



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2021

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lund called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Scott Lund

Ann Bolkcom

Stephen Eggert

Dave Ostwald

Tom Tillberry

Wally Wysopal, City Manager

Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Andrew Biggerstaff, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Fridley Fire Station Design Award

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Councilmember Bolkcom to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item No. 8. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

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 May 24, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Ordinance No. 1386, Proposed Amendment to the Fridley City Charter Chapter 12, Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Receive the Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of May 19, 2021.
5. Resolution No. 2021-47, Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce for an Auto Theft Investigator.
6. Resolution No. 2021-48, Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the Minnesota Department of Commerce for the Anoka County Auto Theft Task Force.
7. Resolution No. 2021-49, Scheduling a Public Hearing for a Text Amendment on Shared Micromobility Devices.
8. Resolution No. 2021-51, Directing Continued Efforts Pertaining to the Parks Master Plan.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked to remove this item from the consent agenda and place it on the regular agenda.

9. Resolution No. 2021-52, Approving Special Use Permit, SP #21-04 Petitioned by TC Solar RCE LLC (Ward 2).

LICENSES

10. Resolution No. 2021-50, Approving City Licenses and Permits.

CLAIMS

11. Approve Claim Nos. 192882 – 193103.

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt the Agenda with the addition of Item No. 8. 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 ITEMS**NEW BUSINESS**

8. Resolution No. 2021-51, Directing Continued Efforts Pertaining to the Parks Master Plan.

Wally Wysopal, City Manager, stated the Parks Master Plan is community driven and called "Finding Your Fun in Fridley." The comprehensive park planning process will guide the City with identified priorities for park improvements and investments to ensure the City has a balanced and equitable park system that meets the needs of the community. A series of four community workshops were conducted by the Corridor Development Initiative (CDI) through emails, electronic surveys, social pinpoint, and the City newsletter.

The Parks mission statement is "Fridley's park system will increase the wellbeing of our community by providing people of all ages and abilities with opportunities for active living, social connections, wellness, and nature." There are four key themes for improved playgrounds and amenities: gathering spaces, year-round use and connectivity and unique amenities and experiences. WSB & Associates created a fair implementation plan by performing in-depth analysis of area needs and parks; identifying access and barriers as well as underserved populations; engaging with key groups and partners; developing concept plans designs; drafting an implementation strategy; preparing costs estimates; creating a story map website; and continually collecting feedback.

The resident survey indicated that residents are attached to and value their parks. Residents have a strong connection between parks and home values. Demographically, the City is becoming more diverse and younger, demanding different park amenities than in the past. Our newer residents desire to make Fridley their home for many years to come and look to parks as a connection to the City. Monetarily, residents express their support for parks through a willingness to pay about \$10/month more for park improvements.

The feedback from the Town Hall Meeting was very positive. There were no comments in direct opposition to the plan. There were questions about affordability. Residents inquired as to the next steps. It was offered and found acceptable that Council consider a resolution at its next meeting to authorize further study and citizen involvement. The next steps for Council include identifying the size of the project not to exceed \$30 million, determining the time frame not to exceed 10 years, continuing the community-driven process by creating a Financing Task Force, and creating a Refinement Task Force utilizing the Parks and Recreation Commission with some additional members if needed. Staff is requesting action tonight to discuss, adopt a resolution and appoint the Task Forces.

Mayor Lund said members of the Finance Task Force and Refinement Task Force will be discussed/announced at the next Council meeting in two weeks. At that time Council may identify other members to the Task Force.

Mr. Wysopal said that people considered for this task force attended the Town Hall meeting on June 5 and wanted to be involved as Park Champions and be on the committee.

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to adopt Resolution No. 2021-51. Seconded by Eggert.

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

INFORMAL STATUS REPORTS

12. Update on Town Hall Meeting.

Mayor Lund thanked all who attended the Town Hall Meeting on June 5. About 100 staff and residents participated in some way. Email or call Councilmembers if you did not have a chance to ask your questions.

Councilmember Eggert added that the Town Hall Meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the City's website.

Councilmember Bolkcom announced an event at the Banfill Center for the Arts on June 26 from 4-7 p.m. Food, exhibitors, music and a brewery will be there.

Councilmember Eggert asked if there were any concerns with the drought and Fridley's water supply.

Mr. Wysopal replied that with the water supply we also get from the City of New Brighton, Fridley's water supply is okay and there is no plan for a watering ban.

Councilmember Ostwald reminded people of the City-Wide Garage Sale on June 25/26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The goal is to have 90 sales and there is still time to sign up.

ADJOURN

Motion 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 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Peterson
Recording Secretary

Scott J. Lund
Mayor