

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Rapid City, South Dakota
5:30 P.M., Thursday, November 19, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Rapid City was held at City Hall, 300 Sixth Street, in Rapid City, South Dakota on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Steve Allender and the following Alderpersons: Pat Jones, Greg Strommen, Laura Armstrong, Jason Salamun, Ritchie Nordstrom, Lance Lehmann, Bill Evans; John Roberts; and the following Alderpersons arrived during the course of the meeting: None; the following Alderperson was present by telephone: Darla Drew; and the following were absent: None

Staff members present included: Finance Director, Pauline Sumption, City Attorney Joel Landeen, Police Chief Don Hedrick, Fire Chief Jason Culberson, IT Director Jim Gilbert, Communications Coordinator Darrell Shoemaker and Administrative Coordinator Heidi Weaver.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Armstrong, second by Lehmann and carried to adopt the agenda.

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – Item 1

NON-CONSENT ITEMS – Item 1

There were no speaker request forms handed out. Mayor Allender requested that each person state their name and then speak. Each speaker had up to three minutes to talk. Approximately 35 people spoke on the topic. Kevin Weiland was the only person who spoke in favor of the ordinance. After the public spoke, Mayor Allender and each council member spoke as well. In addition, it was noted that 599 public comments had been attached to the agenda.

Jones, Lehmann, Salamun, Weifenbach and Roberts spoke in opposition of the ordinance. Drew, Nordstrom, Evans, Strommen and Armstrong spoke in favor of the ordinance. Mayor Allender also spoke in favor of the ordinance after requesting Armstrong to chair the meeting.

Mayor Allender read in item (No. CC111920-01) Approve Ordinance 6453, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS TO SLOW THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).

Motion was made by Nordstrom, second by Armstrong to approve Ordinance 6453. Discussion continued. Substitute motion was made by Salamun, second by Roberts to pass a resolution instead of an ordinance. Jones had sent out the resolution for review before the meeting, which he also read at the meeting. Roll call vote was taken on the substitute motion; those voting aye were: Jones, Lehmann, Salamun, Weifenbach, and Roberts. Those voting no were: Evans, Drew, Nordstrom, Strommen and Armstrong. Tie vote 5-5, Mayor Allender broke the tie vote with a no vote. Council went back to the original motion to approve. Roll call vote was taken to approve Ordinance 6453. Those voting aye were: Drew, Nordstrom, Evans, Strommen and Armstrong; those voting no were: Lehmann, Roberts, Jones, Salamun and Weifenbach. Mayor Allender broke the 5-5 tie by voting aye.

Mayor Allender said a second reading would take place and the city will publish that date and time when it is decided. There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by Lehmann second by Armstrong and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

ATTEST:

Finance Officer
(SEAL)

Mayor