



**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**City Hall—Council Chambers, 590 40th Ave NE**  
**Thursday, February 18, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**

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**Mayor**  
*Amada Márquez Simula*  
**Councilmembers**  
*John Murzyn, Jr.*  
*Connie Buesgens*  
*Nick Novitsky*  
*Kt Jacobs*  
**City Manager**  
*Kelli Bourgeois*

**MINUTES**

The following are the minutes for the special meeting of the City Council held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 18, 2021 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 590 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E., Columbia Heights, Minnesota. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this hybrid meeting was held both virtually and in-person.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Márquez Simula called the special meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Márquez Simula, Councilmembers Buesgens, Jacobs, Murzyn, Jr., and Novitsky

Also Present: Lenny Austin, Police Chief; Kelli Bourgeois, City Manager; Erik Johnston, Police Captain; Nicole Tingley, City Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS**

**1. Closed Session- Discussion of Logistics for Mutual Aid Agreement with Minneapolis**

Mayor Márquez Simula stated that this item would be a closed session. She closed the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute §13D.05 Subd. 3(d) to discuss providing Police mutual aid service to Minneapolis. She stated that this discussion will include logistics of police service which would pose a danger to public safety and compromise security procedures if discussed during an open session. The work session went into closed session at 4:03 pm.

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Also Present: Lenny Austin, Police Chief; Kelli Bourgeois, City Manager; Erik Johnston, Police Captain; Nicole Tingley, City Clerk

The work session returned to open session at 4:59 pm.

**2. Request Authorization of Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Minneapolis**

*Motion by Councilmember Buesgens seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr. to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for law enforcement services. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Buesgens, Jacobs, Márquez Simula Murzyn, Jr. Nays: Novitsky. Motion, Carried 4-1.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Councilmember Jacobs, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr., to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes, Motion Carried 5-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nicole Tingley, City Clerk/Council Secretary