

City of Durham
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 23, 2023

- A. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.** Council President Keith Jehnke opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.
- B. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.** *Councilors present:* Keith Jehnke (via Zoom), Leslie Gifford, Chuck Van Meter, and Joshua Drake
Councilors absent: Mayor Gery Schirado
Staff present: City Administrator Linda Tate and Administrative Assistant Becky Morinishi
Visitors: Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro Policy Advisor Eduardo Ramos
- C. COUNCIL MINUTES.** Councilor Gifford moved to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2023 City Council meeting. Councilor Van Meter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0).

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- D. Council President Jehnke read the CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.**
- **Tuesday, June 6, 2023**, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:30 PM
 - **Monday, June 19, 2023**, City Hall will be closed in observance of Juneteenth
 - **Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:30 PM
- E. PUBLIC FORUM.** No members of the public were present.
- F. PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE.** No Meeting in May.
- G. PRESENTATION BY THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER.** Postponed.
- H. CONVERSATION WITH METRO COUNCILOR GERRITT ROSENTHAL.** Councilor Rosenthal shared an update on Metro's regional efforts and funding opportunities. He discussed Urban Growth Boundary additions, Safe Streets grants, and Housing Bond investments. Rosenthal noted that Supportive Housing Services fines were waived for 2021 due to miscommunication on timing and interest penalties. He added that about 1200 people have been helped off the street so far, and close to 4000 people have received rental assistance. Rosenthal informed the Council of the RidPatrol and Regional Refresh grants that are available to the City for cleanup, and noted an increase in solid waste fees for 2023/2024. Councilor Van Meter asked about the tolling project. Rosenthal responded that it has been paused until 2026.
- I. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT.**
- Update on In-N-Out – Nothing to report.
- J. FINANCIAL REPORTS.**
- Councilor Gifford moved to approve payroll checks 653-654, vendor checks 17287-17301, and electronic fund transfers totaling \$6,229.20. Councilor Drake seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0).

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K. COUNCIL COMMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- Councilor Van Meter asked how the building is going on the new homes. Administrator Tate responded that the sale of the property was finalized and the City received the lien money. Tate stated that the developer applied for tree removals and is working through demolition permits. Councilor Van Meter asked when the project will be finished. Tate responded that there is no set end date. Council President Jehnke asked how many homes are being built. Tate responded that there will be 36 in one development and 9 in the other.

L. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER SALARY OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

Postponed.

M. ADJOURN. Council President Jehnke adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM

Approved:

LESLIE GIFFORD, COUNCILOR

Attest:

LINDA TATE, CITY ADMINISTRATOR/RECORDER