



City Council Meeting

May 8, 2023

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of May 8, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Mayor Scott Lund
Councilmember Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Tom Tillberry
Councilmember Ryan Evanson
Councilmember Ann Bolcom

Others Present

Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director
Sarah Sonsalla, City Attorney
Brian Weierke, Public Service Director
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
Joe Starks, Finance Director

Pledge Of Allegiance

Proclamations/Presentations

1. Proclamation for National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Mayor Lund presented the proclamation for National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Brian Weierke thanked the City for the proclamation and support, and recognizing the officers who died in the line of duty. He also introduced the officers in attendance at the meeting.

2. Public Works Week Proclamation.

Mayor Lund presented the proclamation for Public Works Week.

Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director, commented that Public Works experienced a challenging spring with the large amount of snowfall, concerns for flooding, and road patching. He thanked the Council and City staff for their support. He asked drivers to be cautious while the crews are out repairing roads. The Council commended Police, Public Works, and Fire for their continued great service.

Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda

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

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

Approval/Receipt of Minutes

3. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of April 24, 2023.
4. Receive the Minutes from the Joint City Council/HRA Conference Meeting of April 24, 2023.
5. Receive the Minutes from the April 19, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

New Business

6. Resolution No. 2023-47, Approving a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Update the Parks and Trails Chapter and to Change the Future Land Use Designation from C – Commercial, to P – Parks and Recreation, for the Land Generally Located at 6105 University Avenue, and to Authorize Staff to Submit a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Same to the Metropolitan Council.

Licenses

7. Resolution No. 2023-45, Approving City Licenses and Permits.

Claims

8. Resolution No. 2023-48 Approving Claims for the Period Ending May 3, 2023.

Adoption of Regular Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom 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.)

No one from the audience spoke.

Regular Agenda

9. Resolution No. 2023-46, Making a Determination on the Objection Received from Patricia Rein Regarding 1559 N. Oberlin Circle N.E. with Respect to the Innsbruck North Housing Improvement Area.

Joe Starks, Finance Director, stated there are two types of objections a resident can make in this instance, and explained the City must make a determination on the requested exclusion from the Housing Improvement Area (HIA). He reviewed the benefits the project would provide to the property at 1559 N. Oberlin Circle N.E. He stated it was unclear whether the objection was broad-based or related to the benefit received, therefore staff wanted to review those benefits. He stated that the objection can still carry on following the actions tonight, if the threshold of objections were received from the association.

The Council noted the resident suggestion to split the project into two phases but recognized the cost savings that are obtained through economy of scale in completing these improvements together.

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to adopt Resolution No. 2023-46 Making a Determination on the Objection Received from Patricia Rein Regarding 1559 N. Oberlin Circle N.E. with Respect to the Innsbruck North Housing Improvement Area. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

10. Ordinance No. 1407, Second Reading and Adoption Establishing Innsbruck North Housing Improvement Area.

Joe Starks, Finance Director, reviewed the role of the City in an HIA process and provided details on the process and timeline, proposed capital improvements, project costs, funding, and how the loan/bond is repaid. He noted the risks to the City are minimal and explained that ultimately the homeowners and association determine whether the project moves forward. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 1407, Summary Ordinance No. 1407 for publication and Resolution No. 2023-49.

Sarah Sonsalla, City Attorney, recommended that each of the three actions be taken separately.

The Council hoped that the Board and residents could come to a mutual understanding. If the residents do not want the HIA to move forward, 45 percent of the residents within the association must veto prior to the required date. It was noted that although there is distrust between the association and its Board, the improvements are needed.

Mr. Starks provided details on the due diligence completed by staff in preparation.

The Council asked if residents would have the ability to change their mind. Ms. Sonsalla stated that in order for the City to move forward, the requisite number of signatures had to be received. She stated that if people now objected, they could sign the petition to veto.

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1407, Establishing Innsbruck North Housing Improvement Area. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

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

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to conduct the second reading and adopt Summary Ordinance No. 1407 Establishing Innsbruck North Housing Improvement Area for publication. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

11. Resolution No. 2023-49, Approving a Housing Improvement Fee for Innsbruck North Housing Improvement Area

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to adopt Resolution No. 2023-49 Approving a Housing Improvement Fee for Innsbruck North Housing Improvement Area. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

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

New Business

12. Resolution No. 2023-44, Approving Change Order No. 1 for East Moore Lake Biochar and Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Project No. 22-467

Wally Wysopal, City Manager, presented a request for a change order for the biochar, noting a reduction in the cost, for the East Moore Lake iron-enhanced sand filter project.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to adopt Resolution No. 2023-44, Approving Change Order No. 1 for the East Moore Lake Biochar and Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Project No. 22-467. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

Informal Status Reports

13. Minneapolis Water Works Withdrawal Information.

Wally Wysopal, City Manager, stated that this item had gone through the Planning Commission, recommended for approval, but since that time the applicant has chosen not to move forward and requested to withdraw the request.

A member of the Council stated that they attended the Planning Commission meeting and was hopeful that this would move forward because the site needs attention and needs to be cleaned up. It was noted that the applicant should clean up their site to be a good neighbor, even if this does not

move forward. Mr. Wysopal confirmed that staff will continue to follow up in terms of code enforcement.

14. Other

The Council thanked those that attended the fundraiser for the North Suburban Center for the Arts. It was noted that progress is being made on the Moore Lake project.

Adjourn

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

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore
City Clerk

Scott J. Lund
Mayor