

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2020**

The following are the minutes for a special meeting of the City Council held at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 590 40th Avenue N.E., Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Schmitt; Councilmember Buesgens; Councilmember Novitsky; Councilmember Williams.

Absent: Councilmember Murzyn, Jr.

Also Present: Kelli Bourgeois, City Manager; Aaron Chirpich, Community Development Director; Kyle Brassler, Developer with Reuter Walton; Nicole Tingley, City Clerk

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MISSION STATEMENT, Read by Mayor Schmitt

Our mission is to provide the highest quality public services. Services will be provided in a fair, respectful, and professional manner that effectively address changing citizen and community needs in a fiscally-responsible manner.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Buesgens, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. New Business and Reports

a. Reuter Walton Proposal for Public Safety Site

Community Development Director Chirpich provided background information on the proposal of Reuter Walton to build apartments in the lot behind the public safety site and the past feedback of City Council. He noted that at the June 3, 2020 Special City Council meeting, the City Council provided feedback to have Reuter Walton move forward with their application for tax credits. Chirpich stated that in order for them to apply, site control needs to be established and a purchase agreement was drafted to meet that need.

Chirpich presented a proposed purchased agreement to the City Council. He provided an overview of the provisions and contingencies included in the purchase agreement. These include: purchase price of \$450,000, \$10,000 earnest money deposit, a one year due diligence period with a renewal option, requirement to require free on-site parking to apartment residents as long as it remains affordable housing, and the City Council approving the purchase as an ordinance.

Chirpich explained how the land would be subdivided so that the City retains ownership of

the land dedicated for a new SACA building. Additionally, the purchase agreement includes a provision that Reuter Walton must provide shared parking for SACA.

Mayor Schmitt thanked Reuter Walton for working with the City and addressing including space for SACA and free parking for residents. She invited Kyle Brassler, Developer with Reuter Walton to speak.

Brassler thanked the City Council and City Staff. He expressed Reuter Walton's excitement for the possibility of this project. He stated that if the tax credit application is successful, they will move forward with the project. Councilmembers thanked Brassler.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Novitsky, to waive the reading of Resolution 2020-51, there being ample copies available to the public. All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

Motion by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Novitsky, to approve Resolution 2020-51, a resolution of the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, approving purchase agreement with Reuter Walton, LLC for the sale of the Public Safety outlot. All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

6. CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

It was determined not to give City Council and Administrative reports.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Buesgens, seconded by Councilmember Novitsky, to adjourn. All Ayes, Motion Carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Tingley, City Clerk/Council Secretary