

**City of Alpine
Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 17th, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of allegiance to the flag – Mayor Rangra called the City Council meeting to order. Invocation was said by Lana Covington. Pledge of allegiance to the flags was led by Mayor Rangra.**

- 2. Determination of a quorum and proof of notice of the meeting – There was a quorum present. Mayor Rangra, Councilors Bermudez, Salas, Fitzgerald, and Gonzales were present. The City Secretary said the notice had been posted at 3:55 P.M. on June 13, 2014. City Manager Zimmer, City Attorney and City Finance Director Megan Antrim were present.**

- 3. Presentations, recognitions and proclamations – None**

- 4. Reports –**
 - City Mayor’s Report - Mayor Rangra said last week on Friday we hosted the Texas Municipal League Region IV meeting here in Alpine. He said we had a good meeting. He said our own City Councilmember Angie Bermudez was elected first Vice-President. He said he also wanted to thank Megan who did a wonderful job. He said she not only had to get the agenda ready that day but also had to oversee all of the work that went on to make this meeting on Friday a successful meeting.**

 - City Attorney Report – Barbara said we have just been helping Erik on general items and there is no specific report from them today.**

 - City Manager Report – The City Manager said the TxDot project continues to be underway on Avenue E. He said they have now moved to the south side. He said the south side had the majority of manholes for us from a city perspective so we tend to be a little bit more concerned about the work that is going on right now. He said it appeared to be potentially a leakage issue on Saturday. He said it turned out that it was just some residual water. He said he did get a couple of calls today and yesterday about that. He said that was on Avenue E. He said the other piece that is important is that we continue to provide assistance to TxDot in their work. He said we have done some street sweeping for them, as well as a couple of other tasks. He said we are working with them on that because as we hit some of the key intersections like Garnet and 12th Street where we have had lower depressions and a lot of accumulation of water, one of the commitments we got from Chris Weber at TxDot is that they will remediate those issues**

in conjunction with us. He said Hector and his team will be basically repairing those little outlet streets at the end of this week and then we look to have them run hot asphalt over that. He said he thinks that is important because a lot of people experience, especially coming out of Stripes and Porters in that area. He said we want to get those so that when it rains like it is now we get good flow into the drainage systems and not sitting there flowing in the streets. He said we are also progressing on the 14th Street project. He said we are doing our final grade this week and then we will pave next week weather permitting. He showed pictures of the work at 14th Street. He said we have received a lot of positive feedback on our work on 14th Street. He said he did have a resident ask him on Saturday why we were not doing Sul Ross and why we were doing 14th Street. He said he told them we would be doing Sul Ross after we did 14th but as he shared at the last council meeting we did not want to run the Sul Ross Avenue and the Avenue E and parallel because too many people need to use Sul Ross as an outlet.

The City Manager said concerning the Solid Waste Advisory Committee said he and our Keep Alpine Beautiful Coordinator, Patsy McWilliams attended the biennial meeting in El Paso this past week. He said we have to attend the SWAC meeting if we are to be eligible for some of the grant money that they give. He said primarily in the past the city has used it for tire abatement. He said one of the County Commissioners from Brewster County as well. He said he wanted to work with the city on putting together kind of a joint proposal to help all of Brewster County for tire abatement. He said what that will do is help minimize the shipping fees as we haul those tires up north. He said he thinks it provides a demonstration to the community that from a city and county perspective we are really working hard on the tire abatement piece. He said also at the meeting they had an opportunity to meet with Pamela Aguirre with TCEQ Enforcement Division. He said she is one that has been monitoring specifically the old Marathon Highway lift station as well as our wastewater treatment plant. He said we talked about a lot of the improvements that we are making on the wastewater treatment plant today. He said also it was an opportunity to meet with Carl McIlheny from Congressman Pete Gallego's office, who attended the meeting.

He said concerning the water and sewer, we are averaging 1.89 million gallons daily. He said over the past week we have actually throttled back a little bit with the rain which is good. He said we do anticipate that we will get back down to the 1.5 or 1.6 million gallon usage if we see the rain in the forecast that has been projected to come. He said we are also receiving approximately 530,000 gallons of waste to the wastewater treatment plant. He said we are also sending approximately ten tons of sludge this week to the landfill. He said that is a significant thing that TCEQ and he have talked about, along with Virgil Clark, on how do we remediate the old oxidation ditch and make sure that we are getting the sludge out of that and getting it dried and moving it out to the landfill. He said we are working on our

aerator solution to present to council at the next meeting. He said right now we are currently working on our main aerator out there, but we do need to have the backup installed and functional. He said it is not a low dollar item but it is critical to the performance of the plant. He said this next week he will be meeting with the Texas Water Development Board in Austin on Monday to discuss our water and sewer here in Alpine.

He said concerning "Keep Alpine Beautiful", our glass crusher unfortunately broke down again and we had to repair that. He said we are crushing about a half ton of glass per day. He said we continue to see a steady increase in folks that are bringing out glass. He said we appreciate that. He said we are working with Hector and Eddie from our public works department to supplement some labor out there in order to keep up. He said he reviewed the site this past week with our coordinator, Patsy as well as TDS. He said we have a new bin coming out there for the carton material and we wanted to make sure that we still have good flow of traffic around the recycle bins. He said for those of you who use it, a lot of people pass through to the East and then back around to the North to exit the facility. He said he was a little concerned that if we brought another element in there, and block that traffic flow, we might get some complaints. He said we found a solution so that traffic would still flow well through there. He said if you do not have good flow, you run the risk of people becoming disenfranchised and not wanting to come out. He said we are targeting doing a fall electronics recycling event and scheduling that the week after Labor Day. He said in that way if we can implement a couple of these a year, we think we can continue to push for recycling.

He said concerning the finance department, with Molly being out for a short period of time, a couple of things happened. He said we had to push the RFP for electricity procurement. He said we hope to present that this week but with the time constraints on Megan, filling in for Molly, plus helping with the TML conference, we were not able to get that cued up for this week. He said we are reviewing, and he appreciates the Mayor's comment on the TML conference. He said we are very pleased with Megan and the entire staff here, who helped that come together. He said there is one other thing that has kind of come to our attention over the last couple of weeks too, is as we have implemented a new purchase order process with our department heads. He said we have done a good job of controlling our spending. He said we need to make sure that all of our boards and committees out there understand what that process is too because expenditures do have to come through the finance department, even if it is a budgeted item. He said we will be implementing that over the next month. He said as of this morning, we started our expense planning for the 2014/2015 expense cycle. He said that will come post the five year capital plan recommendation. Councilor Bermudez said the City Manager mentioned that he is going to Austin on Monday to talk to the Water Development Board. Councilor Bermudez said she would like for our Mayor and maybe a councilman or just our Mayor to accompany him so he could

be on that also. She said another thing the City Manager mentioned, and she does not know how to pronounce the gentleman's name, but he is the field representative. She said he called her also. She said at the last meeting we were trying to get hold of Pete Gallego about this Airport thing. She said the field rep called her today and she was telling him also about the sewer. She said they got to talking about the sewer and he told her that Pete told him to contact her and find out where they were at, at this time. She said she told him what was going on and how we got a letter back from the Texas Water Development Board stating that we now could proceed with the project. She said the field rep said there was no need for them to help us because we have got it right there. She said he suggested that we follow this. She said the real reason that she was supposed to contact him was about the Airport. She said this was about monies that **Ciro Rodriguez** had given to Alpine for the Airport. She said with everything that went on and so forth, we had no time to really get into this. She said we had a lot of things at the airport. She said one of the things is the airways or pathways or whatever you call them. She said they are really bad and we do not want any accidents to happen. She said she thinks that instead of sending that back to the feds, we could send in a letter that we want that money back. She said some of us are thinking we could give it back to them and we will get some more next year. She said some of us are thinking, we already have the money and lets use it. She said the field rep said if we return the money it will not look very good for us. She asked if there was any way that we could start something to use the money. **Barbara**, with the City Attorney's office, asked if she could interject something at this point. She asked if this was an item that was scheduled on the agenda. **Councilor Bermudez** said it is part of what we talked about at the last meeting, that we were supposed to contact somebody to help us with that Airport money and she said she thought what better way than to do it under the City Managers report. **Barbara** asked if **Councilor Bermudez** could give her an agenda item because she prefers that the discussion not continue on this. She said she does not see the agenda item unless she is missing it. The City Manager said we do not have an agenda item on the Airport this week. **Barbara** said she was sorry but she just felt like this was going on too long and it is not on the agenda. She said **Councilor Bermudez** would need to schedule this for the next agenda or next meeting. **Councilor Bermudez** said that was not problem and she figured that was going to happen.

City Staff Updates – None

5. Citizens Comments (on agenda items) –

Carl Fleming – recommended that an election be held in Ward 5 on item #9 to replace **Councilor Castelli**, so that people in the ward will have a say on who is representing them on the City Council.

6. Public Hearings –

- A. Public Hearing to obtain citizens views and comments concerning a special exception variance to allow Kathryn Norman to reside in an RV on her property. This special exception would promote her safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience. Property Identification Street Address is Original Town, Block 10, Lots 3-5, 607 W. Holland, Alpine, Texas 79830. Legal Description is Original Town, Block 10, Lots 3-5. Record Owner is Kathryn Norman who resides at 607 W. Holland Avenue, Alpine, Tx. Agent is James Cook. (E. Zimmer, CM) – James Cook said he and his wife take care of her mother who is 83 years old. He said they are wanting to let her live in an RV on her property and this is in a C2, Commercial Zone. He said they have applied for a special exception. He said he had not heard from the Planning and Zoning Commission but someone told him that they recommended the variance. He said they just want to keep her there and take care of her and make sure she stays in good health and is watched. He said he cannot think of any reason why this would be denied. He said he cannot think of anything detrimental to the city concerning this. He said he is asking the council for the variance. Carl Fleming said he gave everyone a copy of the current city ordinances. He said this situation in question is #7. He said he has questions about this. He said the sewer hookup appears to be relatively new. He said it does not meet code and was not permitted. He said this looks like a permanent hook up to the RV. He said the RV is parked in a C2 which is not permitted. He said it is being used primarily as a house or the structure and as far as he can ascertain there were 3 people living there until Mrs. Norman arrived. He said recently a handicapped rail was put up on the RV. He said the only reason he knows this is because he walks by that structure, 5 days a week, going to get the mail. He said it is currently in the historic district. He asked if the trailer was currently registered. He said any RV has to be currently registered. He said he knows this is C2 but it appears to be a residence and not a business. He said he thinks this is not a good idea because it sets a precedent that there are a lot of people who would enjoy buying an RV instead of having a relative in a nursing home to have them living next to them, close by, so that they can keep an eye on them. Katie Elms Lawrence asked if this constituted spot zoning and if so it was against the law. She said her heart goes out to them but there is already a residence in a downtown area. She said it looks like spot zoning which is against the law. Ron Wells said his understanding is that the area is a commercial zone which actually encompasses all the zones underneath it as well. He said his understanding is that it can be used for any of those purposes. He said he does not think it would be a problem for someone living in a commercial zone. He said as far as spot zoning the purpose of the variance is to allow for a hardship situation. He said the comment was made that everybody will want their parents living next to them in an RV**

and personally he does not understand why that would be a concern. He said family looking out for family is much better than putting a family member into a nursing home. He said if there is a way to allow somebody to do that affordably, he thinks that we should go out of our way to do that.

- B. Public Hearing to hear citizens views and comments concerning a Building Setback Variance for a Carport over existing driveway. This is a corner lot and code requires a 25 foot setback from property line for any structure. Contractor will be George Johnson and structure will be all metal construction – if variance approved. This size will be 9 feet tall by 18 feet wide by 23 feet long. Property identification/Street Address is 1105 Fighting Buck Avenue. Legal Description is North Addition, Block 30, Lots 3 and 4. Record owner is John M. Jarratt who resides at 1105 Fighting Buck Avenue, Alpine, Texas. (E. Zimmer, CM) - John Jarrett** said he lives at 1105 Fighting Buck Avenue. He said he is the one who is asking for the variance. He said he really did not plan on attending this meeting tonight. He said things did not go very well at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. He said he felt like he was lectured to, belittled and embarrassed for even asking to have a variance for the carport. He said the Zoning Commission told him that it is against the law to have any structure within 12 ½ feet of the property line. He said that is the way it is written and that is why he is asking for a variance. He said his neighbor across the street, Mr. Wells, has a setback. He said it was built months ago and he has a setback of 6 feet. He said he did not have to have a variance and was granted a building permit. He said the neighbor on the other side of him is a Doctor who also has a carport that was put up between 6 and 9 months ago and the zoning permit was approved without a variance. He said the doctor is about 4 feet from his property line. He said he is not allowed to use that as justification because the law says that precedence does not count when you are asking for a permit or variance. He said he still thinks the law has not changed in the past three months or six months but the interpretation is what has changed. He said one member of the zoning board inferred that maybe he had too many vehicles and if he got rid of one he would not need a carport. He said both Mr. Pallanez and he were denied by the Planning and Zoning Board for a carport. He said he and Mr. Pallanez asked why a previous carport variance was approved and they were told that it was because it was a \$100,000 remodel job and the carport itself would be over \$10,000 and that the person requesting it had provided architectural drawings. He said the Commission said if they could meet that kind of criteria their request might be considered. He said it seems to him that the Commission is trying to draw a line in the sand. He showed the council pictures of where he wanted to put the carport on an existing driveway that is 18 by 35 feet long. He said the carport would be attached to the eaves on his garage. He said the structure will be all

metal and will be welded construction. He said the color is coordinated tan and the roof will match the house. He said the estimated cost is about \$5,000 but that also includes the \$250 variance request that he paid for. He said he has had the house for 22 years and it has always been his intent to improve both the value and the appearance of the property to build an open carport. Carl Fleming said he is on the Planning and Zoning commission. He said both of these carports came up and were only voted down 3 to 2. He said that is not the way the ordinance is written and we were trying to follow the ordinance. He said he told Mr. Jarrett to give this his best shot with the City Council. He said he thinks he took his advice to heart and gave it a good shot.

C. Public Hearing to hear citizens views and comments concerning a Building Setback Variance for a 6 foot side set back carport. This is a corner lot on 14th Street and Brown Street. Code requires 12 ½ feet from property line to any structure on the site setback. Applicant is requesting a 6 foot encroachment into the required 12 ½ foot setback for a carport on an existing driveway. Property Identification/Street Address is 1001 W. Brown. Legal Description is Shipman Addition, Block 5, Lots 11-12. Record Owner is David Pallanez, 1001 W. Brown Street, Alpine, Texas. (E. Zimmer, CM) – David Pallanez said he lived at 1001 W. Brown Street. He said he felt the same way as Mr. Jarratt. He said he has lived all his life in Alpine. He said he is not going to depreciate the value of his house. He said all he is asking for is a 6 foot variance. He said to him he felt that Mr. Fleming made a comment first about Mr. Pallanez putting up a portable carport. He said then Mr. Pallanez said he hoped that we could move on. He said he wanted his house to look better. He said he hoped that we could get this problem solved.

7. Consent Agenda – (Minutes, Financial reports, Department Written Reports, board appointments, etc.) –

A. Approve accounts payable. (E. Zimmer, CM)

Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald to accept the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilor Salas. Councilors Fitzgerald and Salas voted in favor. Councilors Bermudez and Gonzales voted against. Mayor Rangra said he had some questions about a few items so he thought he would vote to move these items to the action items. Item 7A was moved to action items.

8. Information or Discussion items – None

Action Items to be accompanied by a brief statement of facts, including where funds are coming from, if applicable. (Action items limited to 15 per meeting.) –

7A. Approve Accounts Payable - Councilor Gonzales said he had an item on the agenda about the availability of resources for continuing education and training of City Council members. He said he had a question about some training that Mr. Zimmer took. He said it was on page 4, Administrative Expense for travel and training to El Paso in the amount of \$308.96. Councilor Gonzales said there is a difference here in the sense that the City Council has to come and submit a request for approval and he does not remember approving anything for the City Manager on that. He asked if that should have been brought to the City Council or not. City Manager Zimmer said he paid for this out of his own pocket. He said if the Council does not want to approve it, that is their prerogative. Councilor Gonzales said he was not asking the City Manager to pay for it, he was asking for the specifics. The City Manager said the expense did not occur until he went out of town to the meeting for the SWAC. He said it was on the budget as far as travel and training. Councilor Gonzales said what he is saying is that when the City Council wants to go to training, they have to submit a request saying they would like to attend a training and it has to be approved. He asked if he was wrong or not. He said who approves it? The City Manager said the Council approves it. Councilor Gonzales said the Council says “okay, you can go for training”. The City Manager said yes. Councilor Gonzales said even though there is money in the budget, correct. The City Manager said correct. Councilor Gonzales said he was saying what is the difference between the City Manager doing that and the Council doing that. He said in other words did the City Manager bring it to the City Council to see if they would approve that. The City Manager said he did not bring it to the Council. He said he did review with the City Council on the 180 day plan that he would commit to completing two training elements in the first 180 days and that was approved by council. He said this was a meeting, a scheduled SWAC meeting that required attendance. He said he did not come to the Council and ask for the approval of the gas money before he went up there. Councilor Gonzales said “did you feel like that was okay”. The City Manager said this was the first trip he went on. Councilor Gonzales said “again, he was referring to the fact that you did not bring it to the city council.” He said “you are spending city money, correct?” The City Manager said “correct”. Councilor Gonzales said “and if we are spending city money and it is allocated in our budget, then they have to get approval from the city council too.” He said “I don’t see why you should not be able to do the same thing.” He said that is why he is questioning the expenditure and the procedure if it is good enough for the council then it should be good enough for you too. Councilor Bermudez asked why the Council had to ask permission if the money was in the budget. Mayor Rangra asked what a liability group was under the gas department part of the accounts payable. City Manager Zimmer explained that deposits are the liability, one was gas and one was water. He said every month we have customers that

leave and we refund their deposits that they make. So every month, or every other week on the accounts payable you will see a list of these customer deposits. He said we show them as a liability. He said when we take the money in, we owe them the money and so that is a liability. Mayor Rangra said that is fine. Mayor Rangra said another question he has is, there are quite a few individuals that are on a contract basis. He said like the City Attorney, on page 2, item 4 from the bottom, the amount was for \$14,000. He asked if that was for one month or for two or three months. The City Manager said it was for one month. He said it was for a combination of the Scown suit, the Historical Preservation District as well as the Municipal Court Audit that we are trying to wrap up. He said there were some large items. Mayor Rangra said then on Clark Utility Services on page 5, contract services for the month of May was \$8,100. Mayor Rangra said Virgil is not on a regular salary, right? The City Manager said correct. He said the Council signed a contract with him in October. Mayor Rangra said can we maybe in the future, if it is possible, attach to this accounts payable, another page that lets the council members know from month to month how much he is getting paid. He asked if we could have past months, how much he has been paid so far for clarity and openness and accountability. He said he said he does not want to say tomorrow that our lawyers are costing us so much money or so and so is costing us so much money, after they find this in a tpia, and we have no idea how much it is. He said our friends in the media will start hounding him. He said this is with all due respect. He asked if they could do that please. He said those are some of the concerns and the questions that he had. Motion was made by Councilor Gonzales to approve the accounts payable by Resolution 2014-06-07. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

9. **Discuss and Consider accepting the resignation of Council Member Michael Castelli – Ward 5. (A. Rangra, Mayor) – The Mayor said he gave the Council earlier, an email that was received by our City Secretary, Molly Taylor from Michael Castelli. He said he talked with Barbara earlier to get her opinion. He said he would read the email and if the council had any questions about the legality of this, you can ask Barbara a question and then we will take a vote. He said you may abstain if you want to. He said Robert's Rules says that you can do that. Mayor Rangra read the email from Michael Castelli, dated Wednesday, June 4th, 2014 at 3:15 A.M. He said the subject was "Resignation" and the email was to Molly Taylor. The email read "Alpine has a long and very well documented history of poor management and financial irresponsibility. It seemed last summer that finally the window of opportunity had opened for some meaningful and lasting change. I was excited about the possibility of being a part of that process and willing to make the sacrifices necessary to see it to fruition. Recent events prove that if that possibility for change ever existed, that opportunity is no longer probable. At this point I can no longer justify the**

personal sacrifice this public office requires. It is said that a rubber band can be stretched in quite a direction but once you let go it returns to its original position. Alpine proves to be that rubber band. After much contemplation I shall consider my public service ended after completing one full year.” Regards, Michael Castelli, Alpine City Council, Ward 5. Councilor Bermudez made a motion, by Resolution 2014-06-08, to accept the resignation of Michael Castelli. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passes.

10. Discuss and Consider making Cherry Street and a portion of West Del Rio Street (from Middle School Drive) school zones. (J. Fitzgerald/C. Salas) – Councilor Fitzgerald said Terry who lives on Cherry Street, asked Sergeant Fierro if we could make Cherry Street a school zone. He said this is on the west side of the Middle School. He said Sergeant Fierro said this had to be approved by Council. He said Sergeant Fierro came and saw him and he went and talked to Terry and she was right. He said a lot of people go down that street and there is nothing to stop them from Middle School and Del Rio all the way down to Cherry and Brown. He said since half the street is his and half of the street is Councilor Salas’, he approached her and asked if she would like to co-author an agenda item and she agreed. He said then they went to see what the ramifications could possibly be. He said they went to the police and talked to Lieutenant LoSoya and Sergeant Fierro and they thought that was a good idea. He said in fact Lieutenant LoSoya extended what we were originally asking for. He said they originally were just talking about Cherry Street but Lieutenant LoSoya recommended that we do Del Rio as well as there is nothing there. He said there are no houses and there is where the bus barn is. Councilor Fitzgerald said they then went to Hector Ramirez to see if he had any heartburn with it, because he is in charge of streets. He said Hector said to go ahead with it and get Council approval and he would then put the signs up. He said Terry subsequently, while they were doing that, went and got a petition and there are 50 names of all the people that were there at the time. He said Terry said the neighbors were very enthusiastic about that. He said after that they went to TxDot and talked to Chris Weber because TxDot was the one that originally laid Cherry Street. He said Chris told him that Alpine paid for it so they have no skin in the game. He said we have a situation here where we are trying to protect the Middle School kids because they go across Cherry Street to go into the apartments on Peach and the other streets in there. He said you know how kids are nowadays, they have buds in their ears and they cannot hear a thing. He said they are texting and they do not see a thing. He said that is the way they are. He said sooner or later someone will get hit with a car. He said he really does not think that he or Councilor Salas wants to be responsible for that on our watch. He said sooner or later something like that is going to happen and we are going to have a father up here saying that he has to bury his daughter because the council did not do something this obvious to protect his daughter. He said he

Councilor Fitzgerald. She said our children should be our priority and we need to slow the traffic down there for their safety. Mayor Rangra said he thinks that we need to do this for the future. Motion was made by Councilor Fitzgerald by Resolution 2014-06-09, to approve making Cherry Street and a portion of West Del Rio Street (from Middle School Drive) into school zones. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Councilor Bermudez asked if this was legal. The City Manager said there is nothing illegal to doing that. He said we would go through the City Attorney and ensure that we do not have to have an ordinance to change the speed limit but even if we did it would be a simple process to go through. Councilor Fitzgerald said Chris Weber told him last night that he would be happy to send us a copy of the latest state rules on this kind of stuff if it was necessary. Barbara said there is a process actually for changing a speed limit. She said they can help walk us through that. She said it was not a big deal. Carl Fleming said he used to live in that vicinity and he would suggest one other addition to the signs. He said they should not just be speed limit but one that states that drivers do not use cell phones in that area. He said usually if people are going to be hit it is because people are driving texting or on cell phones, rather than the kids. David Pallanez suggested that we go by the whole square around the middle school and all the streets included in that. He said he thinks that the whole area, Del Rio, Cherry, 14th and Brown. Councilor Fitzgerald said there is already a school zone sign on Middle School Road from Del Rio to Brown and over from Brown to Cherry. He said this would totally circle the school. David said he had seen a lot of speeders. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and Consider availability of resources for continuing education and training of City Council members. (J. Gonzales) - Councilor Gonzales said he wanted to bring this up because he feels it is very important. He said Mr. Castelli had approval by the City Council for some training and he cancelled the training and he asked the question if the money was available to train our new council member. He said he thinks going to these classes where they teach you a little about being a councilman is very important. He said he does not think any of us claims to know that we know everything there is to know and it is a learning process. He said we need the training so that we can sit here and do a good job. He said last year our budget had been cut by \$10,000 due to a financial situation. He asked if we could add new training funds to this budget item. He said he really does not consider them junkets. He said he thinks it is a learning process, not only from the classes but from other people who are attending the classes and have similar problems in their cities. He said we do talk to them and share not only the problems but some of the solutions that they have come up with. He said he is concerned and he thinks that we need to address this. Mayor Rangra asked if he had an amount in mind. Councilor Gonzales said basically our budget had been cut by \$10,000 and he would like to go ahead and add that to our budget for training. Mayor Rangra asked if Councilor

Rangra had a source where the money was coming from. Councilor Gonzales said he would like to ask the Manager if that was possible and then bring it back to us so that we can address increasing the budget on that. Motion was made by Councilor Gonzales, by Resolution 2014-06-10, to increase the travel and training budget for the City Council by \$10,000 for the next years budget and ask the City Manager to find a source and bring it back to the Council so that we can address increasing the budget on that item. Motion was seconded by Councilor Bermudez. Barbara said it sounds like there is not a specified place that you can pull this money from so that will be something that needs to be decided when you bring this back. She said other than that, it is good. Councilor Gonzales said we are going to be looking at our new budget. He said in fact we are starting right now. He said this is something we need to consider as one of the items. He said he does not know that we are going to find money to do this but he would like to increase the budget for the following year. Barbara said you might want to put that in your motion that you are asking the City Manager to look at increasing this amount in the following year and coming back to you with information on whether that can be done as opposed to your first motion. Councilor Gonzales said Barbara is making an assumption that he meant immediately. He said he is thinking that we are going to be looking at the budget again so instead of trying to keep it the same he would like to increase it. Councilor Bermudez said with what Councilor Gonzales is saying his agenda item really should have been for the next budget and not right now. Councilor Gonzales said we have to go through the process of getting a public hearing to increase the budget and so on, so he is just trying to amend the budget. He said he really does not have an explanation as to where we are going to get this money. He said he is not one of the financial people that keeps up with how much money we have but he does think that it is important and we need to look at it so in the following year we can add this money to it and make sure that everyone gets their training. Councilor Bermudez said that is what Councilor Gonzales is asking, for the City Manager to make sure that next year we have the money available, but it goes up. Councilor Gonzales said right. Councilor Bermudez said the way she was reading this was that Councilor Gonzales was asking the City Manager to try to find the money now to add to our existing budget. Councilor Gonzales said we have four more months and we are already beginning to work on the budget. Mayor Rangra said we have three and one half months left. Councilor Bermudez said so that is what you want, for next year. Councilor Gonzales said yes. Councilor Fitzgerald said we are already starting the budget process and he agrees that maybe we should address this next year. He said we certainly do not want money to do this, this year. He said another thing that he would suggest is whatever the budget amounts to, it gets allocated, so that we are very discreet in what classes we apply for. He said Councilor Salas has to go through TOMA training. He said that is the law. He said whether we like it or not, she gets to go and do that, because that is the law. He said we should equally divide some of that

stuff among all of us so that we all get a chance to go and then we decide what is more germane to individual interests and what is in each council members background. He said that is just a suggestion to throw in there too for the budget. Councilor Fitzgerald said he thinks that whole discussion is more apropos to the budget process. Councilor Bermudez said right, not until then. Councilor Gonzales said he thought we needed to start thinking about it now plus he wanted to point out that the training for Mr. Castelli has been cancelled so there is money available for that and for Councilor Salas to be able to be trained. He said that is not money that he is coming up with. He said that is money that is already in the budget that was allocated. Mayor Rangra asked how much money we had available right now for training. The City Manager said a little over \$3,000. Mayor Rangra said so that money is available for the next three and one half months. He said if Councilor Salas wants to attend training, which she needs to do, we have the money and that is great. Mayor Rangra said we have to keep in mind when we look at our budget, that anywhere we go from Alpine is going to cost us. He said we will usually travel at least 200 miles and that will cost us about \$400 or \$500. He said that is the part that you need to keep in mind. Councilor Gonzales said his motion concerns increasing the budget next year. Mayor Rangra said we have \$3,000 available for this year. Councilor Gonzales said he likes Councilor Fitzgerald's idea where you allocate monies to each individual councilman and let them choose what classes they want to attend. He said he thinks that is a good idea. Councilor Bermudez said Councilor Gonzales mentioned that we learn how to be a Councilmember. She said we do not learn how to be a Councilmember. She said they show you the rules and regulations and they show you everything that is changing constantly as far as what we can and can't do as a Councilmember. Councilor Gonzales said that is because Councilor Bermudez is in a higher grade than him. John Waters said he does have some questions about some of the expenditures that the City Council has allowed over the last year for travel and training. He said he thinks they are wasteful, inappropriate and possibly fraud. He said he understands that Councilor Gonzales and Councilor Bermudez went to Austin for training to become familiar with the Texas Public Investments Act. He said that allows both of them to be investment officers. He asked if they were investment officers and did they manage portfolios for the City of Alpine. He also asked if the City of Alpine had any investment rules. He asked the City Manager who the investment officer was for the City of Alpine. Mayor Rangra said we are not going to turn this into a debate. He asked John Waters to give the council his points. John said he was going to ask the City Manager for his opinion. He said "if the city does not have an investment officer, or if the city does not have any funds to invest, you have wasted a lot of time and money". He said "you guys went to Austin and spent \$1,200 to go to Austin, possibly for no reason". He said "this is a wasteful expenditure". He said "these people indicted the City Manager for spending \$300 and they went to Austin for no reason whatsoever". He said they could have taken this class

on line. He said “you talk about the TOMA training for Councilor Salas”. He said she does not have to go. He said everyone is saying go, go, go. He said she can do it on line. He said the Councilmembers could have taken the class for \$250 for managing some fictitious portfolio. He said before you even entertain the possibility, the budget is \$30,000 for training. He said Councilor Bermudez has gone to more classes than anyone in the state of Texas, according to the TML website. He asked if this city could afford that. He said you have a \$30,000 budget. He told Councilor Bermudez that her budget for travel and training is \$8,700. He said Councilor Gonzales’ budget is over \$6,000. He said “you sit here and you indict this man for spending \$300. I am greatly disappointed in your behavior.” He said he is happy to entertain any questions that any of the council has. Mayor Rangra said he was conducting the meeting and not John Waters. He said that is to be understood. He said if he wants to debate or not is up to him. John Waters said he understands. Mayor Rangra said “you don’t tell me what I should do.” He said this will not be a debate. John Waters said he would be happy to answer any questions from the Mayor, Mr. Zimmer or the City Attorney. Ekta Escovar said she is a physician and as a physician they have a similar type of allotment as part of their contract no matter where they sign. She said continuing medical education is a part of our responsibility to our patients. She said there is a similarity in knowing what you do as part of your job as a duty to the public. She said as a physician and as different as their roles may be, they do get an allotment per person, a certain amount, per year. She said if you use it anything over the amount is out of your own pocket and anything that you don’t do allotted gets lost to whatever other part of the city budget that money can get allotted to. She said use it or lose it. She said it is done by person and depending on what type of physician you are, you can choose what area you want to go into and what conferences you want to go to, etc. She said as a physician she can tell the council that per year her allotted amount is \$1,500. She said that is all she gets. She said anything she wants to do above and beyond that is out of her own pocket. She said as much as she is surprised that the council has such an extensive budget, she does think that allotting it per person would be very useful so that no one gets an unfair proportion of that budget. Mayor Rangra said about this item he has to say a couple of things. He said when you go to these meetings, and you listen to the high powered lawyers, after they explain everything they say it is up to you what you want to do. He said what is the law, we do not know what the law is. He said he has gone to some of these meetings. He said what he must say is sometimes this is where people find what their problems are that you cannot find by going on line. He said the impact it has is pretty great. He said his personal opinion is that we elect people and we want them to make decisions for the welfare of the community. He said we need to provide them opportunities to learn. He said you cannot learn everything on line. He said on line there are words only. He said you cannot discuss and you cannot argue just like we were talking about earlier. He said when he is going on line he cannot argue. He

said if he gets mad he will just throw the screen or monitor, perhaps. He said these are the issues and this is a political thing. He said as a chemist, he goes to meetings and he can see the things on line. He said formulas do not change but in politics it is the issues concerning the public and people have to be trained. He said if we start talking about a dime here and a dime there and then they wind up making wrong decisions with a ten million dollar budget, we might have to pay for that. He said he does not think this is something that they particularly enjoy. He said he will pay next time for whoever wants to go with him and follow him. He said he would pay for his part. He said it is not an admonition. He said the question is we are so far away from everything. He said it is costing the city \$8,000 for the lawyer. He said why do we have a lawyer, so we make decisions that do not get us in a bad situation, so the city cannot be sued if we make a wrong decision. He said that was his personal opinion. He said this has been discussed. Councilors Bermudez, Gonzales, Salas and Fitzgerald voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. Discuss and Consider playground equipment at Kokernot Park. (A. Bermudez) - Councilor Bermudez said Dr. Escovar was present. Mayor Rangra said he believed the council had the information that was given to them today. He said they also had information that was given to them last week and yesterday as well. Dr. Escovar said the council should have 12 inch by 18 inch color pictures from Kokernot Park. She said she has been a pediatrician in Alpine now for ten months and she plans to be here for a very long time. She said in her short tenure, she has seen a total of ten different injuries from the equipment used at Kokernot Park or from the lack of equipment used at Kokernot Park. She said she is only one of 8 physicians in this entire area so she does not have a clue of what the other physicians have seen. She said this has come to her attention that this may need to be addressed. She said she has chatted with families and mothers in the community about this. She said she wanted to go through the pictures and explain. She said she took pictures of some of the metal equipment at Kokernot Park and she just wanted to explain what she wants to show the council. She said the first one is a picture of the swing set. She said the swing set is about 12 to 15 feet high. She said that is the horizontal bar that the swings come off of. She said the current playground guidelines for safety for the last 15 years have been a maximum height of 8 feet. She said also the swing set is partitioned into two parts and there is a bar in the middle. She said each partition or bay should have two swings only and ours have up to three. She said we also have mixed swings for toddlers and other swings. She said there are a lot of safety components that are missing from it. She said now they put plastic tubing around the metal so that skin does not get caught in the metal. She said she called a couple of playground equipment companies just to ask what their thought process was. She said they all recommend replacing the entire swing set. She said it is not feasible to fix it. She said swing sets are about \$2,500. She talked

about the blue and orange structure which has a semi-circle monkey bar going across it. She said it has a little roof on it. She said the orange steps leading up to the structure do have railings but once you get to the top of the stairs the deck only has railings on one side. She said she has seen two injuries from the result of a toddler on this. She said we have also had some other severe injuries on this. She said in the steps leading up to the structure there are actually holes in them. She said she has actually gotten six out of her 10 injuries from kids sticking their fingers through those holes. She said now we are talking tetanus shots, stitches, etc. She said the next one is the wagons. She said we have a covered wagon and a red wagon with yellow wheels at the park. She said about 10 days there was actually a group of teenagers hanging off of the brown wagon and they were rocking it back and forth. She said she felt equipment at the park should be bolted into the ground. She said the seats in the red wagon are wooden and they are splintered. She said the large yellow playset is not pictured because it is the safest piece of equipment at the park. She said older children use the equipment inappropriately. She said we presently use small rocks as ground cover but we need to have proper surfacing. She said she does understand the metal structures are considered historical but she thinks they should be removed. She said she does not think they should be on the playground but does not think they should be destroyed. She said she has started a facebook page to get some suggestions from parents on what they would like to see. She said they started the facebook page two weeks ago and they have almost a hundred family members on that group with suggestions. She said the other thing she wanted to mention is that our park is not ADA compliant so kids in wheelchairs have no access to get to the park. She said Jennifer Rey and she have provided a budget and lists of possible equipment for the park. Councilor Fitzgerald said he appreciates what the Doctor is saying. He said this does need to be addressed but again he thinks this is something that needs to be in the next budget year. He said the figures that he saw was \$137,000. He said we do not have that kind of money. Councilor Bermudez said Dr. Escovar was already made aware of that. She said she was told she could go ahead and make a presentation so that we would be aware of it when budget time does come around. Councilor Fitzgerald said it was a great presentation. Doctor Escovar said a lot of the parents understand the problems with the budget and they would like to have permission to do fundraising on behalf of these things for the park. She said the other thing she wanted to say is that she has been writing grants for 6 years. She said she can only write a grant on behalf of the city. She said there is a lot of grant money out there. She said if they got permission from the city to do that, that would be something that would be worth writing grants for. She said any help from the budget would also be useful. He said the business community can get together and the doctors and in that way we do not have to spend the taxpayers money. He said as Councilor Fitzgerald said, a lot of work went into it. He said our equipment is old and maybe for the time being we can do a little work on it

to make it safe. He said let's look at it for the next budget. The City Manager said short term, he will talk to Randy Garza at TML at the Risk Pool and show him the pictures and see if he has any concerns from a TML perspective on liability. He said the city did have the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant in the year 2010 that was a matching grant. He said part of it was outlined to replace equipment at Kokernot, Baines and Medina Park. He said the City never executed on the assimilation of the matching funds for that. He said in our draft for our 5 year capital plan, we did insert for all three parks within the 5 year plan to work on assimilating the money to replace the equipment and finish some of the other projects. He said the pool was only partially complete. He said the younger kid section of it was not remediated. He said we also have some other individuals in the community. He said Kirsten Christopherson Moody is one who has been working 6 to 8 weeks on a project plan for Baines Park. He said she has gone out and solicited private money for that as well. He said she met with him earlier today. He said he recommended to her that she also go before the Parks Board. He said we have several people appointed by the Council to represent the parks. He said it is important that they have visibility in this project as well. He said his opinion is that we have three parks actually, across the city that need repair. He said we do have to orchestrate how we are going to fund those before we can go out and do that. He said he would ask that if Doctor Escovar has time tomorrow meeting she can attend the Parks Board meeting. He said he thinks that would be healthy dialogue with our Parks Board. He said he would also like for Dr. Escovar to sit down and chat with him and Patsy McWilliams, our Keep Alpine Beautiful Coordinator. John Waters said he would suggest that if the council cut their travel and training budget in half they would be able to fund Dr. Escovar's excellent ideas. Katie Elms Lawrence said one child hurt at any city park is one too many. She said 10 in 10 months is way too many. She said we have a committee that is called Friends of the Parks. She said it has never been implemented and it has never been coordinated. She said she would love to have these women and their group come and join them at the Parks Board with the City Manager and see what we can do to help them not in the next budget year but now. She said if they can write the grants does everyone know how much money we are saving. Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez, by Resolution 2014-06-11, for our City Manager to look at the Risk Pool to see what he needs to do about this equipment and work with this in the next year's budget. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Councilor Gonzales said if the equipment is that dangerous should it be removed. Mayor Rangra said the City Manager is going to do the research on that. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss and Consider approving special exception variance to allow Kathryn Norman to reside in an RV on her property, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning commission, located at 607 W. Holland Avenue, in Alpine, Texas. (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said the City Staff does

not make a recommendation but does have an opinion. He said under the current ordinance it did not allow for the permitting on this. He said that is why Mr. Cooke went through the variance process. He said at that point it is up to the Planning and Zoning Commission to review it and Council then to make the final determination on it. Barbara said the best way is to make the motion first. Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez, by Resolution 2014-06-12, to approve the special exception variance to allow Kathryn Norman to reside in an RV on her property, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, located at 607 W. Holland Avenue, in Alpine, Texas. She said as part of this motion, this is restricted only for Kathryn Norman and if it changes hands, the special exception variance no longer applies. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Councilor Fitzgerald said when his mother was 93 she was going down a slippery slope and he moved her down from Detroit so she could be close to him. He said he sympathizes with this scenario. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss and Consider approving building setback variance for a carport over existing driveway located at 1105 Fighting Buck Avenue for John M. Jarratt. (E. Zimmer, CM) – Mayor Rangra said you have the recommendation from the City Manager. The City Manager said Mr. Jarratt and Mr. Fleming discussed their opinions earlier in the public hearing. He said Mr. Fleming indicated that the recommendation from Planning and Zoning was to not approve this although it was a 3-2 vote. He said there were 2 Planning and Zoning Commissioners absent from the meeting. He said we typically have a Commission of 7 members. He said there was not a majority of the Planning and Zoning Commission and ultimately as Mr. Fleming indicated this evening, having a thorough discussion with the Council was of benefit and Mr. Jarratt did come in this evening and provide that thoroughness. He said one of the things that Mr. Polanco and he talk about heavily is that this is a request for a variance on a setback. He said it is not for any sort of aesthetics standards. He said it is purely a request for a setback variance. He said what we look at from a City Staff perspective is, and we are chartered with following the law, the law states a specific setback which is 12 ½ feet on a side yard. He said at that point if someone is looking for an exception, we do direct them through the variance process. He said one thing, as a City Manager, you are concerned about, is always looking from a public works perspective to ensure that if we had to do any paving or if we had a sewer or water line that was running directly through that piece, that we would raise that point as an area that the structure concerns. He said with that being said, we did not have that. Mayor Rangra said there is no hardship qualifying for a variance on the property. The City Manager said he and Mr. Polanco and the City Attorney talk about is that the staff is requested to follow the law. He said all we are doing is sharing the law with the City Council. He said the City Council creates the law. Mayor Rangra asked by approving this item, was there a down side. The City Manager said there was not a down side to our paving or to our current water sewer

infrastructure. Councilor Fitzgerald said he thought Mr. Jarratt did a very persuasive presentation. He said he did not know Mr. Jarratt personally. He said obviously with the pictures he provided, he is not going to do anything to decrease the property value. He said it is not going to interfere with anything in the city and we need to serve the public. Councilor Bermudez said she agrees also. She said she saw the pictures and it looks very nice. She asked about the sidewalk and the City Manager said if a sidewalk were to go up the resident himself would put it up. Councilor Gonzales asked if we were setting a precedent by doing this. He asked if we made it possible for everyone to come in. the City Manager said each case is viewed uniquely by the nature of each property being unique. He said as he was instructed by the attorney, there is no precedent set on any variance because every property is unique and every request is unique. Councilor Gonzales said every request has to do the same procedure. The City Manager said that was correct. Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez, by Resolution 2014-06-13, to approve a building setback variance for a carport over existing driveway located at 1105 Fighting Buck Avenue for John M. Jarratt. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Ron Wells said he is the one who has to look at his carport and he personally thinks it will be nice. He said he is glad he has a carport. He said it does not block anything and it does not cause any problems and he thinks it is a great addition to the building. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss and Consider approving building setback variance for a 6 foot set back carport located at 1001 W. Brown for David Pallanez. (E. Zimmer, CM)
– The City Manager said this request is similar to Mr. Jarratt’s. He said Mr. Pallanez is requesting a relief of the setback variance to 6½ feet instead of 12½ feet. He said as we reviewed this, not to belabor the ordinance again, but from a public works perspective, they looked to see if it impacted the paving or the water and sewer and found no impacts based on his request. Councilor Fitzgerald said this is still going to be 6 ½ feet away from any possible problem. He said the City Manager said there is not going to be a problem with the city. He said he does know Mr. Pallanez personally and the man does not live like a refugee. He said the guy has a really nice house and he keeps it well and he is not going to do a darn thing to reduce his property value. He said he does not see any problem with this. Councilor Bermudez said she went to see it herself and it is perfect. Councilor Gonzales said there is still room to put a sidewalk through there if that is one of the requirements. The City Manager said if he chose to do that he could put a sidewalk there. Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez, by Resolution 2014-06-14, to approve a building side setback variance for a 6 foot setback carport located at 1001 W. Brown for David Pallanez. Motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzales. Barbara asked if she could certify something. She said she wanted to make sure that the word “side” was indicated for the setback variance in the motion. The motion was changed accordingly. Ron Wells said he was at the zoning meeting and he said Mr.

Pallanez had no other possibility of putting that carport on his property because he does not have an alley or any place it could go behind his back yard. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and Consider approving 2014/2015 Liability/Property Rerate Exposure Summary. (E. Zimmer, CM) – The City Manager said the information was included in the packet. He said annually the insurance risk pool is going to review our coverages and our assets, what is covered, valuations and the assets. He said this is a representation of that. He said we are looking at approximately 1.25% increase for next year. He said one of the things that Megan and he have been addressing, specifically Megan, has been ensuring that our vehicles were properly accounted for. He said we have had some transitions and changed vehicles so this is the draft that came from TML RFP. He said it is incumbent on us to update. He said we really focused on the vehicles this year. He said next year we will look heavier at the valuations of the property buildings, city hall and those elements. He said we are working back with Randy Garza our same representative that we will work with on the park, to have him come out and ensure that the valuations of our buildings match the protocol for TML RFP. He said we believe that they are accurate, but it is something that you want to do every 2 to 3 years. He said we have done some additions, for example the filtration system at the pool and so we want to make sure that we increase that asset valuation there if we had to replace it. Mayor Rangra said he has gone to TML several times and talked to the personnel and he thinks the council also has. He said that is what we do. He said we talk with them and develop a sort of trust. He said we figure out if the person is telling the reality. Motion was made by Councilor Bermudez, by Resolution 2014-06-15, to approve the 2014/2015 Liability/Property Rerate Exposure Summary. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgerald. Motion unanimously carried.

17. Citizen's Comments (limit 3 minutes) This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the City Council on any issue. City Council may not discuss any presented issue, nor may any action be taken on any issue at this time. (Texas Attorney General Opinion JC-0169) –

There were no citizen comments.

18. Council Member's Comments –

Councilor Gonzales - said he looks forward to picking another person for Ward 5 so that we can be whole again. He said he is sure that will happen soon.

Councilor Fitzgerald – said he wants to thank the staff about last Friday night with the TML Regional meeting. He said another item came up. He

said he was sure that we all got emails that Pete Sessions put in an amendment to the transportation bill and that if it passes through the Senate it will take the Sunset Limited out of here and we will not have Amtrak service here and that was presented to all of us by the head of the Rail Passengers Association. He said he has already contacted the Chief of Staff at Senator Cornyn's office, Daniel and left him a message. He said he have to encourage him to get John to vote against that. He said he also asked him if he would talk to Mike in Ted Cruz's office, to see if we could get the support of both of our Senators. He said he should be able to have more to report after tomorrow when he hears back from both of the Senators. He said he wanted everyone to be aware of that. He said you may want to call your senators and tell them that we need the train and it is good for our tourism and economy. He said we need to stop that.

Councilor Salas - said she would also like to thank Megan and Erik and the staff for the hard work for Friday's meeting. She welcomed Dr. Escovar to Alpine and thanked her for her services.

Councilor Bermudez – said to be sure and send emails to both senators about the train. She said she also wanted to make sure that Erik knew that the reporter here was wrong. She said she wants Erik to know that she told him that she was offering to go to this training. She said she was not talking about.....at that point Barbara broke in and said she was sorry but she had to stop this conversation because this was not something that was being discussed pursuant to the posted agenda items. She said people might already have left the meeting who came to hear the discussion on that item. She said we cannot discuss it at this point. Councilor Bermudez said she thought Attorney Lea said we could discuss anything we wanted to at this point. Barbara said no, you cannot discuss city business at this time. She said this is really a time for announcements and comments about special events or things like that. Councilor Bermudez said she also thanked Dr. Escovar for her information and she wanted to thank Erik for what he is Doing.

Mayor Rangra – said he wanted to say thank you and again he thanked all the citizens and guests for coming here. He said he thinks the council members work hard and that is not a cliché, for \$100 a month, less social security. He said by going to meetings we don't become experts but we find out if the data that was given to us makes sense or not. He said you do not get that information just by reading a book or by reading a monitor. He said again he commends the council for coming to council meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month. He said about the position that is vacant. He said the resignation has been accepted. He said he will have the lawyer draw up an announcement and give it to the press. He said if anyone is interested and live in Ward 5 please turn in your information to the City Secretary.

19. **Executive Session – None**

20. **Action After Executive Session - None**

21. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

NOTICE: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development).

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Dr. Avinash Rangra, Mayor

Attest:

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary by Megan Antrim

I, Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary, do certify that this notice was posted at 3:55 P.M on June 13th, 2014, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Margaret "Molly" Taylor, City Secretary by Megan Antrim