



City Council Meeting

February 27, 2023

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Ostwald called the City Council meeting of February 27, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Tom Tillberry
Councilmember Ryan Evanson
Councilmember Ann Bolkcom
Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Sarah Sonsalla, City Attorney

Absent

Mayor Scott Lund

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamations/Presentations

1. Presentation of SolSmart Bronze Award

Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner, provided background on the SolSmart program and the bronze award that the City of Fridley was awarded. She presented the award to the Council.

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 Pro Tem Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously.

Approval/Receipt of Minutes

2. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of February 13, 2023.
3. Receive the Minutes from the City Council Conference Meeting of February 13, 2023.

4. Receive the Minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of December 5, 2022.

New Business

5. Resolution No. 2023-21, Approving Gifts, Donations and Sponsorships Received Between January 18, 2023 and February 20, 2023.

Claims

6. Resolution No. 2023-20 Approving Claims for the Period Ending February 22, 2023.

Adoption of Regular Agenda

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

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Pro Tem Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously.

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

No one from the audience spoke.

Regular Agenda

New Business

7. Resolution No. 2023-22, Approving Ordering of Advertisement for Bids for Moore Lake Park Site Improvements Project.

Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director, stated that at the last meeting, Council approved the plans and the ordering of bids for the community building. He explained that this action would be to authorize bidding for the corresponding site improvements. He provided details on the estimated project cost, bidding method, additional work, and schedule.

The Council asked for details on the date the park would be closed and whether any programming or events would be moved to another location. There was a question of why the lighting and security were not included in this bid package. Mr. Kosluchar estimated that the park would be closed in early June, noting that those details would be finalized once the contractor is on board. Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that typically there are shelter reservations at the park, but staff has not accepted any reservations because of the anticipated construction. He noted that there have not been any activities or programming planned this year but are excited to program for the site in 2024. He also provided details on the reservation process for other shelters. Mr. Kosluchar commented that staff would be selecting the lighting and security for the site. It was noted that decision was not made on the basis of cost savings, but because of the knowledge staff has on those matters and to ensure compatibility with the existing systems used by the City in other locations.

The Council noted that this is an exciting start to the park improvement plan implementation.

Wally Wysopal, City Manager, asked if the turf restoration would delay the opening of the park. He also asked if the aerator would be returning. Mr. Kosluchar commented that there will be a lot of turf restoration and plantings, but perhaps the north side could open sooner than the south side. He stated that the aerator would not return but they are looking into alternative options for the next season. He noted that the DNR was involved in the decision to remove the aerator.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to adopt Resolution No. 2023-22, Approving Ordering of Advertisement for Bids for Moore Lake Park Site Improvements Project. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Pro Tem Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously.

Informal Status Reports

The Council thanked staff for their continued efforts with snow removal.

Adjourn

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

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Pro Tem Ostwald declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore
City Clerk

Scott J. Lund
Mayor