



City Council Meeting

September 9, 2024

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of September 9, 2024, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

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

Absent

Others Present

Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Brandon Brodhag, Assistant City Engineer
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Pledge Of Allegiance

Proclamations/Presentations

1. Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2024

Mayor Lund read the proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. A representative from Alexandra House thanked the City for the proclamation and provided a summary of services provided to Anoka County and Fridley residents during 2024. She advised of the upcoming Hope Fest which will take place on Saturday, September 28th.

2. Proclamation for Constitution Week (September 17-23, 2024)

Mayor Lund read the proclamation recognizing September 17th – 23rd as Constitution Week.

Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to adopt the proposed Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Bolcom.

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 August 26, 2024.
4. Receive the Minutes from the City Council Conference Meeting of August 26, 2024.
5. Receive the Minutes from the August 21, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

New Business

6. Resolution No. 2024-115, Approving Lot Split, LS #24-01 to Create Two Single-Family Lots from the Property at 7800 Pearson Way N.E. (Ward 3)

Claims

7. Resolution No. 2024-117, Approving Claims for the Period Ending September 4, 2024.

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

Marsha Carson, 5446 W Bavarian Pass, commented that she lives on Far Lake and has concerns with the quality of the lake. She asked if there are any planned improvements as the lake continues to be crowded out with vegetation.

Brandon Brodhag, Assistant City Engineer, commented that half of the lake is the City, and the other half is the townhome association. He provided details on a water quality project that will be completed this fall with funding assistance from the watershed. He explained that the project will improve the water quality going into the lake, but will not impact the natural vegetation that grows. Ms. Carson commented that she would appreciate anything that could be done as it is turning into a swamp.

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.

Regular Agenda

New Business

8. Resolution No. 2024-110, Awarding University Avenue Service Road Traffic Changes Project

Mr. Brodhag stated that this presentation will address this item and the following item. He provided background information on the project, project element and project details. He provided additional details on the work completed by CenterPoint in 2023 and the Rice Creek Trail Crossing. He reviewed details of the project bidding reporting the lowest responsive bidder was Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC of Mora with a bid total of \$1,366,904.70. He reviewed the project funding sources, tentative project schedule, and details of the Active Transportation Program grant agreement. He then highlighted the next steps if the Council awards the project tonight.

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to approve Resolution No. 2024-110, Awarding University Avenue Service Road Traffic Changes Project. Seconded by Councilmember Ostwald.

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

9. Resolution No. 2024-111, Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement with MnDOT for University Avenue Service Road Traffic Changes Project

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to approve Resolution No. 2024-111, Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement with MnDOT for University Avenue Service Road Traffic Changes Project. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

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

Councilmember Bolkcom recognized the intent for the contractor to complete the project this year, but asked what would occur if they are not able to do so and the impact that would have on this area. Mr. Brodhag commented that staff will be working with the contractor and if the work cannot be completed, they will ensure that everything that has been opened will be closed back up. He confirmed that letters have been sent to the residents in this area offering them the opportunity to join the list for weekly updates.

10. Resolution No. 2024-116, Requesting Community Development Block Grant Funds for Oak Hill Park and Jubilee Park Redevelopment and Improvements

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, presented background information on the park projects and explained that the City is in the process of applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. He reviewed the playground concepts for both Oak Hill and Jubilee parks. He asked the Council for its support in submitting the grant application.

Mayor Lund asked for details on when the grant would be awarded. Mr. Maher replied that if the grant is awarded, the City would find out still this fall. He explained that if the funds are awarded the equipment would be ordered still this year for installation in spring of 2025.

Councilmember Tillberry commented that he is impressed that the City continues to look for grant opportunities and funding sources for the park projects.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked if a contractor would be installing the equipment or whether that would be done by City staff. Mr. Maher explained that the City does not have the expertise to properly

install the equipment and therefore would utilize the expertise of the installation team. He confirmed that the grant would cover the entire cost of the park improvements as proposed. Mr. Brodhag provided additional details on the timing of the grant funds, noting that the projects would need to be completed by mid-June of 2025, as specified within the grant.

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to approve Resolution No. 2024-116, Requesting Community Development Block Grant Funds for Oak Hill Park and Jubilee Park Redevelopment and Improvements. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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

Informal Status Reports

Councilmember Evanson advised of the upcoming Conversations with the Council scheduled for this Saturday at Moore Lake Park. Tickets are also available for Pumpkin in the Park which is scheduled for October 19th. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the event and must be purchased ahead of 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 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Moore
City Clerk

Scott J. Lund
Mayor