

City of West Buechel
Special City Council Meeting
Via Zoom
February 11, 2021 7:00 PM

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

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilwoman Saldana to approve the minutes from January 14, 2021. Motion carries with unanimous vote.

Council held second reading of Ordinance 287 Series 2021 Procedures and Rules of Meetings. A motion to adopt the ordinance as read was made by Councilwoman Stewart and second by Councilwoman Cook. Roll Call Vote was 4 no and 2 yes. Motion failed.

Meeting had to be stopped at 7:15 because Councilwoman Richards was not visible online. Meeting had to be restarted from the beginning

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood and second by Councilwoman Saldana to approve the minutes from January 14, 2021. Motion carries with unanimous vote.

Council held second reading of Ordinance 287 Series 2021 Procedures and Rules of Meetings. A motion to adopt the ordinance as read was made by Councilwoman Stewart and second by Councilwoman Cook. Roll Call Vote was 4 no and 2 yes. Motion failed.

Councilwoman Richards voiced concerns regarding stabbings and shooting in neighborhood.

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

A Special Meeting has been set for February 25, 2021 at 6:30.

Mayor Moore presented a Proclamation for Black History Month requesting the community's support. A motion was made by Councilwoman Richards and second by Councilwoman Wood to approve the Proclamation as read. Motion carries with unanimous vote.

Councilman Clark made a request to the Council to amend the fines for the Code Enforcement penalties. A motion was made by Councilwoman Saldana to postpone until the next meeting to allow for time to research.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Richards and second by Councilwoman Saldana for a 10 minute recess at 8:30. Motion carries with unanimous vote.

Mayor Moore reconvened the meeting at 8:41.

Councilwoman Richards seconded Councilwoman Saldana's motion to table the discussion regarding the Code Enforcement fines. Motion carries with unanimous vote.

Councilman Clark wants first reading of an ordinance eliminating past due penalties and interest on property taxes and to reimburse the people that have already paid the past due fees. Councilman Clark was under the impression that the city was in litigation currently regarding past due taxes. Clerk Batliner informed him that the city does not have any litigation regarding property taxes. The City only responds to notices that are sent by the courts where litigation has been brought by someone else. We then give them the amounts owed to the city. Councilwoman Richards informed the Council that the city did not have an ordinance for ad valorem taxes for 2018 because the council did not pass the ordinance. Councilwoman Richards also stated that the taxes had been collected illegally and there probably would be litigation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Richards and second by Councilman Clark to have the next Council meeting in person. Vote was 3 no, 2 yes and 1 abstain. Motion failed.

All six items under Councilman Clark's requests will be addressed at the February 25th meeting. Councilwoman Richards stated she had items she wanted on the agenda for February 25th. Mayor Moore instructed Councilwoman Richards to e-mail items to the City Clerk and we would get all we can on the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stewart and second by Councilwoman Wood to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 PM. Motion carried unanimously.


Mayor Brenda Moore

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Debbie Batliner