City Council Meeting

January 23, 2023

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of January 23, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Mayor Scott Lund
Councilmember Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Tom Tillberry
Councilmember Ryan Evanson
Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Brandon Brodhag, Assistant City Engineer
Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk
Sarah Sonsalla, City Attorney

Absent

Councilmember Ann Bolkcom

Pledge Of Allegiance

Proclamations/Presentations

1. Presentation: Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce

John Conway, Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce, reviewed the current status of the organization and how they serve their communities through programs and events. He provided details on the new manufacturing cohort and other new initiatives. He also highlighted some opportunities. He explained that at this time, they are focusing on launching the manufacturing cohort and will then review opportunities to perhaps bring back an updated business council.

Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda

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

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

Approval/Receipt of Minutes

2. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of January 9, 2023.

3. Receive the Minutes from the City Council Conference Meeting of January 9, 2023.

Old Business

4. Ordinance No. 1405, Considering a Rezoning, ZOA #22-000001, by Roers Companies to Rezone the Property at 6257 University Avenue N.E. (Second Reading).

New Business

5. Resolution No. 2023-05, Approving City of Fridley Data Practices Policy.

6. Resolution No 2023-12, Approving Gifts, Donations and Sponsorships Received Between December 12, 2022 and January 17, 2023.

7. Resolution No. 2023-13, Approving a Service Contract with Steven Tallen, Tallen & Baertschi, for Prosecution Services for the Code Enforcement and Rental Inspection Divisions.

Claims

8. Resolution No. 2023-14 Approving Claims for the Period Ending January 18, 2023.

Adoption of Regular Agenda

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

A resident presented a petition related to speed limits on Channel Road. He stated that he spoke at the last Council meeting and was told that a police officer would reach out to him but that did not occur. He provided the petition to the Council and reiterated the concerns of the neighborhood. A member of the Public Safety Department provided input on speed limit regulations and enforcement.

Sarah Sonsalla, City Attorney, provided details on a new law which does provide authority to cities to change the speed limit on City streets, noting that it would not apply to County or State roadways.

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to accept the petition into record. Seconded by Councilmember Ostwald.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

New Business

9. Resolution No. 2023-09, Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling for Public Hearing on the 53rd Avenue Roundabout Safety Project ST2023-22.

Brandon Brodhag, Assistant City Engineer, provided background on the project including existing conditions, the need for the project, and proposed project elements and layout. A project open house was held on January 17, 2023, and he provided feedback on the input received. He identified the different partners the City is working with on this project and reviewed the tentative project schedule. He provided details on the project budget and proposed financing.

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to adopt Resolution No. 2023-09, Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling for a Public Hearing on the 53rd Avenue Roundabout Safety Project ST2023-22 on February 12, 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution No. 2023-10, Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Inflow/Infiltration Reduction.

Mr. Brodhag provided background on this topic and reviewed different sources of inflow and infiltration. He provided more details on the grant program and proposed project schedule.

The Council acknowledged the aging infrastructure in the community and noted that this project will be another step in updating that infrastructure.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10, Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Inflow/Infiltration Reduction. Seconded by Councilmember Ostwald.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

11. Resolution No. 2023-11, Approving and Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Paymentus for Payment Processing Services.

Beth Kondrick, Deputy City Clerk, provided background information on the Process Management Team which was formed in 2019 to enhance the ability of the City to resolve complex administrative and service delivery challenges by equipping staff with specialized training in process improvement, performance measurement and problem solving. She highlighted previous projects the group has worked on and also provided background information on the project related to payment processing. She stated that after review of proposals and technical specifications, Paymentus was selected as the payment processing vendor who best met all the evaluation criteria established by the group. She identified the next steps and explained how staff plans to implement the new system.

Staff provided additional details on how the system would be cost neutral. A member of the Public Safety Department explained how the fee for the system would be deducted from the administrative fine paid. He also explained how this process would be more efficient for officers and allow them to focus on higher priority items.

Council commented that this process, involving all departments will bring about a good product.

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11, Approving and Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Paymentus for Payment Processing Services. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

Informal Status Reports

The Council commented on the successful Winterfest event held at Springbrook.

Adjourn

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore City Clerk	Scott J. Lund Mayor