PLEASANT HILL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 23, 2026
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Kurovski called the Pleasant Hill City Council regular meeting to order on June 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The Council Chambers were open and available to the public to participate in the meeting. PRESENT: Len Murray, Konnor Hodges, Alyson DeMoss, Mark Konrad. ABSENT: Andrew Birch.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Ben Champ requested item 3b. Boards and Commission Awards be removed and brought back at a meeting in July.

Murray/Hodges moved to approve the agenda removing item 3b Boards and Commission Awards. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 4-0.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. City Clerk/Finance Director Dena Spooner Retirement Award

Mayor Kurovski shared appreciation for retiring City Clerk/Finance Director Dena Spooner for her 12 years of service provided to the City. Councilmember Konrad and Councilmember Murray shared gratitude and appreciation for Dena's work at the City.

4. PUBLIC INPUT (5 MINUTES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Lorron Moffatt, 5564 Pine Valley Drive, expressed gratitude to City Council regarding the no parking signs recently added on NE 56th Street. He is now concerned the parking changes have created other issues on Pine Valley Drive as a result and requested the change in parking be monitored and continuously evaluated.

Al Root, 375 Sherrylynn Blvd, shared concerns and asked questions regarding the impact of the state property tax legislation as it impacts residents within Pleasant Hill and what can be done as a citizen in response to the bill passage.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Konrad/DeMoss moved to approve the CONSENT ITEMS: Council Minutes - dated 06-09-26, Claims Listing - dated 06-23-26, Expenditure Report – dated 05-31-26, Revenue Report – dated 05-31-26, Treasurer's Report – dated 05-31-26, Library Monthly Calendar – dated July 2026, Resolution #062326-01 – Transfer of funds from Employee Benefits to General Fund, Resolution #062326-02 – Approve Tax Abatement Report – dated May 2026, Resolution #062326-03 – Authorize the release of the Edencrest Site from the Development Agreement dated May 26, 2020, Resolution #062326-04 – Approve Payment Application No. 3 for Spring Creek Stabilization Project. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 4-0.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. **Resolution #062326-05** – Approval of Lease Agreement with Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce

Murray/Hodges moved to approve **Resolution #062326-05** – Approval of Lease Agreement with Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce. City Manager Ben Champ explained the City of Pleasant Hill has provided office space to the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce for many years. A separate office suite at the 5160 Maple Drive office building containing City Hall is utilized by the Chamber at no cost and the common areas of the suite are available to the City and the Chamber. In exchange, the City is credited with a President's level membership to the Chamber. Councilmember Len Murray shared the importance for the City having a strong Chamber of

Commerce and the benefits of being collocated for collaboration. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Approve Appointments to Boards and Commissions
DeMoss/Konrad moved to approve appointments to Boards and Commissions. City Manager Ben Champ provided an update on recommended appointments for Park and Recreation Commission and Library Board. The Park and Recreation Commission appointments for recommendation are Amanda Barlow, term expiring June 30, 2029 and Jessica Hugill, term expiring June 30, 2029 both for first terms. The Library Board appointments for recommendation are reappointing Amanda Michael for a second term, expiring June 30, 2030, and Jonathan Leyen for a third term, expiring June 30, 2030. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 4-0.

c. **Resolution #062326-06** – Approve Acceptance of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project
Murray/Hodges moved to approve **Resolution #062326-06** – Approve Acceptance of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project. Russ Paul, Public Works Director explained the transportation improvement project with grant funding through the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Carbon Reduction Program to make improvements to the University Avenue corridor aimed at reducing carbon emissions. Meredith Emory, Project Engineer with Olsson and Associates provided a presentation regarding the success of the signal improvement project with the implementation of updated signal controllers and new software system installation. Councilmember Murray provided comments of appreciation regarding corridor movement and referenced the DMAMPO Freight Plan and importance of continuous traffic movement. Mayor Kurovski expressed appreciation for the improvements that have led to reduced resident comments regarding the signals along the corridor. Marc Swanson, 5007 Ash Drive, asked a question regarding emergency vehicle preemption and allowance of permissive flashing yellow arrows turning movement. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 4-0.

d. **Resolution #062326-07** – Approve Animal Control Services Agreement with Polk County, Iowa
Hodges/DeMoss moved to approve **Resolution #062326-07 –** Approve Animal Control Services Agreement with Polk County, Iowa. Russ Paul, Public Works Director explained the City of Pleasant Hill has an existing agreement with Polk County for animal control services that covers the collection and transport of at-large or stray domestic animals in Pleasant Hill. This existing agreement is set to expire at the end of June and needs renewed. The proposed agreement is for five (5) years and establishes future rates based off collection counts and annual cost increases. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 4-0.

7. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (c) For City Council to discuss with Legal Counsel possible litigation.

8. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (j) To Discuss with Council the Purchase of Particular Real Estate.

9. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (i) To Evaluate the Professional Competency of an Individual Whose Performance is Being Considered.

Konrad/DeMoss moved to adjourn into the three Closed Sessions pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (c) For City Council to discuss with Legal Counsel possible litigation, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (j) To Discuss with Council the Purchase of Particular Real Estate, and pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (i) To Evaluate the Professional Competency of an

Individual Whose Performance is Being Considered. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Council returned to open session. Mayor Kurovski announced no action was taken in the closed sessions.

10. CLOSING COMMENT AND REGIONAL APPOINTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

11. ADJOURNMENT

DeMoss/Hodges moved to adjourn the Council meeting. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 4-0. The Regular City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Sara Kurovski, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Madeline Sturms, Interim City Clerk