



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 28, 2022

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of March 28, 2022, 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, Director of Community Development
Nancy Abts, Associate Planner
Stacy Stromberg, Planning Manager
Sarah Sonsalla, City Attorney
Korrie Johnson, Acting Finance Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Brenna Zeimet from the Columbia Heights School Board.

Brenna Zeimet introduced herself and provided an update on the activities of the Columbia Heights School District.

The Council thanked Ms. Zeimet and expressed excitement about the elementary school remodel, and a member requested a tour of the building.

2. Presentation by Al Stauffacher, Director, Twin Cities Gateway.

Al Stauffacher provided an update on the activities of Twin Cities Gateway.

3. Acknowledge the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020

Korrie Johnson, Acting Finance Director, reported the City of Fridley has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since 2011 and asked Council to accept the award for 2020.

The Council acknowledged the hard work of Ms. Johnson and the finance staff. Mayor Lund welcomed the newly appointed Finance Director, Joe Starks.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom 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

4. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of March 14, 2022.
5. Receive the Minutes from the City Council Conference Meeting of March 14, 2022.
6. Receive the Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of March 16, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Resolution No. 2022-27, Advisory Commission Appointments.
8. Resolution No 2022-28, Awarding 2022 Well Rehabilitation Project No. 22-448.
9. Resolution No. 2022-30, Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority.
10. Ordinance No. 1401, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 1, Legislative Body, Pertaining to Ward and Precinct Boundaries (Second Reading).

LICENSES

11. Resolution No. 2022-29, Approving a Food/Tobacco/Gasoline License for Casey's Retail Company DBA Goodstop by Casey's #4267.

CLAIMS

12. Resolution No. 2022-31 Approving Claims for the Period Ending March 24, 2022.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

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.

A resident commented that she was present to observe the meeting and thanked Mayor Lund and Councilmember Ostwald for letting her interview them as part of a class assignment.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

13. Ordinance No. 1400, Public Hearing and First Reading to Consider Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 205 Titled Zoning.

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to open the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

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

Nancy Abts, Associate Planner, provided information on accessory dwelling units (ADU) and explained how this housing product aligns with housing goals within the Comprehensive Plan. She then reviewed the proposed ordinance and recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission.

The Council asked for clarification on the proposed maximum height and staff provided that clarification. Additional questions were asked relating to how rentals will be tracked, parking regulations, utility connections, and requirements for a detached ADU. Concern was expressed from a member that regulations related to the ADU may allow things that would not be allowed under typical home additions.

Staff provided additional clarification and answered the questions of Council related to the draft ordinance.

A resident provided input, agreeing with the restrictions recommended by staff to ensure quality products are built, and supported the allowance of ADUs.

The Council commended the Planning Commission for its thorough review. The Council asked for input staff may have received from other communities that allow ADUs. Staff noted that the biggest takeaway was that allowing ADUs does not mean they will be constructed because of the cost. The Council noted that these regulations would clearly separate ADUs from the ability to rent a room in a home without a license. Additional information was provided related to rental licensing, inspections, and enforcement.

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to close the public hearing, Seconded by Councilmember Ostwald.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 8:11 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Eggert to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1400, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 205 Titled Zoning. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

14. Ordinance No. 1402, Public Hearing and First Reading to Consider Amending the Fridley City Code, Chapter 205.07 One Family Dwelling District Regulations, and Chapter 205.31 Overlay District O-6, Pre-1955 Lots.

Motion made by Councilmember Eggert to open the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 8:13 P.M.

Stacy Stromberg, Planning Manager, provided background information on residential lots that were platted before Fridley became a City, which resulted in varying lot sizes. She reviewed related City Code and ordinance changes that have occurred since that time including the overlay district approved by the Council in 2001. She provided additional information on the current 40-foot-wide lots in Fridley and related code/ordinance amendments before the Council tonight. The Planning Commission held a public hearing, received public testimony, and unanimously recommended approval.

The Council supported these changes as it would allow opportunity for lots that have become vacant to become buildable and would provide a homeowner with more opportunities to rebuild, should their existing home become damaged beyond repair.

No public testimony was received.

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to close the public hearing, Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 8:32 P.M.

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1402 Amending the Fridley City Code, Chapter 205.07 One Family Dwelling District Regulations and Chapter 205.31 Overlay District O-6, Pre-1955 Lots. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

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

INFORMAL STATUS REPORTS

The Council advised of the upcoming household hazardous waste event which will be held on April 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fridley Fire Department. North Suburban Center from the Arts will hold its opening reception the following night at 110 77th Way NE.

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 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore
City Clerk

Scott J. Lund
Mayor