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August 6, 2024

Special City Commission Meeting

Mayor Reeves presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 PM

Civic Center, Gibson Room 212

ROLL CALL/STAFF INTRODUCTIONS: City Commission members present: Cory Reeves, Shannon Wilson, Susan Wolff, Rick Tryon and Joe McKenney. Also present were the City Manager Greg Doyon; City Attorney David Dennis; and, Deputy City Clerk Darcy Dea.

AGENDA APPROVAL: There were no proposed changes to the agenda by the City Manager or City Commission. The agenda was approved as presented.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE/EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. OPIOID LITIGATION STRATEGY DISCUSSION - CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT STRUCTURE.

Mayor Reeves explained that legal counsel requested that the presiding officer consider closing this portion of the meeting to the public and the City Commission entering into an executive session pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 2-3-203(4) because the meeting involves the discussion of litigation strategy and an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the litigation position of the City.

It was the consensus of the City Commission to enter into executive session to discuss litigation strategy.

Mayor Reeves moved, seconded by Commissioner Wolff, that the City Commission enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy.

Mayor Reeves asked if there were any comments from the public or any discussion amongst the Commissioners. Hearing none, Mayor Reeves called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Reeves explained that the Commission will remain in the Gibson Room with staff and legal counsel for the purposes of discussing pending litigation. There will be no action taken during the executive session. When the executive session concludes and the meeting is re-opened to the public, if any action needs to be taken on what has been presented or heard in executive session, the motion will then be made and opportunity for public comment and Commission discussion at that time.

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At 5:02 p.m., the meeting continued in executive session in the Civic Center Gibson Room 212 with the City Commission, City Manager, City Attorney, Deputy City Attorney, and Deputy City Clerk for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, strategy, and recent developments with regard to the multi-district litigation.

-- EXECUTIVE SESSION --

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The meeting reconvened into an open meeting. Mayor Reeves called the special meeting back to order at 5:25 p.m.

2. OPIOID LITIGATION-CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT STRUCTURE.

City Attorney Dennis reported that there has been an additional proposed settlement in the National

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Class Action Opioid Lawsuit similar in its structure to prior settlements that the city has opted into and would be governed by the same agreement among the state, counties, municipalities and towns as the prior settlements. Outside legal counsel has recommended that the City opt-in to the class action settlement with Kroger.

Commissioner Wolff moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that the City Commission opt-in to the proposed settlement framework with defendant Kroger, and authorizes the City Finance Director to execute any documents and take any other action necessary for the City to participate in said settlement.

Mayor Reeves asked if there were any comments from the public or discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Tryon clarified that any future proposed settlements would be an item on the consent agenda item for transparency.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Reeves called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **the special meeting of August 6, 2024, adjourned at 5:28 p.m.**

Mayor Cory Reeves

Deputy City Clerk Darcy Dea

Minutes Approved: August 20, 2024