PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Rapid City, South Dakota

August 26, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at the City/School Administration Center in Rapid City, South Dakota on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Steve Allender and the following Alderpersons: Lisa Modrick, Ritchie Nordstrom, Laura Armstrong (Council President), Bill Evans, Becky Drury and Lance Lehmann; the following Alderpersons arrived during the course of the meeting: None; and the following were absent: Chad Lewis, John Roberts, Greg Strommen and Darla Drew.

Staff members present included: Finance Officer Pauline Sumption, Deputy Finance Officer Tracy Davis, City Attorney Joel Landeen and Administrative Coordinator Heidi Weaver-Norris.

Mayor asked if item CC082619-02 could be moved up and heard earlier on the agenda. Motion was made by Nordstrom, second by Modrick and carried to move item CC082619-02 before item CC082619-01.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
Charlotte Preble, Jodi Niggemann, Katarina Lage, Rachel Schuldt, Jerry Jessen, Jeff Lage, Katie Bray, Ann Deckert, Don Downs and Gigi Lage all spoke in favor of funding the arts in Rapid City including the Children’s Chorus, the Allied Arts, as well as the orchestra, concert band, marching band and choral club.

Mayor read in item (LF073119-09) Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to Sign Resolution No. 2019-063 A Resolution of Intent to Enter into Lease of Land with Cortez LLC (Hotel Alex Johnson). Motion was made by Drury, second by Modrick and carried to approve.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-063
A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO LEASE FOR A PORTION OF SIXTH STREET PARKING RAMP WITH CORTEZ LLC
PURSUANT TO SDCL 9-12-5.2

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the City of Rapid City intends to enter into a lease with Cortez LLC of real property which is located in the City of Rapid City, South Dakota, and legally described as follows:

A portion of Lots 1 through 16, Block 75, Original Town of Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota

which property generally consists of the area include 66 parking spaces located on the west side of the top tier of the parking ramp located on 6th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a hearing will be held on September 10, 2019, at 12:15 p.m. to be held at City Hall, 300 Sixth Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, to consider the lease of such property, or as soon thereafter as the item may come on for hearing at said meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the time and place of this public hearing shall be published once, at least ten days prior to the hearing, by copy of this resolution of intent or by separate notice; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following the hearing the City Council may adopt a resolution authorizing a lease upon the terms and conditions as it shall determine in said resolution.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2019.

CITY OF RAPID CITY
s/ Steve Allender
Mayor

ATTEST:
s/ Pauline Sumption
Finance Officer

Mayor read in item (CC082619-02) Approve Resolution 2019-076 of Intent to take the statutorily authorized increase in property tax revenue as part of the annual appropriation ordinance for the 2020 fiscal year. Motion was made by Modrick, second by Armstrong to approve. Drury is opposed to the increase. Modrick and Nordstrom feel the increase is fair. Motion passed 5-1 with Drury voting no.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-076
RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO TAKE THE STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUE AS PART OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR 2020.

WHEREAS, SDCL 10-13-35 limits cities ability to increase the revenue collected from property taxes in their annual budgets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the City of Rapid City may only increase the revenue collected from property taxes by the amount of growth and by the amount of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the City may choose to take all of the statutorily authorized increase in property taxes, may choose to take part of the increase, or may choose to forego any increase in property taxes as part of its annual appropriation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted Resolution No. 2012-004 which requires the City Council to approve a resolution that informs the community that the City intends to take the statutorily authorized increase in property taxes as part of the City’s annual appropriation ordinance prior to second reading of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City is allowed by state law to take a 2.4% increase in property taxes for 2020 which equals approximately $425,273 in additional property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City budget for 2020 includes the statutorily authorized increase in property taxes to account for inflation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rapid City intends to take the statutorily authorized increase in property taxes of 2.4% for 2020 as part of the annual appropriation ordinance.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2019.

CITY OF RAPID CITY
s/ Steve Allender
Armstrong took over chairmanship at 6:25 p.m. and read in item (CC082619-01) Further City Council Discussion of 2020 Budget as presented by Mayor Allender including PILT History; Allied Arts Fund Agreement; Rapid City Arts Council; Municipal Orchestra, Concert Band, Marching Band and Choral Club; and Other Discussion on the 2020 Budget. Motion was made by Modrick, second by Evans to put $25,000 back into Allied Arts from Miscellaneous Revenue. Modrick and Evans are in favor of increasing the funds to Allied Arts, not decreasing them. Sumption clarified the motion. She stated it should read to add $25,000 back into the budget for Allied Arts Contingency Fund and increase Miscellaneous Revenue by $25,000. Motion failed 2-4 with Modrick and Evans voting in favor of changing the budget.

Council agreed there would be no further budget hearings set at this time.

**ADJOURN**
There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by Drury second by Lehmann and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.