

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

MINUTES

October 14, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm
- B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM ___ HARRIS X BROWN THUNDER X
LONG X MERCER-TAYLOR X
- STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X
FREIHAMMER, CITY ENGINEER X
- C. PRESENTATIONS:
1. U of MN Students - Sustainability Fair and Capstone Projects
 - November 19th 5:30-8:30pm at Silver Wood Park. The event is free to the public.
 2. Resiliency Report- Great Plains Institute
 - Great Plains Institute is a Minneapolis nonprofit. The work on the Resiliency Report is supported by the MN Pollution Control Agency and funded by a grant through their Environmental Assistance Program. The goal is to get cities to think more about adaption for climate change. Great Plains Institute is looking into sustainability both economically and environmentally in the city. This work is specific to the step three Green Step status that Falcon Heights has obtained. There are three parts to looking at resiliency for the comprehensive plan: acknowledging existing conditions, determining desired conditions, and generating strategies to meet those goals.
- Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 3-0
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. September 23rd, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approved
- E. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. General Disbursements through: 10/07/15 \$195,079.69
Payroll through: 9/30/15 \$16,565.75
 2. Score Grant
 - City Administrator Sack Thongvanh presented that the city has continued to work with Ramsey County to increase participation in the citywide recycling system. The Score Grant is provided by Ramsey County to increase participation through education, events, and activities around recycling. The estimated allocation for 2016 from Ramsey County is about \$13,000. Staff requests approval of resolution 15-31.
 3. Appoint Ben Reichelt to the Park Commission

4. Appoint Mark Miazga to the Environment Commission
5. Authorizing Final Payment on 15-08 2015 Falcon Heights Sewer Lining CIPP Project
6. Resolution Ordering Assessment Hearing for the 2015 Pavement Management Project

Council Member Mercer-Taylor Moved, Approved 4-0

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. 2015 Pavement Management Project Assessment Hearing
 - City Administrator Sack Thongvanh stated that the Pavement Management Project Public Hearing is to establish special assessments that apply to Roselawn Avenue, Fairview Avenue to Snelling, East Snelling Service Roads from Roselawn Avenue to Crawford Avenue, and West Snelling Service Drive from Roselawn Avenue to Larpenteur Avenue.

Once the final assessment is adopted, the city will allow for a 30 day prepaid assessment period. Following the 30 days the assessment roles will be certified to Ramsey County. Residents are allowed to do partial payments during the 30 day period. The Snelling Service Drive project was \$255,000 and assessments will be about \$45,000. The Roselawn project is due to be completed by October 23, 2015. The City does receive MSA funding.

The city will contribute \$50,000 of these funds to the Snelling Service Drives, and another \$50,000 will be contributed to the overall Roselawn project. This decreases the assessment price for property owners, and it decreases the total cost the city has to levy for debt services. The total cost to the city is about \$249,000.

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 4-0

G. POLICY ITEMS:

1. RFP Recycling - Request Staff Authorization to Negotiate Contract
 - Council Member Mercer-Taylor stated that the Environment Commission is pleased with the services that Tennis Sanitation has provided for recycling. Their recommendation was based not only on cost, but on a variety of other components: residuals, services, and education. Falcon Heights received three bids for the Recycling RFP: Waste Management, Republic Services, and Tennis Sanitation.

Council Member Mercer-Taylor Moved, Approved 4-0

2. Sidewalk Maintenance Policy
 - City Administrator Sack Thongvanh, per request from the Mayor, has reviewed current policies and how the city can be consistent in its snow and ice removal practices. The city currently provides snow and ice removal on Larpenteur from Fulham Street to Hamline Avenue. Per city code snow and ice must be removed from sidewalk within 24 hours of snowfall. Current practice, the City has removed snow and ice from some street and not other. Staff recommends enforcing the current code that all homeowners, businesses, and property owners be responsible for removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks. Notifications of the proposed

change would be sent to businesses and residents off Larpenteur from Fulham Street to Hamline Avenue.

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 4-0

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Mercer-Taylor:

- Environment Commission met and U of MN sustainability course students were in attendance. There was discussion of the resiliency reports, brainstorming of agenda items, and the commission welcomed a new commissioner.
- Mercer-Taylor attended the Annual University Grove Association meeting. There was discussion of the Bell Museum's plans, golf course updates, street projects in the Grove, localized flooding issues, and discussion with City Administrator Sack Thongvanh.

Council Member Harris:

- Planning Commission did not meet. No updates.

Council Member Brown Thunder:

- Northeast Youth Family Services had its board meeting three weeks ago. They reviewed services they offer and started planning for the upcoming year. Their next fundraiser is the Taste of Northeast on Thursday, October 22 from 5:30-8:30pm at the Vadnais Heights Commons. There will be 20 restaurants and an auction.

City Administrator Thongvanh:

- The November 11 Council meeting will be moved to November 18 due to holiday.
- The 2017 PMP was discussed with St. Paul Water Utility. The price difference between a mill and overlay versus a reclaim would be about \$70,000-\$80,000. St. Paul Water Utility would be involved in the reclaim, and they would look at replacing the water main. That's a benefit for the city and the lifespan of that road.

City Engineer Freihammer:

The Roselawn project may be a few days behind, but it will be done in the next two weeks.

Council Member Long:

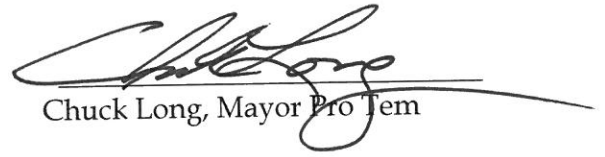
- The Parks Commission met on Monday night, and they discussed wrapping up the park master plan and the recommendations. The Parks Commission would like to get some more input and comments on Curtiss Field. The Commission is working with staff to put together an online survey specific to Curtiss Field. The survey will be available by the first week in November, and the Parks Commission will be hosting an open house at their November 9th commission meeting and before the November 18th Council meeting. The open houses will be a time to review history of the park, receive comments, and discuss the park master plan. After the first of the year, the park commission would bring their recommendations for further action to the council.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

Resident Farook Meah from 1597 Hollywood Court:


He inquired about the Environmental Commission opening advertised on the weekly e-newsletter. He stated he submitted an application, and he wanted to know the application process as well as the status.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 pm



Chuck Long, Mayor Pro Tem

Dated this 14th day of October, 2015



Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator