1) Contract with Forrest Reid for municipal court services
- f. Adoption of resolution
  - 1) Appointing municipal court judges pro tem

RES NO. 7175

Johnson II asked to pull Item e, award of contract for discussion.

Kopczynski moved to approve the consent agenda with Item e pulled. Councilor Jackie Montague seconded the motion.

Johnson II asked if Judge Reid would be appearing before the council. City Manager Peter Troedsson said the judge's appearance is scheduled for early February. Johnson II asked to replace the item on the consent agenda.

The previous motion was withdrawn, with the seconder's agreement.

Kopczynski moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Montague seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

Staff Report

**6:30 p.m.**

Final ADA self-evaluation and transition plan for accessibility in the public right-of-way

City Engineer Staci Belcastro said tonight's presentation is for information only. The presentation slides were sent to the council several days before the meeting. No council action is required.

Heather Buczek, accessibility consultant with MIG, presented slides\* and described the process for developing a self-evaluation and transition plan for public access. The plan is expected to be completed in summer of 2023.

Belcastro said the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) doesn't prescribe a timeline for addressing access, but the City has set a 15-year target for removing barriers. Public Works has already made some changes to City standards and specifications, and they evaluate accessibility as part of all street projects. Funding to complete this program is in the budget for the current fiscal year.

Business from the Council

**6:54 p.m.**

Montague mentioned concern about a speeding car in her neighborhood and asked for increased police patrols in late evening. She also mentioned garbage in the area of the Boys and Girls Club. She asked if there are plans to place public trash cans there. Johnson II said he will connect Montague with Republic Services.

Councilor Marilyn Smith said she has heard constituent concerns about overgrown vegetation on Waverly Drive between Grand Prairie Avenue and Del Rio Avenue. The sidewalks on Waverly should be maintained by residents but the sidewalk runs behind the fenced lots. She will talk to Give a Hoot about the possibility of a volunteer cleanup.

Kopczynski asked when his request to appoint a candidate from outside his ward for a committee position would be considered. Troedsson said it will be on the agenda for the meeting on January 30, 2023.

City Manager Report

**7:07 p.m.**

Troedsson thanked the councilors for their efforts in appointing citizen advisory group members.

Next Meeting Dates

January 23, 2023; 3:00 p.m. special session

January 24, 2023; 3:00 p.m. special session

January 30, 2023; 4:00 p.m. work session

January 30, 2023; 5:30 p.m. joint work session with planning commission

February 1, 2023; 12:00 p.m. joint meeting with Linn County Board of Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Allison Liesse  
City Clerk

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager

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