



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
December 3, 2020 4:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION:

Mayor Draxler called the Special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Draxler	Mayor	Present	4:20 PM
Martin Devine	Council Member	Present	4:20 PM
Sue Sorensen	Council Member	Present	4:25 PM
Art Brieno	Council Member	Present	4:15 PM
Francisco Ramirez	Vice Mayor	Present	4:20 PM

FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Mayor Draxler.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

Bob Ramos questioned why the warrant register are included on the regular agendas.

CONSENT CALENDAR :

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

- A. Public Works: Approval of the Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Tract No. 922, Unit II and accept all easements and dedications offered for public use, and adopt Resolution 20-37-R restructuring properties within Assessment District No. 15-01 (District Restructure No. 15-01-B) (Southeast corner of 13th Avenue & Devon Street)

Public Works Director John Doyel briefly discussed the Final Map and Subdivision for Tract No. 922 Unit II and answered questions from the Council.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-37-R.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Martin Devine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Francisco Ramirez, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Draxler, Devine, Sorensen, Brieno, Ramirez

COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS:

A. Courthouse Tour

Building Superintendent, Randy Shaw, led the Courthouse tour at 4:39 p.m.

B. Courthouse Presentation

The meeting reconvened from the Courthouse tour at 5:53 p.m.

Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert discussed the history and the current status of Courthouse. HE presented 4 scenarios for Councils review and consideration.

Four Scenarios:

Scenario #1 - Take no action and continue to incur a loss of -\$138,151.

Scenario #2 - Secure a 20-year loan with a 100% occupancy and \$1.1 million shortfall.

Scenario #3- Secure a 20-year loan with an 80% occupancy and a \$2.1 million shortfall.

Scenario #4- Sell the property with an unknown outcome.

Mayor Draxler invited comments from the public. Jack Schwartz questioned the current maintenance costs and expressed his concerns about choosing the right option for the community. Bob Ramos suggested that the Courthouse be used for city offices. Building Superintendent, Randy Shaw stated that the Courthouse is not fully occupied due to internal issues. Council Member Brieno spoke in favor of scenario 3. He also commented on the potential revenue of renting out the third floor. Council Member Sorensen spoke in favor of scenarios 2 and 3. Council Member Devine spoke in favor of scenarios 2 and 3, and he was not opposed to selling the Courthouse. Council Member Devine also liked the idea of using the Courthouse for city offices. Mayor Draxler spoke in favor of scenarios 2 or 3 and expressed his concerns about selling the Courthouse to the right buyer. Interim Finance Director, Eric Frost, answered questions from the Council and discussed loan options. Dir. Frost also discussed the pros and cons of using City funds for the Courthouse improvements.

It was a consensus of the Council to direct staff to move forward with scenario 2 or 3 and bring back funding and grant options with the projected repair costs for the Courthouse. The Council also agreed that selling the Courthouse is still a possible option.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Draxler adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Corral
City Clerk