



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 22, 2021

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

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## MINUTES

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

Scott Lund  
Ann Bolkcom  
Stephen Eggert  
Dave Ostwald  
Tom Tillberry

Walter Wysopal, City Manager

### **PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. Proclamation for Dave Kondrick was presented.

### **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Bolkcom. Seconded by Ostwald.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of March 8, 2021

### **NEW BUSINESS**

3. Resolution No. 2021-19 Authorizing the Execution of a Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement with the Board of Water and Soil Resources and a Grant Agreement with the Rice Creek Watershed District for the Moore Lake Enhancement Project.
4. Resolution No. 2021-20 Approving a 2021 Stormwater Management Grant Agreement with Rice Creek Watershed District for the University Avenue Service Road Project

5. Resolution No. 2021-21, Approval of Gifts, Donations and Sponsorships received between February 12, 2021 and March 12, 2021
6. Approve Resolution No. 2021-22 Requesting Conveyance of Tax Forfeit Property to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) in and For the City of Fridley

### **CLAIMS**

7. Claims: 192188 - 192301

**OPEN FORUM, VISITORS:** Consideration of Items not on Agenda – 15 minutes.

No one from the audience spoke.

### **ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

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

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

8. Ordinance No. 1387, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 6, Commissions

**Wally Wysopal**, City Manager, stated staff was trying to be consistent with the aims of the City Council as established with regard to community involvement in its commissions. The City Code regulates City commissions. The City has a Parks & Recreation Commission, Environmental Quality & Energy Commission, and a Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is more of a statutorily created group who advise City Council. As to the others, the City Council has more authority over those with regard to membership and number. Right now, the number of members on the Parks & Recreation Commission is limited to five persons living in the City of Fridley. This ordinance would allow the City to add two additional persons to this commission in order to have more community involvement and voice into what is going on with the Parks & Recreation Commission.

**Mr. Wysopal** stated this item emanated from the City Council. It went to the Parks & Recreation Commission for consideration, and they were supportive. It is being presented to the Council as the first reading of the ordinance to allow that change.

**Mr. Wysopal** stated this proposed ordinance amendment also allows the City to do a little more effective rotation. The ordinance currently says the City will allow no more than two commissioners' terms to expire. As the City moves the number of commission members to seven, it will change the section to read the City Council shall make every effort to stagger the appointments so that the terms of no more than three members shall expire in any one year.

**Mr. Wysopal** stated these changes are allowed by Charter and would amend the City Code to allow the City Council to achieve its aim with regard to community involvement on commissions. If this is approved, the second reading would be held at the next City Council meeting. The appointment to the new position created on the Parks & Recreation Commission would not become official until the ordinance goes into effect.

Motion made by Councilmember Eggert. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **9. Resolution No. 2021-23 Approving Appointments to the City of Fridley Commissions**

**Mayor Lund** stated staff received nine applications for three open positions on the City Commissions. The applicants all had nice qualifications. It made Council's decision much tougher because everybody came with certain skills and desire was unanimous among all the applicants. Council is very happy they had a number of applicants step up to fill these positions.

**Councilmember Bolkcom** asked when the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was.

**Mr. Wysopal** replied, it would be the first Monday of April so they would have another meeting before the ordinance Council just approved on first reading went into effect.

**Councilmember Bolkcom** stated she was asking because both of those appointees could come to the meeting. One is filling Mr. Kondrick's position. The other one would not be able to vote at the next meeting.

**Mayor Lund** stated he was going to mention the three candidates they have selected with one of them not having the voting ability until after the ordinance takes effect to allow for the added position.

**Mr. Wysopal** replied correct. The Council has two positions to appoint within the Parks & Recreation Commission. The first one would become effective immediately, and the second one would become effective upon the ordinance amendment taking effect which would be after the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

**Mayor Lund** stated there were three positions to fill. One position was on the Environmental Quality & Energy Commission and Council selected was for the EQEC and the Council selected Aaron Klemz. He brought to the table a lot of skills and knowledge in that particular field.

**Mayor Lund** stated on the Parks & Recreation Commission they came to a consensus that Ken Schultz would replace David Kondrick. Eric Evanson will also be appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission, but his term will not begin until Ordinance No. 1387 goes into effect. Staff will let all of the candidates know the results. As to the applicants who were not selected, the City will hand on to their applications and may approach them regarding other opportunities to volunteer.

**Mayor Lund** stated the other Commission members whose three-year terms will be renewing on April 1, 2021, are Mark Hansen and Amy Dritz who are both on the EQEC Commission. The new member on that commission is Aaron Klemz. On the Parks & Recreation Commission, Peter Borman is being reappointed, and Ken Schultz will be appointed to David Kondrick's position. The new position will be filled by Eric Evanson after Ordinance No. 1387 goes into effect. Gordon Backlund would like to be reappointed to the Fridley Housing & Redevelopment Authority for another five-year term. Ross Meisner would like to be reappointed for a three-year term on the Planning Commission. Mark Hansen will be appointed to the Chair position on the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

### **INFORMAL STATUS REPORTS**

There were no reports.

### **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 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Denise M. Johnson  
Recording Secretary

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Scott J. Lund  
Mayor