



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF STACY IN THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO  
AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA PURSUANT TO DUE  
CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 24, 2020, 7:00p.m.  
MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Utecht at 7:00pm.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Mark Utecht, Paul Authier, Dennis Thieling, Tony Olivolo, and Mark Ness  
**Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** James Monge and Steve Kveton

**Purpose of the Special Meeting**

The purposed of the Special Meeting:

- Respond to the State regarding several proposed legislative changes
- Discuss and act on the documents and recommendation for the Finance Officer position.

**Respond to Proposed Legislative Changes**

Motion by Utecht to sent the letter to Senator Koran and Representative Neu as presented. Second by Olivolo.

Roll Call Vote:

Utecht	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Ness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Olivolo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Authier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Thieling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried unanimously.

**Finance Director Position**

Motion by Utecht to approve the Finance Director position, and pay matrix as amended. Second by Thieling.

Roll Call Vote:

Utecht	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Ness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Olivolo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Authier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Thieling     Yes     No

Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned at  
7:15p.m.**

Motion by Utecht to adjourn. Second by Thieling. Members Ness, Thieling, Authier, Olivolo, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

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Sharon MT Payne



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Senator Mark Koran  
95 University Avenue W.  
Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 3101  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Anne Neu  
261 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Koran and Representative Neu:

We are writing in opposition to the following bills: SF 3886 (Municipal planning and zoning controls limitation), SF 3794 (Local government planning and zoning fees modification), and SF 3796 (Municipalities requirement for use of designated building officials for inspections prohibition; municipalities may opt out of prohibition by ordinance authorization). It is our strong opinion that these policies undermine the City's authority and local control.

**SF 3886 - Municipal planning and zoning controls limitation**

The City is strongly opposed to this legislation. Each city should be able to control their own zoning laws, building materials that would be required, and contents of comprehensive plans.

There is a purpose to cities having their own zoning code. This code is set forth by the elected body of the City (city council). Therefore, the code is reflective of what the citizens of the city want. These citizens are the innocent bystanders that will have to deal with the outcome of what is decided for the life of the buildings. There may be circumstances that the city might require a different type of building material than the State Building Code requires. The city should be able to do what they deem is best for the City and not forced by the state.

The State should not dictate or encourage specific goals that the city should have. The comprehensive plan is a guiding document that requires input from the citizens when it is adopted or updated. The citizens and the City elected officials should be able to decide what is best for them. Minn. Stat. §462.352, subdivision 5 as it is currently in effect is a good guiding post for cities to follow and does not require any changes.

**SF 3794 - Local government planning and zoning fees modification**

This proposed legislation puts undue burden onto the city to be tracking separately each and every payment and the use of the proceeds for each project. The City might need to save up money from a few developments to be able to build or remodel a park. Making the city track which development money is to be used is an undue burden to the City. Also the legislation does not dictate a time period in which these records need to be kept.

**SF 3796 (Municipalities requirement for use of designated building officials for inspections prohibition; municipalities may opt out of prohibition by ordinance authorization)**

We believe that it is harmful to the community for the State to allow developers to choose their own inspectors. This is comparable to allowing the fox in the hen house. The City inspectors are impartial and will guarantee that the buildings are safe to the public. The State should not require



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