



**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF VALLEY PARK
EMERGENCY BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
8:00 AM – JULY 4, 2023**

**MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM
MEETING ID: 820 8100 8943
PASSCODE: 327335**

Mayor Chandra Webster called the emergency meeting of the Valley Park Board of Aldermen to order at 8:00 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken:

Mayor:	Chandra Webster	Present		
Aldermen:	Stephanie Reynolds	Present	Jon Young	Present
	Dave Rose	Present	Eddie Walker	Present
	Betty Halker	Present	Mike White	Present
	Randy Bowen	Present	Elijah Braswell	Present
Others present:	Tim Engelmeyer, City Attorney			
	Nathan Schauf, City Administrator			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pursuant to Section 127.040 (B) of the Municipal Code of the City of Valley Park, Mayor Webster provided a statement indicating the reasons why this emergency meeting was called with less than 24 hours' notice. The stated reasons were listed as follows:

- The approved budget was due on June 30th, 2023 and it is now July 4th, 2023.
- The City is prohibited from spending taxpayer dollars without an approved budget.
- Essential City functions such as employee salaries, weekly sanitation, construction projects, and parks are threatened.

Alderman Walker made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Halker. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Bowen, Braswell, Halker, Reynolds, Rose, Walker, White, Young
No:	None
Absent:	None

MOTION TO PROCEED PURSUANT TO SECTION 127.070, PARAGRAPH B OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF VALLEY PARK

Alderman Walker made a motion to proceed with this meeting pursuant to Section 127.070, Paragraph B. of the Municipal Code of the City of Valley Park. The motion was seconded by Alderman Halker. The motion passed on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2023-10 – Adopting FY23/24 Budget

Alderman Halker made a motion to put Bill No. 2023-10 on its first reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Walker.

Alderman Braswell made a motion to amend the current motion to include a 5% raise for all employees in addition to what was included in the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds.

Alderman Braswell stated his concern about the speed that the budget was being presented for approval.

Alderman Young inquired about where the money for these raises would come from.

There was further discussion on this matter.

The motion to amend the original motion failed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Braswell, Bowen, Reynolds, Rose
No:	Halker, Walker, White, Young, Mayor Webster
Absent:	None

There was discussion on this matter.

The original motion failed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Halker, Young, White
No:	Bowen, Reynolds, Rose, Walker
Abstain:	Braswell
Absent:	None

Extending FY22/23 Budget

Alderman Walker made a motion to extend the FY22/23 budget for two weeks, engage in further discussions about the FY23/24 budget, pay employees for July 3rd, pay employees for the July 4th holiday, and to resume City services on July 5th. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Bowen, Braswell, Halker, Reynolds, Rose, Walker, White, Young
No:	None
Absent:	None

Notices for Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Meetings

Alderman Braswell made a motion to require the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee meetings to be advertised at least five days in advance of the meeting date. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Bowen, Braswell, Reynolds, Rose, Walker, White
No:	Halker, Young
Absent:	None

Bill No. 2023-12 Reaffirming the Gross Receipts Tax

City Attorney Tim Engelmeyer explained the details of the bill.

Alderman Walker made a motion to put Bill No. 2023-12 on its first reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Halker. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Bowen, Braswell, Halker, Reynolds, Rose, Walker, White, Young
No:	None
Absent:	None

Alderman Halker made a motion to put Bill No. 2023-12 on its second reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Alderman Walker made a motion to approve Bill No. 2023-12. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Bowen, Braswell, Halker, Reynolds, Rose, Walker, White, Young
No:	None
Absent:	None

Bill No. 2023-12 is now Ordinance No. 2132.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Alderman Walker made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Halker. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 am.

Minutes approved July 17, 2023.


Nathan Schauf
City Administrator