



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2022

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of December 12, 2022, to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Scott Lund
Councilmember Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Tom Tillberry
Councilmember Stephen Eggert
Councilmember Ann Bolcom
Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Beth Kondrick, Administrative Services Coordinator
Joe Starks, Finance Director
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
Sarah Sonsalla, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of Max Johnson for Completion of Eagle Scout Project at Innsbruck Nature Center

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, recognized the efforts of Max Johnson, who completed an Eagle Scout project at the Innsbruck Nature Center. He provided an overview of the kiosk that was designed and the process that was followed. He thanked Mr. Johnson for completing the project.

Max Johnson stated that the project planning began almost two years ago and provided details on that project. He noted that his neighbors, who also enjoy the park, helped with construction. He thanked Mr. Maher and the City for allowing him to complete the project.

The Council asked for details on the process. Mr. Johnson provided more details on the construction. The Council expressed thanks and appreciation for the completion of the project. The Council was also pleased to see the attention the nature-based park has been getting.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Eggert to adopt the proposed Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of November 28, 2022.
3. Receive the Minutes from the City Council Conference Meeting of November 28, 2022.
4. Receive the Minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of November 11, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Resolution No 2022-137, Renewing Contract for Towing, Impounding, and Storage of Motor Vehicles Between the City of Fridley and Collins Brothers Towing d/b/a Schmidt Towing.
6. Resolution No. 2022-138, Approving Change Order No. 1 for 2022 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2022-01.
7. Resolution No. 2022-141, Updating City Appointments and Designations.
8. Resolution No. 2022-142, Designating Precincts and Polling Places for the 2023 Election Year.
9. Resolution No. 2022-143, Giving Preliminary Approval to the Issuance of Multifamily Housing Facility Revenue Bonds to Finance a Multifamily Housing Project and Authorizing the Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing to Consider the Proposal.
10. Resolution No. 2022-144, Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling for Public Hearing on the 53rd Avenue Trail and Walk Improvement Project ST2023-21.
11. Resolution No. 2022-146, Supporting Pursuit of Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the Multi-Use Trail Along the West Side of Trunk Highway 47 Between 61st Avenue and 69th Avenue.

CLAIMS

12. Resolution No. 2022-147, Approving Claims for the Period Ending December 7, 2022.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Eggert to adopt the regular agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Ostwald.

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

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

No one from the audience spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

13. Ordinance No. 1404, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 30 Lawful Gambling (First Reading)

Beth Kondrick, Administrative Services Coordinator, provided background on lawful gambling within Fridley and the City's related regulations. She provided details on the amount the City collects through charitable gambling and the refunds that were provided to those organizations in 2021 and 2022 and the anticipated refund for 2023. She stated that if the City lowered the local gambling tax, it would yield a lower refund needing to be issued at the end of the year. She noted that the proposed ordinance would have a change of one word, changing three percent to two percent. She stated that the first reading of the ordinance will occur tonight, the second reading would take place at the next meeting and then change could go into effect January 1, 2023.

Council asked if there would be any unintended consequences from this change.

Joe Starks, Finance Director, replied that this would be reevaluated on an annual basis or when statutory changes occur. He commented that the amount of gambling has increased substantially with the introduction of electronic pull tabs which has generated more funds.

Council recognized that the Lions are a great community organization that put funds back into the community in a positive way.

Motion made by Councilmember Eggert to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1404, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 30, Lawful Gambling. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

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

14. Resolution No. 2022-139, Certifying the Final Tax Levy Requirements for 2023 to the County of Anoka

Joe Starks, Finance Director, provided an overview of the 2023 budget process between staff and Council and presented a summary of the proposed 2023 budget and property tax levy. He reviewed different property tax programs available to residents. He recommended Council adopt the two resolutions tonight and noted that once adopted, staff would transmit that information to Anoka County.

Council noted that this increase incorporates the initial bonding for the implementation of the parks improvement plan, taking advantage of lower interest rates.

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to adopt Resolution No. 2022-139, Certifying the Final Tax Levy Requirements for 2023 to the County of Anoka. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

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

15. Resolution No. 2022-140, Approving a Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 and the 2023-2027 Capital Investment Program

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to adopt Resolution No. 2022-140, Approving a Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 and the 2023-2027 Capital Investment Program. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

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

16. Resolution No. 2022-145, Amending the 2022 Budget

Joe Starks, Finance Director, provided an overview of the proposed revisions to the 2022 budget for personnel wages, police and security funding, and grant/scholarships. He noted that expenditures are offset by revenue or a decrease to another budgeted expenditure.

Motion made by Councilmember Eggert to adopt Resolution No. 2022-145, Amending the 2022 Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkom.

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

17. Resolution No. 2022-148, Approving a Telecommunications Lease Agreement with DISH Wireless for Commons Park Tower #1

Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director, stated the City has been working with DISH for about one year in regard to leasing space at the Commons Park tower. He provided details on the proposed lease agreement and noted that staff recommends approval of the agreement as presented, subject to City Attorney review.

Council noted that this is a standard agreement that brings in revenue for the City, while also attempting to co-locate equipment.

Mr. Kosluchar provided details on how the revenue is allocated.

Motion made by Councilmember Eggert to adopt Resolution No. 2022-148, Approving a Telecommunications Lease Agreement with DISH Wireless for Commons Park Tower #1. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

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

INFORMAL STATUS REPORTS

The Council noted a great event recently held at Springbrook Nature Center which illuminated the paths with lanterns. Thanks was given to all who attended the disco night at the North Suburban Art Center, and it was noted that the online gift mart runs through the end of the week.

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 ADJOURNED AT 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore
City Clerk

Scott J. Lund
Mayor