



City Council Meeting

March 25, 2024

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of March 25, 2024, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

Others Present

Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Pledge Of Allegiance

Proclamations/Presentations

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/Receipt of Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of March 11, 2024.
2. Receive the Minutes from the Council Workshop Meeting of March 11, 2024.

New Business

3. Resolution No. 2024-35, Scheduling a Public Hearing on April 8, 2024 on a Proposed Amendment to the Fridley City Charter Chapter 1 Name, Boundaries, Powers and Construction of Government, and Directing Publication of the Text of Ordinance No. 1421 in Full.

4. Resolution No 2024-36, Approving Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant Application for Commons Park Splash Pad.
5. Resolution No. 2024-40, Approving Gifts, Donations and Sponsorships Received Between February 15, 2024 and March 15, 2024.
6. Resolution No. 2024-14, Approving and Authorizing the Signing of a Settlement Agreement Between the City of Fridley and Stephen A. Ling and Stephanie Ling.

Licenses

7. Resolution No. 2024-37, Approving Fridley Historical Society Gambling Permit.

Claims

8. Resolution No. 2024-39, Approving Claims for the Period Ending March 20, 2024.

Open Forum, Visitors: (Consideration of Items not on Agenda – 15 minutes.)

Dan Carlson commented on a cult his son was involved in located in Missouri which has ties to roofing companies in Minnesota. He said he has had a hard time getting an attorney on this issue but believes that prosecution should be pursued.

Mayor Lund suggested that staff reach out in an attempt to find out more information and the proper way to handle this matter.

Adoption of Regular Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to adopt the regular agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Bolcom.

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

Regular Agenda

New Business

9. Resolution No. 2024-38, Approving an Amendment to the 2024 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2024-01 Feasibility Report to Address Traffic Calming Measures Along and Adjacent to Channel Road.

Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director, reviewed background information and noted that this item is related to traffic calming. It could be a standalone project or occur with the road project. He reviewed information on public engagement as well as traffic speeds and volumes. He provided more information on the potential traffic calming for Channel Road and noted that those concepts were

presented at the public open house. He also provided a ranking for the options provided by the public. He stated that staff discussed the feedback with Council, and the speed humps and traffic circle were deemed feasible. Accordingly, staff is working on preliminary design to incorporate one, or both, of the elements. He noted an estimated cost of \$25,000 to add both elements and noted that funding is available as \$30,000 had been budgeted for traffic safety upgrades in 2024. Staff recommend approval of the resolution as presented.

Councilmember Bolkcom thanked staff and the public for working together to get to this point.

Mayor Lund commented that this is not a large amount of money for something that will hopefully benefit the neighborhood. He believed that the University should be involved in the funding as that is the main source of traffic issues in this area.

Mr. Kosluchar commented that while efforts to improve the situation have taken a while, he does believe there is progress being made to reduce the concentration of traffic. He preferred to fund these improvements as proposed, noting the traffic data collected.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to adopt Resolution No. 2024-38, Approving Amendment to the 2024 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2024-01 Feasibility Report to Address Traffic Calming Measures Along and Adjacent to Channel Road. Seconded by Councilmember Ostwald.

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

Informal Status Reports

Councilmember Tillberry reminded residents of the upcoming Springbrook fundraiser that will be held on April 6.

Councilmember Bolkcom referenced a recent fundraiser for Alexandra House, which had a great turnout with many incredible donations. Councilmember Ostwald commented that \$200,000 was raised at the event.

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 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore
City Clerk

Scott J. Lund
Mayor