



GWINNETT COUNTY
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Official
Business Session Minutes
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - 2:00 PM

Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Kirkland Carden, Jasper Watkins III, Matthew Holtkamp
Absent: Ben Ku

I. Call To Order

II. Opening Remarks by Chairwoman

III. Approval of Agenda

{Action: Approved Motion: Watkins Second: Carden Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- **Executive Session:** April 23, 2024
- **Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m.:** April 23, 2024

{Action: Approved Motion: Watkins Second: Carden Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

V. Announcements:

- **Proclamation:** Celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month
- **Proclamation:** Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- **Proclamation:** Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month
- **Proclamation:** Recognizing National Prevention Week, May 12 – 18, 2024
- **Proclamation:** Recognizing Water Safety Month



Proclamation

CELEBRATING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

May 2024

WHEREAS, Since our nation's founding, Jewish Americans have demonstrated remarkable resilience and perseverance, actively shaping the United States and contributing to the accomplishments and advancement of society in meaningful ways; and

WHEREAS, For centuries, Jewish Americans have enriched the arts, academia, healthcare, business, and more, showcasing a diverse range of talents and skills. They have also been honored service members in the U.S. military and served in public office, demonstrating their commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month to recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish American community makes up an estimated 1.3 percent of Georgia's total population, with Gwinnett County being home to a growing community of nearly 7,000 Jews; and

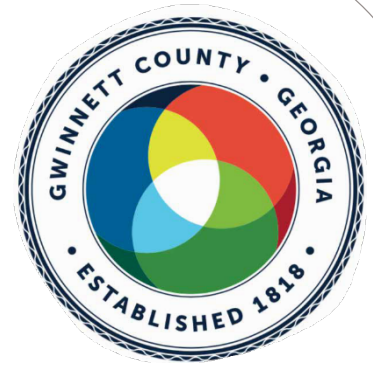
WHEREAS, In Gwinnett, Jewish Americans continue to play a pivotal role in advancing civil rights, fighting against discrimination, and promoting equality for all, helping to make Gwinnett a more welcoming place; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month is a special time to recognize and celebrate the positive impact Jewish Americans have made on society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kirkland Carden, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Gwinnett County. Our community embraces the opportunity to highlight Jewish cultural heritage and encourage Gwinnett residents to actively learn about and celebrate the storied history and present-day experience of Jewish Americans.

**Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Signed this 7th day of May, 2024



Proclamation

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

May 2024

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed annually in May to celebrate the contributions that generations of AAPIs have made to American history, society, and culture; and

WHEREAS, This year's national AAPI Heritage Month theme, *Advancing Leaders Through Innovation*, pays homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who have shaped Asian and Pacific Islander history and the ways they continue to influence our collective future; and

WHEREAS, In Gwinnett, AAPI Heritage Month provides residents an opportunity to pause and celebrate the remarkable contributions and achievements of influential Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, AAPI residents make up more than 11 percent of Gwinnett's population, and the County takes pride in recognizing the many ways the growing AAPI community amplifies our diverse culture and bolsters our strong economy with hundreds of businesses and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County will host its annual AAPI Heritage Month Celebration on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:00pm in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. Throughout May, residents can also experience a self-guided exhibit featuring cultural displays celebrating AAPI history, traditions, people, food, and art; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett's AAPI heritage and history help create a Gwinnett where opportunity thrives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole Love Hendrickson, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Gwinnett County. I encourage all residents to learn about and celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander culture and history.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Love Hendrickson".

**Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Signed this 7th day of May, 2024



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May 2024

WHEREAS, Since 1949, the National Association for Mental Health has recognized May as Mental Health Awareness Month to combat stigma, provide support, educate the public, and advocate for policies that assist people in the U.S. living with a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Millions of people face stigma related to the emotional challenges, mental disorders, and psychosocial disabilities they experience. People living with a mental illness often feel isolated due to shame that discourages seeking proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, According to Mental Health America of Georgia, the state ranks 48 out of 50 for access to mental health care, resources, and insurance, with two in five Georgia children having trouble accessing the mental health treatment they require; and

WHEREAS, Mental health disorders account for more disability than any other illnesses, including cancer and heart disease, and this reflects the urgency for addressing mental health needs in communities like Gwinnett; and

WHEREAS, Numerous community partners, like GUIDE Inc., help increase access to mental health support by providing comprehensive, coordinated mental health services among children, youth, young adults, and families in our community; and

WHEREAS, Recovery for youth and adults is possible. Gwinnett County Government and its mental health partners are committed to creating a community where everyone feels empowered to receive the mental health support they deserve and to end the stigma.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole Love Hendrickson, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Gwinnett County. We encourage parents, caregivers, and all residents to learn the signs of mental disorders and integrate mental health care into their daily lives.

**Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Signed this 7th day of May, 2024



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING PREVENTION WEEK

May 12 – 18, 2024

WHEREAS, National Prevention Week is an annual observance that brings individuals, health professionals, organizations, businesses, coalitions, and communities together to strategize around preventing substance misuse and promoting mental health; and

WHEREAS, According to the CDC, approximately 76 percent of high school students reported exposure to vaping products and marketing through traditional media, with peer use and curiosity being among the most cited reasons for first trying e-cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, Communities across the country have experienced a notable increase in vaping and marijuana use among high school students, posing a significant risk to students' health, as early exposure to nicotine can lead to the development of substance dependence; and

WHEREAS, Collectively, parents, community members, schools, elected officials, and organizations are working toward solutions to address and eliminate the rising accessibility and interest in e-cigarettes and marijuana among minors; and

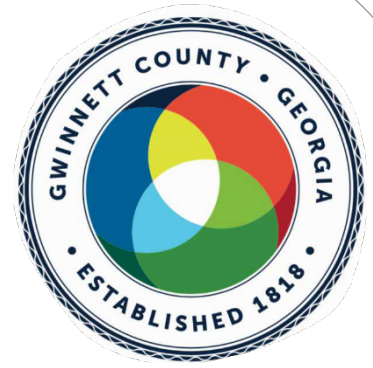
WHEREAS, Local organizations like GUIDE Inc. invite residents to participate in this year's Prevention Week to increase public awareness and action around preventing vaping and marijuana use among Gwinnett's youth; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett residents can support Prevention Week by participating in community prevention efforts and encouraging youth to engage in positive extracurricular activities and make healthy decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole Love Hendrickson, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 12 to 18 as Prevention Week in Gwinnett County. I encourage parents, caregivers, and residents to prevent vaping and marijuana use by talking to youth about the harmful effects of nicotine and THC-containing products and how to resist peer pressure to get involved in substance use.

**Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Signed this 7th day of May, 2024



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING WATER SAFETY MONTH

May 2024

WHEREAS, Swimming and aquatic activities enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages and help them maintain good physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, Water Safety Month aims to raise awareness about safe practices around water activities to prevent water-related emergencies – including injury and death – in recreational spaces as well as bathtubs, detention ponds, canals, and other bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, According to Safe Kids Worldwide, drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children between 1 and 4 years old, and it's the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children 19 and under; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services and Gwinnett Parks and Recreation provide helpful information and meaningful programs for residents to promote safety, encourage swimming lessons, and raise awareness about the dangers associated with swimming pools and open bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, Residents are encouraged to follow safe swimming practices, including supervising children in and around the water, avoiding swimming alone, following all posted water safety rules, and providing barriers to keep children and pets out of the pool unattended; and

WHEREAS, From routine swimming pool maintenance to swift-water training, Gwinnett County is committed to providing safe, healthy environments where all residents can enjoy water activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole Love Hendrickson, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as Water Safety Month in Gwinnett County.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Love Hendrickson".

**Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Signed this 7th day of May, 2024

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VI. Consent Agenda

A. New Business

1. Commissioners

2024-0370 Approval to appoint Incumbent Nicole L. Hendrickson to Georgia's Innovation Corridor Joint Development Authority. Term expires May 19, 2028. Board of Commissioners Appointment {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2. Multiple Departments

2024-0373 Approval to renew BL040-20, preventive maintenance, repair and replacement services for uninterruptible power supplies and battery systems on an annual contract (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025), with Mssn Crtcl Pwr LLC dba Mission Critical Power, base bid \$300,850.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

3. Community Services/Tina Fleming

2024-0402 Approval to renew BL100-21, provision of respite care for Gwinnett County residents on an annual contract (June 22, 2024 through June 21, 2025), with Southern Home Care Services, Inc. dba All Ways Caring Homecare, as the primary service provider, and Aachele Home Nursing Services, LLC, as the secondary service provider, base bid \$310,000.00. This contract is funded by the Atlanta Regional Commission. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0412 Approval to renew RP012-23, demand professional services for parks and recreation on an annual contract (June 7, 2024 through June 6, 2025), with Breedlove Land Planning, Inc.; CHA Consulting, Inc.; Foresite Group, LLC; Lose & Associates, Inc. dba Lose Design; Perkins & Will, Inc.; and the Collaborative, Inc., base amount \$825,000.00. This contract is funded by various SPLOST Programs. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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3. Community Services/Tina Fleming

2024-0413 Approval to renew BL054-20, provision of swimming pool maintenance and repair on an annual contract (May 29, 2024 through May 28, 2025), with Poolside, Inc., base bid \$105,444.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

4. Elections/Zach Manifold

2024-0451 Approval to renew BL042-20, provision of document processing services for voter registrations and elections on an annual contract (April 22, 2024 through April 21, 2025), with Envelopes and Forms, Inc. dba Surebill, base bid \$552,350.00 and ratification of \$347,150.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

5. Financial Services/Buffy Alexzulian

2024-0377 Approval/authorization of the March 31, 2024 Monthly Financial Status Report and ratification of all budget amendments. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

6. Information Technology Services/Dorothy Parks

2024-0375 Award OS027-24, provision of maintenance and support for the Thales data encryption solution on an annual contract (May 8, 2024 through May 7, 2025), with Dell Marketing L.P., using a competitively procured State of Georgia contract, base amount \$236,733.60. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0374 Approval to renew OS025-16, FileNet support and maintenance on an annual contract (October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025), with IBM Corporation, using a competitively procured State of Georgia contract, base amount \$186,982.59. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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7. Law Department/Michael P. Ludwiczak

2024-0296 Approval/authorization for Declaration of Taking Condemnation proceedings for the property of QuikTrip Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation, consisting of 1.270 acres of fee simple right of way, 0.732 acres of 60-month temporary construction easements, 0.018 acres of 12-month temporary demolition easement, 0.131 acres of 60-month temporary driveway easement, and 848.14 linear feet of limited access rights, Tax Parcel No. R5242 001, 1750 Winder Highway, amount \$5,318,400.00. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program and will be 100% reimbursed by the Georgia Department of Transportation. {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0297 Approval/authorization for Declaration of Taking Condemnation proceedings for the property of QuikTrip Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation, consisting of 0.106 acres of 60-month temporary construction easement, Tax Parcel No. R5271 102, 1800 Winder Highway, amount \$135,200.00. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program and will be 100% reimbursed by the Georgia Department of Transportation. {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0298 Approval/authorization for Declaration of Taking Condemnation proceedings for the property of QuikTrip Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation, consisting of 0.116 acres fee simple right of way and 0.437 acres of 60-month temporary construction easement, Tax Parcel No. R5271 184, 1831 Winder Highway, amount \$60,200.00. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program and will be 100% reimbursed by the Georgia Department of Transportation. {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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7. Law Department/Michael P. Ludwiczak

2024-0299 Approval/authorization for Declaration of Taking Condemnation proceedings for the property of QuikTrip Corporation, an Oklahoma corporation, consisting of 0.168 acres of fee simple right of way, 0.071 acres of 60-month temporary construction easement, and 0.022 acres of 60-month temporary driveway easement, Tax Parcel No. R5271 102, 1800 Winder Highway, amount \$68,100.00. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program and will be 100% reimbursed by the Georgia Department of Transportation. {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

8. Police Services/James D. McClure

2024-0399 Approval to renew BL050-20, provision of helicopter inspection, maintenance and repair on an annual contract (May 23, 2024 through May 22, 2025), with Rotor Resources, LLC, base bid \$581,953.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0400 Approval to retire from service, Gwinnett County Police K9 Jekel. K9 Jekel will be removed from the Fixed Asset Registry and permanently retired to his handler, Corporal Jason Woodard, for the remainder of his life. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

9. Support Services/Ron Adderley

2024-0409 Award BL030-24, Fire Station No. 11 roof replacement project, to CGS Waterproofing, LLC, amount not to exceed \$246,329.21. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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10. Transportation/Lewis Cooksey

2024-0418 Award BL039-24, Britt Road at Lucky Shoals Park pedestrian improvement project, to Backbone Infrastructure, LLC, amount not to exceed \$756,536.00. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This contract is funded by the 2017 SPLOST Program. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0339 Approval to renew OS024-23, provision of Avail maintenance and support agreement on an annual contract (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025), with Avail Technologies, Inc., base amount \$396,857.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0384 Approval to renew BL045-22, purchase of traffic control signs, street name signs and u-channel posts on an annual contract (July 20, 2024 through July 19, 2025), with Vulcan, Inc., dba Vulcan Signs, dba Vulcan Aluminum, base bid \$350,000.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0181 Approval/authorization of incorporation of Rockbridge School Road into the Gwinnett County Streetlighting Program. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0328 Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to execute Change Order No. 2 with the City of Snellville regarding jointly funded 2014 SPLOST City-managed projects. This change order will add an intersection improvement subproject for North Road at Wisteria Drive. Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to sign any and all related documents. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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10. Transportation/Lewis Cooksey

2024-0397 Approval/authorization to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the value engineering study for the SR 124/Scenic Highway from US 78/Stone Mountain Highway to Sugarloaf Parkway roadway improvement projects. Gwinnett County will cover the cost of the study, which is estimated to be \$85,000.00. This study is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program. Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to sign any and all related documents. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0411 Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to execute a Georgia Department of Transportation Local Administered Project recertification application and execute the 2024 update of the Title VI Plan. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0417 Approval/authorization to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the preliminary engineering oversight of the Sugarloaf Parkway from SR 124/Scenic Highway to Old Norcross Road roadway improvement project. Gwinnett County will contribute \$30,000.00 for GDOT's oversight of the preliminary engineering for this project. This agreement is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program. Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to sign any and all related documents. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

11. Water Resources/Rebecca Shelton

2024-0385 Award OS011-24, purchase of products and services for Sanitaire equipment on an annual contract (May 8, 2024 through May 7, 2025), to Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc., base amount \$450,000.00. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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11. Water Resources/Rebecca Shelton

2024-0383 Approval to renew OS019-19, purchase of products and services for Goulds pumps and equipment on an annual contract (May 8, 2024 through May 7, 2025), with Tencarva Machinery Company, base amount \$250,000.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Carden Second: Watkins Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

VII. Comments from Audience

VIII. Adjournment

{Action: Adjourn Motion: Watkins Second: Carden Vote: 4-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Absent; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}