

**EDGEWATER CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING & WORK SESSION
MINUTES
January 16, 2024**

ITEM 1. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER 6:30 pm

ITEM 2. Roll Call

City Clerk, Lenore Pedroza, called the roll.

Present: Mayor Steve Conklin, Council Member Bill Berg, Council Member Joie Iten, Council Member John Thomsen, Council Member Lilly Steir, Council Member Kali Janda, Council Member Hannah Gay Keao and Council Member Mercedes Valdez

Also Present: City Manager, Dan Maples, Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director, Jocelyn Mills, Community Services Director Kit Lammers, Police Chief, Eric Sonstegard, and City Attorney Carmen Beery

ITEM 3. Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4. Consent Agenda

Council Member Item made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Steirer and passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes of December 5, 2023
3. Resolution 2024-1, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC PLACES FOR THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE EDGEWATER CITY COUNCIL

ITEM 5. Communications from the City Manager, and Staff

City Manager Maples – gave a brief overview of the virtual Public Comment amendment due to nationwide hate speech comments towards the community and members of the community. The temporary change was made to protect our community, nothing more nothing less. Apologized for the timing of the amendment that was enforced on a busy night. Public comment processes will be discussed more at the City Council Retreat on January 27, 2024. Also spoke about the Edgewater’s government structure. Edgewater follows the Edgewater Charter

and Municipal Code which dictates the structure of the City. We are a Council/Manager form of government. City Council and the Mayor are the policy piece of that form of government. All operations, including personnel and personnel changes, falls on the City Manager for the Department Heads. Employees work for Department Heads within that department. City Council/Mayor do not make personnel decisions for City employees, only for contract employees, City Manager, Municipal Judge and City Attorney. City Council/Mayor accountability is to the Edgewater community.

ITEM 6. Communication from Boards, Commissions and Membership Organizations

Jeanette Papp – overview of 2023 Sustainability actions and events. The Sustainability Board will continue to work toward providing the best level of useful information and events in 2024. 2024 will see the continuing seminars and classes and Sustainability family events. With the help of our City Arborist and Davie Tree Care, we anticipate more useful information regarding healthy tree canopy programs.

Mayor Conklin – joined the Advocacy Committee for CC4CA. DRCOG will host the Governor’s staff where they will be presenting on the legislative session and their legislative priorities. A huge topic this session is funding for the aging. Also looking at the draft policy statement on Federal Legislative issues, administrative modifications to the 2024/27 Transportation Improvement Program. Will also be getting recommendations for new officers for the DRCOG board.

ITEM 7. Presentations and Awards

None

ITEM 8. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None

ITEM 9. Resolution 2024-2

Council Member Janda made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02. A RESOLUTION SELECTING AN APPRAISER FOR THE APPRAISAL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2447 BENTON ST., as presented. Seconded by Council Member Steirer and passed unanimously.

ITEM 10. Ordinance 2024-1

Council Member Steirer made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-01, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING FEES AND SURCHARGES FOR VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE, DEVELOPMENT, RECREATIONAL AND

LICENSING SERVICES, COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY, as amended, changing PD Records Request fees to be in line with General Government. Seconded by Council Member Iten and passed unanimously.

Council Member Gay Keao questioned the difference fee amounts and time outlines from Administrative and Police Departments research fees. Chief Sonstegard agreed it should be consistent. All agreed to change PD fees from \$33 after 15 minutes to \$30 after an hour.

ITEM 11. General Business 6:54 pm

1. FACC Grant Request presented by Domingo Belen, requesting \$3,500 to help fund a number of 2024 events, including their 75th Anniversary Celebration to be held at Auraria Campus. Council Member Gay Keao mentioned she would like to have further conversations regarding the grant amount and process.

Council Member Iten made a motion to approve the FACC Grant request as presented. Seconded by Council Member Gay Keao and passed unanimously.

2. Third Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement

Council Member Thomsen made a motion to approve the third amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Berg and passed unanimously.

ITEM 12. Public Comment

None

ITEM 13. Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Janda – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Was able to attend part of the open house for the ADA Transition Plan. Looking forward to seeing that progress. Thanked Kit and the community for their hard work. Was happy to meet Congresswomen Pettersen and members of her team at the start of the year. Excited for the winter warmup event on Friday. Thanked Jeanette for the Sustainability Board update. Would also like to talk more about the grant process in the future. Her son started basketball at the Rec. Center, gave a shoutout to the Rec. staff for the organized sports programs.

Council Member Gay Keao – Wished everyone a Happy New Year, great to see everyone again. Talked with a few small businesses in Edgewater who are super excited about the switch to the State SUTS program for sales tax submission. It is going to be so much easier for them. Lakewood City Council directed their City

Manager to learn from Denver on needs to support the migrant communities. City Manager Maples agreed to talk with the Denver City Manager to see what that list is and if there might be an opportunity for Edgewater to plug into that. Gave a shout out to everyone who helped keep people warm and alive over the last few days. Lakewood opened a new shelter at 8000 W. Colfax near Colfax and Allison, open from 7pm to 7am and pets are allowed. Gave a public appreciation to our City Attorney. She is always very responsive and always accessible.

Council Member Valdez- Is happy to be here and is still learning from everyone on the dais. Looking forward to reviewing the fee schedule. He is happy to be a part of the Filipino festival this year. Congratulated Dan on the renewal of his contract.

Council Member Berg – Hopes everyone is off to an excellent New Year.

Council Member Iten – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Congratulated Dan on the renewal of his contract. Stated the City staff is great. Looking forward to doing a lot of things this year.

Council Member Thomsen – Thanked Jocelyn for taking care of things while Dan was out on vacation. Welcomed the City Manager back and congratulated him on the renewal of his contract. He also attended the ADA Transition Plan Open House and is looking forward to discussing more in the workshop tonight. Hoping everyone is staying warm. Gave a shoutout to the Winter Warm Up event on Friday.

Council Member Steirer – Is interested in what they can do even further with the Venezuelan migrants, specifically what can be done as individuals in Edgewater, but also best strategies for how they can operate as a city. Wished everyone a Happy New Year, looking forward to 2024.

Mayor Conklin – Complemented the Police Department on how they handled the shots fired call within a residential area. They exercised great professionalism and thanked them for a peaceful, safe resolution to what could have been a terrible situation. Gave tribute to Gary LaBell, who lived in Edgewater for an umber of years and sends his love to Mary Jean. Also wanted to recognize Cathy Noon, the Mayor of Centennial, she passed away before Christmas but didn't want to cloud people's holidays and asked that her funeral be held after the new year. Thanked Jeanette Papp for the invitation to attend the Sloans Lake Park Foundation. Attended the check presentation to Habitat for Humanity from Blues and BBQ, in the amount of \$30,000 and over the past 8 years have given over a half a million dollars to Habitat for Humanity.. They will be returning to Edgewater this summer as the Edgewater Music Festival. Mentioned the Daniel's Fund awards banquet where they recognized three of the charities they work with who were competing for a Medal of Excellence and a quarter million dollars. Gold Crown, a vital part in Edgewater,

was one of the finalists. Did not win the quarter of a million dollars but did win \$100,000. Gave recognition to Joel Newton for stepping up and representing Edgewater in campaigning for the School Board. Joel does great things in the community and would have been a great choice for the School Board. Had lunch with the Jefferson County Mayors was a great opportunity to hear what is going on in other communities. Metro Mayor's Caucus will have their retreat this weekend. Stated his respect and appreciation to our Council members for the time they put in to being on Council.

ITEM 14. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas

ITEM 15. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Conklin adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm

The principal purpose of a Workshop is to consider and discuss, but not take formal action concerning, matters that may come before the Council for formal action thereafter.

ITEM 16. WORK SESSION CALL TO ORDER 7:37 pm

ITEM 17. Public Comment

None

ITEM 18. General Business 7:38 pm

1. ADA Transition Plan
2. Fee Schedule

ITEM 19. Mayor and Council Comments

ITEM 20. WORK SESSION ADJOURNMENT