



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2021

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of August 23, 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
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director
Andrew Biggerstaff, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation for Constitution Week (September 17-23, 2021)
2. Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October, 2021)

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Ostwald to adopt the proposed Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Eggert.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of August 23, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Resolution No. 2021-75, Approving Change Order No. 1 (Final) for 53rd Avenue Lift Station Improvements Project No. 20-519.
5. Resolution No 2021-77, Designating Time and Number of City Council Meetings for 2022.

6. Resolution No. 2021-79, Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of the Proposed Assessment Roll, and Directing Publication of the Public Hearing Notice for the 2021 Nuisance Abatements.
7. Resolution No. 2021-80, Declaring Costs to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of the Proposed Assessment Roll and Directing Publication of the Public Hearing Notice for the Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST-2021-02.
8. Resolution No. 2021-81, Establishing a School Speed Zone on 61st Avenue and West Moore Lake Drive Near Fridley High and Fridley Middle School.
9. Resolution No. 2021-82, Approving a Commercial Lease Between the City of Fridley and the North Suburban Center for the Arts.

CLAIMS

10. Resolution No. 2021-78 Approving Claims for the Period Ending September 9, 2021.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Bolkcom to adopt the regular agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Tillberry.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

11. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-74, Approving a Street Vacation Request, SAV #21-01, to Vacate Shamrock Lane N.E., Petitioned by Cummins Power Generation.

Motion made by Commissioner Ostwald to open the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Eggert.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 7:20 P.M.

Scott Hickok, Community Development Director, said Cummings Power Generation, located at 1400 73rd Avenue N.E. has submitted a street vacation application to have the entirety of Shamrock Lane N.E. vacated. Shamrock Lane is a City right-of-way that ends in a cul-de-sac located north of 69th Avenue on the east side of the City. In 1999, a plat of the Cummins property was approved to create Lot 3 on the southern portion of the property. That lot was created to accommodate the construction of a warehouse

building that was owned by Murphy Warehouse. A minimum of 25' of right-of-way access was required to create this parcel, which is why Shamrock Lane was then dedicated and constructed.

Mr. Hickok said the lot with the warehouse building has since been purchased by Cummins and the (2) lots were combined in 2015 to create one tax parcel. Shamrock Lane only serves the Cummins property and doesn't serve the general public. If the right-of-way is vacated it will become part of the Cummins property and will be privately owned and will be added to the tax base. City staff has met to discuss the street vacation, and the Public Works and Public Safety Departments are in full support of vacating this right-of-way. It removes the right-of-way from the City's roadway maintenance schedule, and it also helps to alleviate the parking and illegal dumping issues that the City has had to deal with over the years. Cummins notes in their narrative that one of the main reasons they are requesting the street vacation is to improve safety. They would like to control this access and maintain it for an employee only vehicle entrance to their south campus, specifically for their warehouse employees. This employee only vehicle entrance would keep employee vehicle access separate from truck access on the site. No truck would be allowed to enter from this access point and Cummins would provide secured control to this access for their employees.

Mr. Hickok said City staff recommends Council hold a public hearing for SAV#21-01. City staff then recommends approval of Resolution No. 2021-74 to vacate Shamrock Lane N.E.

Mayor Lund asked if this area was used by neighbors for excess parking.

Mr. Hickok replied yes. This area has also presented difficulty for the Public Safety Department. People park there, it is quiet and secluded for things to happen and dumping has occurred. The Public Safety Department supports gating this area and having it controlled by Cummins.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked if the area was gated, how would the Fire Department gain access.

Mr. Hickok replied that Cummins would work with the Public Safety Department so that there would be no issues with entering the gate should an emergency situation would arise.

A representative from HC Architects said the plan and intent is to enhance safety on campus and improve the campus and the watershed. Part of the next step is to enlarge the stormwater ponds. Also, it will separate the semi traffic from employees. The gate would require card reader access.

Motion made by Commissioner Eggert to close the public hearing, Seconded by Commissioner Ostwald.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:29 P.M.

Motion made by Commissioner Eggert to adopt Resolution No. 2021-74, Approving a Street Vacation Request, SAV #21-01, to Vacate Shamrock Lane N.E. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

INFORMAL STATUS REPORTS

Commissioner Ostwald said Saturday, September 25 is the city-wide cleanup.

Commissioner Eggert said that Hope Fest, a fundraiser for Alexandra House, is September 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Anoka City Hall Plaza in Anoka.

ADJOURN

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

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:31.P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Peterson
Recording Secretary

Scott J. Lund
Mayor