

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

**MINUTES**

June 22, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM X HARRIS X BROWN THUNDER X  
FISCHER X GUSTAFSON X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. League of Women Voters -Police Study

Presenter Gwen Willems and Mindy Grieling (co-chair of the study) stated that letters were sent to Little Canada, Maplewood, Roseville, Lauderdale, and Falcon Heights to introduce the study. The study was conducted over the span of a year, studying police services and trainings that educate officers on how to avoid racial profiling and how to handle crises involving people with mental illness and domestic abuse situations. Interviews were conducted with Police Chiefs, a Ramsey County Sheriff, and data was gathered from cities. Some of the League of Women Voters recommendations were to increase training opportunities and to collect more data.

2. Annual MS 4 Presentation - Public Works Director Tim Pittman

Some of the goals for 2016 are to continue utility billing, continue educational flyers/newsletters, street sweep more often, and rehab/repair all catch basins related to each street project. An underground containment structure has been put into place at Curtiss Field Park and this will help monitor after heavy rainfalls.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. May 25, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes Approved

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 6/14/16 \$233,089.61

Payroll through: 6/14/16 \$54,911.34

2. Appointment of Morgan B. McCann to the Falcon Heights Volunteer Fire Department

3. Appointment of Schliz Sawyers to the Falcon Heights Volunteer Fire Department

Council Member Gustafson Moved, Approved 5-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Ordinance 16-01 Amending Chapter 113 of the City Code to Remove Structural Heights as a Conditional Use Permit

City Administrator Thongvanh stated that based on the way the ordinance is currently written, height limits on structures is allowed by way of Conditional Use Permit. The conditions in which it can be built do not include limiting the height. Anything above the 6 foot height would now require a variance instead of a CUP.

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 5-0

2. Ramsey County Election Contract Amendment for 2017-2020

City Administrator stated that Ramsey County is electing to continue the term per the original agreement. There will be no changes in cost aside from the presidential primary in 2020, and those changes in cost will be made known that year.

Council Member Fischer Moved, Approved 5-0

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Fischer:

- The Community Engagement Commission discussed having a Citizen of the Year Award, but has tabled that item in favor of hosting a volunteer recognition event.

Council Member Harris:

- No updates aside from the policy recommendation that was made by the Planning Commission.

Council Member Brown Thunder:

- NYFS had their annual Mayors challenge. Falcon Heights participated, but did not win. NYFS raised over \$10,000. The planning for next year is already under way.

Council Member Gustafson:

- The Parks and Recreation Commission met, and they are looking at participating in the comprehensive plan. The park programs have started. The Ice Cream Social is on July 21. On Tuesday, July 12 the Sherriff's office is conducting a bike rodeo at Island Lake in Shoreview in the afternoon. Tuesday, August 2 is Night to Unite. The Falcon Heights Block Captains should register their block party with St. Anthony Police and/or City Hall.
- The Environment Commission discussed resiliency in regards to solar power, pollinators, sewer, and water. The presentation on pollinators was very informative. Falcon Heights does well in regards to pollination because of the variety in landscaping.

City Administrator Thongvanh:

- Ramsey County sidewalk construction on Larpenteur is anticipated to be completed by July 4. The new voting systems are at City Hall to test out.
- The budget workshop will be on July 13 immediately following the council meeting. They will discuss Special Revenue and Debt Service. The larger budget sections will be

discussed in August and September, General Fund and Capital Fund. The preliminary budget has to be accepted by September 30.


- Public Works has been working on completing the sidewalk at Curtiss Field.
- Ice Cream Social is Thursday, July 21. The City is looking into making it a low waste event. This year the Movie in the Park will immediately follow the Ice Cream Social.

Mayor Lindstrom:


- The Environment Commission met, but he was unable to attend.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 pm

  
Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2016

  
Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator

