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West Des Moines City Council Proceedings  
Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mayor Russ Trimble opened the special meeting of the City Council of West Des Moines, Iowa, in the Training Room of West Des Moines City Hall on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 7:32 a.m. Council members present were: R. Hardman, D. Loots, and K. Trevillyan. Council member G. Hudson participated via teleconference.

On Item 2. Agenda. It was moved by Trevillyan, second by Hardman to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote 22-496: Hardman, Hudson, Loots, Trevillyan...4 yes  
Motion carried.

On Item 3(a) Amendment to City Code - Title 7 (Public Ways and Property), Chapter 8 (Sewer Regulations), Article F (Industrial Waste) - Revisions to Fats, Oils and Grease Regulations, initiated by the City of West Des Moines

It was moved by Trevillyan, second by Hardman to consider the second reading of the ordinance.

Scott Hutchens, Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) Director, presented background information on the proposed ordinance amendment and proposed rate adjustments. He noted there are very few businesses in the WRA area that will be affected by the new surcharges for discharge to sewer, and no businesses in West Des Moines will be affected; however, Scheels and Windsor Windows will see an increase in their annual permit fees. He explained the new rates will be phased in through 2024, and then there will be a two percent increase each year after 2024. He also stated the disposal fee for food service establishments will increase from \$0.0189/gallon to \$0.0350/gallon, which is a smaller increase than their rate study recommended.

Mayor Trimble acknowledged that the WRA regulations do keep fats, oils, and grease out of the sewers which saves the City money, but he expressed concerns that the regulations can be overly burdensome for small businesses when they are required to install a grease interceptor. He inquired if the WRA would consider amending its regulations to be more favorable to small businesses.

Mr. Hutchens explained he believes the current system is working, as there has been a significant decrease of fats, oils, and grease in the sewers. He stated the WRA does try to work with small businesses, granting economic hardship waivers in some cases, because they don't want their regulations to be the reason someone chooses not to start their business.

Larry Hare, Wastewater Reclamation Facility Treatment Manager, noted since the fats, oils, and grease ordinance was adopted in 2006, there have been 21 applications from West Des Moines business, and 19 of those were approved, which means accommodations were made for those

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businesses, such as allowing a smaller system and/or requiring the system be cleaned out more frequently.

Vote 22-497: Hardman, Hudson, Loots, Trevillyan...4 yes  
Motion carried.

The City Clerk read the preamble to the ordinance.

It was moved by Trevillyan, second by Loots to approve the second reading of the ordinance.

Vote 22-498: Hardman, Hudson, Loots, Trevillyan...4 yes  
Motion carried.

It was moved by Trevillyan, second by Loots to waive the third reading and adopt the ordinance in final form.

Vote 22-499: Hardman, Hudson, Loots, Trevillyan...4 yes  
Motion carried.

It was moved by Loots, second by Trevillyan to adopt Resolution - Approval of Specific Fees and Charges.

Vote 22-500: Hardman, Hudson, Loots, Trevillyan...4 yes  
Motion carried.

On Item 4(a) Dave & Busters, 190 South Jordan Creek Parkway - Amendment to Site Plan Condition of Approval, initiated by GGP Jordan Creek, LLC

It was moved by Trevillyan, second by Hardman to adopt Resolution - Approval of Amendment to Site Plan Condition of Approval.

Vote 22-501: Hardman, Hudson, Loots, Trevillyan...4 yes  
Motion carried.

On Item 5. The Special Meeting Notice was Received and Filed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ryan T. Jacobson, CMC  
City Clerk

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ATTEST:

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Russ Trimble, Mayor