A regular business meeting of the Edgewater City Council was held virtually through the gotomeeting.com app.

ITEM 1. Call to Order

Mayor Laura Keegan called the Business Meeting to order at 6:47 pm

ITEM 2. Roll Call

City Clerk, Lenore Pedroza, called the roll.

Present: Mayor Laura Keegan, Council Member, Janet Spangenberg, Council Member Casey Earp, Council Member Cory Reid-Vanas, Council Member Steve Conklin, Council Member Rosenoer, Council Member Rountree and Council Member Beltrone

Also Present: City Manager, Dan Maples, Police Chief John Mackey and City Attorney Thad Renaud.

Full and timely notice of the meeting had been given and a quorum was present.

ITEM 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM 4. Approval of the Agenda (47:40)

Council Member Spangenberg made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Reid Vanas and passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. Consent Agenda (49:11)

Council Member Spangenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Conklin and passed unanimously.
ITEM 6.  **Communications from the City Manager, Staff and Boards and Commissions**

Chief John Mackey – Stated the sentencing of the July 12, 2019, incident on 25th and Fenton St. will be on Friday, August 7, 2020. Sergeant Nate Gerrdes and Detective Eric Young gave an update on (50:48)

City Clerk, Lenore Pedroza gave an update on new businesses coming into the City. (1:01)

City Manager, Dan Maples gave an update on the RFP for trash and recycling and all applicants are currently under review. Is having Sustainability Board review them too, since composting is included. Also gave a reminder that the Parks and Rec. Master Plan community meeting is on Thursday at 5:30 pm at Citizens park. Reservations are required and they still have spots available. You can also login through the GoToMeeting app. (1:04)

ITEM 7.  **Presentations and Awards**

1. Dr. Mark Johnson, Jefferson County Health Department (1:07)

   Dr. Johnson gave City Council an update on the current COVID 19 statistics in Jefferson County and answered questions from Council.

ITEM 8.  **Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) (1:26)**

Larry Welshon, resident, once again asked if Council feels the City of Edgewater and the City Council of Edgewater are “progressive”. Asking because he believes a progressive agenda is hostile to the American Constitutional Government, equality before the law and individual liberty. Also appreciated Council Member Spangenbergs concerns regarding the lack of decorum of certain councilors. Is concerned that current councilors are using their office as a stepping stone for higher public office and not focusing on Edgewater.

ITEM 9.  **Resolution 2020-16 (1:29)**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to approve on Resolution 2020-16, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF A COORDINATED MAIL BALLOT ELECTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Beltrone and passed unanimously.
ITEM 10.  **Ordinance 2020-16 (1:31)**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2020-16, AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF EDGEWATER, AT A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, THE QUESTIONS OF WHETHER TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER:

(1) AT SUBSECTION 10.7(3), TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL TO, BY ORDINANCE, CONSOLIDATE CITY DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE CHARTER; AND

(2) AT SUBSECTION 11.1(7), TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL TO, BY ORDINANCE, CONSOLIDATE THE CITY’S PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS.

AND SETTING THE BALLOT TITLES FOR SUCH QUESTIONS, as amended. Revising (1) to read “AT SUBSECTION 10.7(3), TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL TO, BY ORDINANCE, CONSOLIDATE BUT NOT ABOLISH, CITY DEPARTMENTS CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED BY THE CHARTER”, and striking (2) completely from the Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Rosenoer and passed unanimously.

ITEM 11.  **Ordinance 2020-15 (1:38)**

Council Member Spangenberg made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-15, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURE PURSUANT TO THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT, AND ADOPTING A REVISED QUARTERLY BUDGET, as presented. Seconded by Council Member Rosenoer and passed unanimously.
ITEM 12.  General Business

1.  2021 Budget Priorities (1:40)

City Manager Maples presented Council with an updated 2021 Budget Priorities.

ITEM 13.  Public Comments

None

ITEM 14.  Mayor and Council Comments (1:43)

Council Member Rountree – thanked everyone for joining tonight and thanked Sergeant Gerrdes and Detective Young for coming in and sharing their perspective today. It is amazing to see that businesses are still coming during COVID. It gives hope to the Community. Want to send our thoughts and best wishes to the educators.

Council Member Reid-Vanas – expressed his appreciation to Chief Mackey, Sergeant Gerrdes and Detective Young for their anecdotes and data. Appreciates the update on the hard work they’ve been doing. Thanked Lenore for the Business update. It is great to hear about the new businesses that are coming to our community. Gave a shout out to the Public Market stating they’ve done an excellent job with their outdoor seating area and making sure visitors are safe and following protocols.

Council Member Spangenberg – thanked Dr. Johnson for his presentation and EPD for their update. Thanked Lenore for her update on the businesses. Wanted to address Mr. Welshon on his earlier comment on her statement regarding decorum and claims his earlier statement was way overstated. The events that she used were not meant to call out anybody. They were events that she personally witnessed and put in aggregate merely to demonstrate a direction of decorum. They are not as big a deal as behavior by some public, that has been far more egregious and does not compare to the comments that she made in that statement. She wants to state to her fellow Council members, that she does not consider any one of those incidents in and of themselves as any big deal and these are the kinds of things that we can expect, and as women get all the time. Also wanted to address Mr. Welshon’s demand to know whether or not Council are progressive, she does not like ‘labels’ and does not consider herself a progressive or a conservative. Would also like to thank those who participated in the Council Rules discussion on Council decorum and she looks forward to a continuation in that conversation in the future. Also
addressed the comment of Council members using Edgewater as a stepping stone for higher political office, she is proud that we have a city that can offer that and that we can be the kind of breeding ground for social justice in this country.

**Council Member Rosenoer** – really appreciated Council Member Spangenberg’s comments and happy to hear her thoughts tonight. Thanked the Police Department, the Public Health Department and City staff for their updates tonight and for the hard work of our City, the City Council and the public as they continue to work through these difficult topics. Glad to be working with everyone.

**Council Member Conklin** – thanked Dr. Johnson and EPD for their updates. Thanked Lenore for a great business update. Mentioned that DRCOG has no board meetings this month, Finance and Budget committee will have a meeting this month. Logged in to a conference held in Philadelphia where they were discussing the geometry of traffic circles, thought that was very fitting since Council was recently discussing traffic circles. Talked about the History of Radio as it applies to Edgewater. Back in 1956 Fred Arthur (King Arthur) came to KIMN in Edgewater. Recently came across some of the PSA recordings from the early 60’s that discussed the importance of covering your mouth and all the things about not getting a respiratory disease. He mentioned Fred Arthur because he passed away on the 31st of July. He was a good, kind and very talented man and wanted to recognize his connection to Edgewater. Also wanted to thank Council Member Rosenoer for inviting the County Clerk and Recorder, George Stern to our meeting. It was so helpful to have him with us talking about how safe and secure their system is for mail in voting.

**Council Member Beltrone** – Gave an update from the Sustainability board that the City has been accepted to the Excel Energy Star Partner in Energy Program. The City will work with Excel to develop an action plan to achieve certain goals related to the City’s energy use. This program has helped a lot of Cities around the state meet their energy goals and will definitely help us hit some of our targets. Thanked Dr. Johnson for the important work he does and the tough decisions. Thanked the EPD for their updates. Thanked the City Attorney for the improvements on the fly for the ballot question.

**Council Member Earp** – appreciated the staff reports with the data piece tonight. Thanked EPD who came in and participated. He is really encouraged by our sales tax report. It shows us very nice diversification of our economy even though we are in one of the most trying times. Thanked everyone for their comments.
Mayor Keegan – agrees with all the information received tonight and updates from Dr. Johnson and staff. Noticed some businesses not doing their duty to require masks to be worn inside. If you happen so see a business and they are allowing people in w/o a mask, please let Lenore or Kalah know and they will contact that business. Appointed Hannah Gay Keao to the vacant Sustainability Board.

ITEM 15. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Keegan adjourned the Business Meeting at 7:57

ITEM 16. WORK SESSION CALL TO ORDER (1:57:06)

ITEM 17. Public Comment

None

ITEM 18. General Business

1. Residential Grant Program Update (1:57:22)
2. Integrated System agreement (2:16:04)
3. Mile High Flood District – Camping in Floodways (2:18:37)
4. IGA Homeless Navigator (2:42:39)

ITEM 19. Mayor and Council Comments (2:56:42)

ITEM 20. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda (3:05:10)

ITEM 21. Work Session Adjournment

Mayor Keegan adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm