

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

The following are the minutes for the special meeting of the City Council held at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 8, 2020, in the City Council Chambers, 590 40th Avenue N.E., Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Council President/Council Member Novitsky called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm.

Council President/Council Member Novitsky read an opening statement declaring that the meeting is being conducted via electronic means pursuant to Minnesota State Statutes Section 13D.021 as Mayor Donna Schmitt is attending via Zoom.

Present: Mayor Schmitt (via Zoom); Councilmember Buesgens; Councilmember Murzyn, Jr.; Councilmember Novitsky

Absent: Councilmember Williams

Also Present: Kelli Bourgeois, City Manager; Jim Hoeft, City Attorney; Aaron Chirpich, Community Development Director; Nicole Tingley, City Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR 3989 CENTRAL AVE NE

Council President/Council Member Novitsky reported that the City Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation in the matter of the condemnation proceedings, specifically a possible settlement agreement, for the city-owned property located at 3989 Central Ave NE.

Motion by Councilmember Buesgens, seconded by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr. to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation related to the condemnation proceedings, for the property located at 3989 Central Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b). All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

The Executive Session started at 6:49 pm and was held in the Administration Office Common Area.

Present: Mayor Schmitt (via Zoom); Councilmember Buesgens; Councilmember Murzyn, Jr.; Councilmember Novitsky

Absent: Councilmember Williams

Also Present: Kelli Bourgeois, City Manager; Jim Hoeft, City Attorney; Aaron Chirpich, Community Development Director

Motion by Councilmember Buesgens, seconded by Councilmember Novitsky to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the open session. All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

The meeting returned to the City Council Chambers.

4. RESOLUTION 2020-64, APPROVING SETTLEMENT TERMS IN EMINENT DOMAIN DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDING 02-CV-20-2515

Motion by Councilmember Buesgens, seconded by Councilmember Novitsky, to waive the reading of Resolution 2020-64, there being ample copies available to the public. All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

Motion by Councilmember Buesgens, seconded by Councilmember Novitsky, to approve Resolution 2020-64, Approving Settlement Terms in Eminent Domain District Court proceeding 02-CV-20-2515. All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

5. ADJOURN

Motion by Councilmember Murzyn, Jr., seconded by Councilmember Buesgens, to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Tingley, City Clerk/Council Secretary