



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 29, 2021

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of July 29, 2021, to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Scott Lund

Councilmember Dave Ostwald

Councilmember Tom Tillberry

Councilmember Stephen Eggert

Councilmember Ann Bolkcom

Walter Wysopal, City Manager

Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director

Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Ostwald requested to remove Item No. 2 from the consent agenda and place it on the regular agenda.

Councilmember Bolkcom requested to remove Item No. 4 from the consent agenda and place it on the regular agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Bolkcom to approve the consent agenda with the removal of Items Nos 2 and 4. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of July 12, 2021

OLD BUSINESS

2. Ordinance No. 1394, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 11, Fees, Adding Micromobility Sharing Services Licensing Fee, Micromobility Impoundment and Storage Fees, Second Reading.

This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Resolution No. 2021-54, Scheduling a Public Hearing to Add Chapter 34, Reasonable Accommodation, to the Fridley City Code.
4. Resolution No. 2021-61, Concurring with the Rice Creek Watershed District Boundary Change/Adjustment.

This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed on the agenda.

5. Resolution No. 2021-62, Approving Gifts, Donations and Sponsorships received between June 21, 2021, and July 19, 2021.

CLAIMS

6. Resolution No. 2021-63, Approving Claims for the Period Ending July 21, 2021.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Ostwald to adopt the regular agenda with the addition of Item nos. 2 and 4. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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OPEN FORUM, VISITORS: Consideration of Items not on Agenda – 15 minutes.

No one from the audience spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**OLD BUSINESS**

7. Ordinance No. 1393, Amending Fridley City Code Chapter 509 Allowing Shared Micromobility Devices, Petitioned by Bird Rides, Inc., Second Reading

Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner, said the petitioner, Bird Rides, Inc., created a license for shared micromobility vehicles. This was presented to the Planning Commission and the first reading of the ordinance was held at the City Council meeting on June 28. Staff is recommending delaying the second reading of the ordinance until the City Council meeting on August 23, 2021. This will allow Bird Rides,

Inc., to address outstanding home occupation issues and allow staff to update the ordinance language to clarify reasons for license denial. The license will no longer be pursued for 2021.

Mayor Lund asked if Bird Rides was asking to delay the license or if staff was.

Ms. Workin replied that based on the timing, it did not make sense to pursue the license for 2021. Staff will take a closer look at the license request.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked if the ordinance would look at the wording for the home occupation charging.

Ms. Workin replied that if the license was denied, staff would need to make a clear statement of reasons for the license denial. This allows time to include that language in the ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Ostwald to table the second reading of Ordinance No. 1393, until August 23, 2021. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Ordinance No. 1394, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 11, Fees, Adding Micromobility Sharing Services Licensing Fee, Micromobility Impoundment and Storage Fees, Second Reading.

Motion by Councilmember Ostwald to table Ordinance No. 1394 until August 23, 2021. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolution No. 2021-61, Concurring with the Rice Creek Watershed District Boundary Change/Adjustment.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked what the impact would be on someone's taxes and what the process was for people to know what watershed district they will be in.

Jim Kosluchar replied that notices would be published in the regional circulation paper. Staff will encourage the Watershed District to send out notifications by mail but if not, the City would notify those impacted by mail.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked why this is happening now.

Mr. Kosluchar replied that the Watershed District is drawn in a manner that was not parcel specific but broken down by street boundaries. As time went by, it was recognized that this was troublesome. They had jurisdiction over properties not flowing into their watershed district. Now properties will be allocated appropriately.

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt Resolution No. 2021-61. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

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INFORMAL STATUS REPORTS

Mayor Lund said he enjoyed watching the community theater play Mama Mia. It was a great play.

Wysopal Wysopal shared the following:

- Scott Hickok is attending a Real Estate Journal Conference and the City of Fridley was selected as "City of the Year" with the redevelopment of City Hall. Compliments to staff, the HRA, and the support from Council.
- The Fridley School Board has requested a joint meeting on September 7, 2021, at 7 p.m.
- The Parks Improvement Plan Finance Task Force and Refinement Task Force will start meetings in two weeks and come back with recommendations to Council hopefully by October. Meetings are open to the public and will be listed on the website.
- Tuesday, August 3, is Night to Unite.

Mr. Kosluchar said the street project and restoration from last year's project did not have success with the turf reestablishing this spring. Staff is working with the contractor for a solution. Staff have been trying to determine what the correct fix will be. Letters have been sent out to the homeowners affected. It is difficult for turf to take this time of year, and harder with the drought we are experiencing.

Mr. Wysopal said that there was a nice ceremony Monday night in remembrance of former councilmember Bob Barnette.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Peterson
Recording Secretary

Scott J. Lund
Mayor