



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING ROOM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

The Special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin Voracek at 6:11 pm. Councilors in attendance included Sara Caron, Royal Ross, Adama Doumbouya, Peter van Sluis, Tom Spooner, and Chuck Thiele. Also in attendance was City Administrator Tim Murray, Public Works Director Travis Block and City Attorney Scott Riggs.

Mayor Voracek requested a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subd. 3(b) regarding the following: to conduct a closed session pursuant to the attorney-client privilege to engage in confidential attorney-client communications and litigation strategy related to a pending litigation matter and to discuss the City's options as to participation in a multidistrict lawsuit class settlement entitled: In RE: Aqueous Film Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation; United States District Court, District of South Carolina – Charleston Division; MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMB; Case No. 2:23-cv-03147-RMG.

The city attorney was present to discuss the status of this dispute, potential settlement proposals and options for the City Council moving forward. The need for confidentiality outweighs the purposes of the open meeting law because our attorney intends to candidly discuss the City's position, its options, and potential strategies related to this active dispute and potential settlement.

Motion by Ross, seconded by van Sluis to close the Special City Council meeting and carried unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 6:12 pm.

Motion by Spooner, seconded by Doumbouya to authorize staff and the city attorney to engage Lockridge law firm to represent the City and carried unanimously.

Motion by Ross, seconded by van Sluis to open the Special City Council meeting and carried unanimously.

The meeting was opened at 6:29 pm.

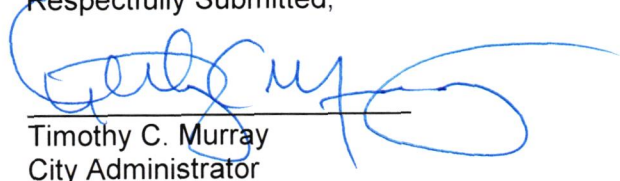
The Council discussed confidential attorney-client communications and litigation strategy related to a litigation settlement entitled: In RE: Aqueous Film Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation; United States District Court, District of South Carolina – Charleston Division; MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMB; Case No. 2:23-cv-03147-RMG and engaging Lockridge Firm to represent the City.

Adjournment

Motion by Thiele, seconded by Caron to adjourn the meeting and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy C. Murray", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy C. Murray
City Administrator