

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

AGENDA  
October 9, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL: Vacant NA LEEHY X HARRIS AB  
MIAZGA X GUSTAFSON X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X

- C. PRESENTATION  
1. Neal Kwong Award – Nathan Behrens

Nathan Behrens

I am an Eagle Scout with Roseville Troop #9297. I designed and led the construction of a new, elaborate goose house at Gibbs Farm Historical Museum in Falcon Heights for my service project. At my church, Gloria Dei Lutheran, I have helped teach Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years, acted as a worship assistant and musician, and worked on social justice outreach projects. In addition, at Roseville Area High School, I have taught cello lessons and mentored chamber groups, and I coached summer Elementary and Middle School Orchestra Camps. Within my neighboring city, I have volunteered with Roseville Parks and Recreation youth sports and day camps for the past four summers.

I greatly appreciate getting to know different perspectives from the people and organizations I volunteer with, and I find joy in giving whatever time and skills I can offer. I also feel fortunate to have several teachers, coaches, and mentors who have acted as important role models in my life. They have encouraged me to connect my strengths to volunteerism and to make a positive impact in the world. Each of us has talents to share. If we just look, ask, and start, there are abundant ways we can connect our passions with the community to make it an even better place.

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. September 25, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved 3-0

- E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- F. CONSENT AGENDA:  
1. General Disbursements through: 9/18/19 \$64,459.74

Payroll through: 9/15/19 \$20,780.91

2. Nalisha Nandkumar, Assistant to the City Administrator 6 Month Performance Evaluation
3. Designation of Official Newspaper
4. Accept FEMA 2018 Assistance to Fire Grant
5. Approval of Charitable/Lawful Gambling License Application – Girls on the Run Twin Cities

#### City Administrator Thongvanh

- I want to thank Nalisha for being a great employee. At the Ice Cream Social, she collaborated with many local organizations. Nalisha also brought up the idea to revamp our bi-annual newsletter.
- Regarding the FEMA grant, the city was award \$48,000 for the Source Capture Exhaust Systems. Unfortunately, we did not get the Personal Protective Equipment grant.
- Last week, we received an email from the Roseville Review that the company is closing down. According to the State statute, a city must designate a legal newspaper of general circulation in the city. This newspaper is used when the city is required to publish the legal notice regarding public hearings, elections, and city financial matters. Staff recommends that the City designate the Pioneer Press as the official newspaper for the remainder of 2019.
- Lastly, the city does not issue any license for the University of Minnesota; however, the State stated that since the university is in Falcon Heights and a local jurisdiction must sign off on it.

Council Member Leehy, Approved 3-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Council Member Miazga

- The Taste of Northeast fundraiser for NYFS is tomorrow at 5:30pm at the Vadnais Heights Commons.
- Tomorrow at 2pm is the groundbreaking for Falcon Heights Elementary School and the work coming out of the bonding referendum that was supported.

#### Council Member Leehy

- Parks and Recreation Commission met on Monday and commissioners were happy about the shed at Curtiss Field.
- The City is still working to install the basketball court. We had many rainy days, which have caused delays.
- The Rink Attendant position is now open. The application is at the city hall and website.
- The election is on Tuesday, November 5. I want to thank League of Women Voters for hosting the candidate forum. CTV recorded the forum and the video is available on the city website.

#### Mayor Gustafson

- I participated in the League of Women Voters candidate forum. It was fun and interesting.
- Strategic Planning is on December 6 and 7. I am looking forward to it.
- Community Engagement Commission will be meeting on Monday, October 21 at 7pm. They will finalize plans for Human Rights Day. The event is on Tuesday, December 10.
- November 18 is Cultivating a Caring Community “Gray Area Thinking” from 6pm-8pm at the city hall.
- Ramsey County Fright Farm begins on October 4 and admission is \$12. The money will go towards the Sheriff’s Foundation which funds for youth outreach and more.

City Administrator Thongvanh

- Absentee voting is available at Ramsey County Elections office on 90 Plato Blvd. The early registration deadline is Tuesday, October 15. You can also register in person at a polling place on Election Day.
- Early voting begins on October 29 through November 4. The locations are Ramsey County Elections, Arlington Hills Community Center, Como Streetcar Station, Highland Park Community Center, Martin Luther King Recreation Center, Ramsey County Library - Roseville, Shoreview, and White Bear Lake. This information is also available at city hall and will be in our weekly E-newsletter.
- The Fire Department Open House was canceled due to the weather. The Fire Department is still discussing if they want to reschedule it for another day or wait for next year.
- The new youth programs are on October 17 and 18. We are offering Insane Slime and Hatchimals and each class is \$33. I encourage kids to come to the program.
- We will continue to work on the budget and refining it.
- In the next few months, there will be another open house for the Cleveland Avenue project. Jesse will email me the details.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:41 P.M.

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Randy Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 9th day of October, 2019

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Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator