

City of West Buechel
Special City Council Meeting
Via Zoom
April 14, 2021 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor Brenda Moore, Attorney Mark Hall, Councilwoman Linda Cook, Councilwoman Danielle Wood, Councilwoman Evelyn Saldana, Councilwoman Kim Richards, Councilman Toby Clark, City Clerk Debbie Batliner. Councilwoman Ashley Stewart was absent.

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilwoman Saldana to approve the minutes from March 11 and 17, 2021. Motion carries with majority vote.

Council held second reading of Ordinance 291 Series 2021 Changing City Council Meeting Time. A motion was made by Councilwoman Richards and second by Councilwoman Wood to adopt the ordinance as read. Roll call vote was unanimous with Councilwoman Stewart absent.

City Clerk Batliner presented and recapped the financial reports. A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilwoman Saldana to approve the financials as presented. Motion carries with unanimous vote.

Clerk Batliner informed Council that Deputy Clerk Osbourne had received her designation as a Certified Municipal Clerk through IIMC.

Mayor Moore presented an Executive Order to create an Advisory Budget Committee that consists of three council members and two citizen members. Mayor Moore will appoint members within 30 days.

Mayor Moore presented an Executive Order to create an Advisory Board for the Community Center that consist of two council members, two citizen members and one employee of the community center. Mayor Moore will appoint members within 30 days.

A discussion was held regarding handicap parking and code enforcement. Councilwoman Saldana stated that she would like to see the handicap parking fine to stay at \$250 and to add a \$300 fine to the mobility parking. She also wants double jeopardy fines for the person lending their handicap placard to others and the person using the placard that is not handicapped. Councilwoman Saldana also wants there to be an educational program for first time violators at a cost of \$40 and be conducted by the police department. Councilwoman Saldana also stated that the city needed to put up signs on the handicap parking and mobility parking spots to say what the fines will be if you park there without the proper documentation. Council Members want Code Enforcement Officer writing

citations again. Attorney Hall stated that we need to update our ordinance before we go back into enforcing parking full time.

A discussion was held regarding health insurance for council members. Attorney Hall stated that he was aware that Federal laws were that health insurance was only issued to full time employees. Attorney Hall stated that he needed to do further research regarding the legality of this issues. Councilwoman Richards wants to have first reading of an ordinance she created allowing city council members the opportunity to obtain health insurance through the city. Attorney Hall stated that it needed to be checked for legality, but Councilwoman Richards said she did not care whether it was legal or not!

Councilwoman Richards held first reading of Ordinance 292 Series 2021 Allowing Council Members the opportunity to get heath insurance through the city.

City Council Members held interviews for the City Council Attorney position. The only one that showed was Attorney Stan Chauvin, III. Mr. Chauvin stated that Mr. Nash decided not to show up because they are in the same firm and he represents the Jefferson County Housing Authority and thought there might be a conflict of interest.

Mr. Chauvin stated that he would charge \$185 per hour and a non- refundable \$1500 retainer fee. A motion was made by Councilwoman Richards and second by Councilman Clark to hire Attorney Stan Chauvin III as the Attorney for the West Buechel City Council. Councilwoman Cook stated that she did not agree with hiring an attorney for the Council that it was a waste of taxpayer money. Motion carries with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote and one absent

A motion was made by Councilman Clark and second by Councilwoman Wood to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried unanimously.


Mayor Brenda Moore

ATTEST:


City Clerk, Debbie Batliner