

On May 6, 2024, a Special Meeting of the Minot City Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Burlingame, Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross

Members Absent:

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross presiding and led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: POTENTIAL LAND PURCHASE & PENDING LITIGATION

The next item on the agenda is an executive session to discuss a potential land purchase by the City of Minot and pending litigation. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.1(9) and North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.2.

The topic and purpose of the executive session on item numbers 3 and 4 are to allow the City Council to discuss negotiating strategy and provide negotiating instructions to its attorneys and other negotiators regarding a potential contract for which negotiation is likely to occur in the immediate future. An open meeting on this topic would have an adverse fiscal effect on the bargaining position of the City.

At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss agenda item number 3 & 4 in executive session.

Whereupon, Alderman Jantzer motioned the City Council move into an executive session. Motion seconded by Alderman Pitner, and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Burlingame, Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross; nays: none.

The executive session will be recorded and all members of the Council are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the Council will occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session.

Since this executive session is being held to provide guidance and instructions to our attorney and other negotiators pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-19.1, the prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing negotiating instructions to the City's attorneys and other negotiators.

At this time the Council will relocate to the City Council conference room adjoining Council Chambers. During the executive session, members of the public attending the meeting are welcome remain in Council Chambers. We anticipate adjourning the executive session, and returning to the dais to reconvene the open portion of this meeting, at approximately 5:20 pm.

The executive session began at 4:49 pm and was attended by all members of the City Council, as well as the Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, City Manager, NDR Program Administrator, Finance Director, and the Utilities Director. At 4:53 ppm, John Warcup joined the executive session.

At 5:03 pm, Alderman Pitner moved the City Council adjourn the executive session and return to the dais in Council Chambers. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Evans, and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Burlingame, Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross; nays: none.

POTENTIAL ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderwoman Evans moved the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of the 100 3rd St and 311 1st Ave NE in the amount of \$310,000 plus closing costs;
2. Approve the earnest money in the amount \$1,000 being issued prior to second reading of the budget amendment;
3. Approve the budget amendment to allocate funding for the purchase; and
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents to complete the acquisition.

Motion seconded by Alderwoman Evans, and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Burlingame, Evans, Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Ross; nays: none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Pitner moved the City Council meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Alderman Jantzer and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

For the full May 6, 2024 Special City Council meeting video, see: [Minot City Council Executive Session 5/6/24 \(youtube.com\)](#).

ATTEST: Mikayla McWilliams
Mikayla McWilliams, City Clerk

APPROVED: Thomas Ross
Thomas Ross, Mayor