

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

AGENDA
April 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gustafson

There is a change to the agenda under presentation. Sue Majerus is going to provide CTV and FCC updates on local community television.

Council Member Leehy Moved, Approved 4-0

B. ROLL CALL: Vacant ___ LEEHY__x__ HARRIS_x___
MIAZGA_x__ GUSTAFSON_x__

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH_x___

C. PRESENTATION

1. Review of CTV March Report

Sue Majerus (1381 Iowa Ave)

CTV is currently going through a rebranding process and is looking at services they want to provide and communication strategies. To improve communications, we asked the City Administrator to add a CTV section on city website. It will provide monthly reports, a link to city council videos, CTV's official webpage, and mobile app. CTV is not only for meeting and event recordings, but also reaches out to the community to see what they can provide.

The FCC's Cable Franchise Fee Rulemaking proposal was introduced to Mayor Lindstrom before he left. CTV Director reached out to nine cities and asked them to write a letter to the FCC chairperson regarding a recent proposed rulemaking that could cut the city's franchise fee. I am looking for a motion to support and move forward with the ruling, and it includes two action items. One, the mayor needs to sign and finish the letter with comments made and provide it to Dana, the CTV Executive Director. Two, I encourage other council members to sign the letter and demonstrate their support.

Council Member Miazga Moved, Approved 4-0

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. March 27, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

- There are some spelling corrections and it will be posted online tomorrow.

Council Member Miazga Moved, Approved 4-0

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 4/04/19 \$273,925.70
Payroll through: 3/31/19 \$18,283.54
2. Approval of City License(s)
3. Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative (CTC) Recreation Programming
4. Donations for 2019 Parks Program Fund
5. Lauderdale Recreation Agreement
6. Investment Internal Controls Policy Update
7. Minnesota Timberwolves Basketball Court Refurbishment Program

City Administrator Thongvanh

I want to thank Roland Olson, Finance Director and his intern for preparing everything for the auditors. I also want to thank Nalisha who is the new Assistant to the City Administrator for reaching out to businesses for donations. The city wants to thank Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions Club, Cox Insurance Associates, INC, Hair Designs Unlimited, John A Knutson & Co., PLLP, and Young Spa for donating to the Parks and Recreation Programming Fund and Special Events Fund. These donations help offset the cost of Parks Programming and Special Events.

In regards to the Minnesota Timberwolves FastBreak Foundation, representatives from the foundation will travel across the state of Minnesota to help neighborhoods take their love of basketball outdoors with the 'Our Courts. Our Future.' Four courts will be selected from the nominations received from the public in terms of voting. Staff recommends approval for nominating Community Park Basketball Court for Timberwolves Refurbishment project. The public will have to vote online, and the city will promote it on social media and weekly newsletters.

Council Member Leehy Moved, Approved 4-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Resolution of Support to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Group Home Rehab

City Administrator Thongvanh

The City received a request from Accessible Space, Inc. to consider a resolution of support for their Community Development Block Grant application with Ramsey County. The grant is through Ramsey County, and it would provide funds for rehabilitating a group home. The grant request totals \$84,900, of which \$41,700 and it would be use for the Snelling Ave house to renovate windows, flooring, restroom, and deck. Staff recommends approving Resolution 19-15 in support of approving CDBG Grant Application - Accessible Space, Inc.

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 4-0

2. Consider changes to 2040 Comprehensive Plan

City Administrator Thongvanh

The City received the first comments from the Metropolitan Council regarding the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Met Council would like to see more information on mixed use (MU), including the percentage of share of methods and overall density of the land use category. In our plan, most of the redevelopment opportunities identified between now and 2040 are of a mixed-use nature, 35.4 acres, concentrated in the Snelling/Larpenteur corner and along Larpenteur Ave west to Cleveland Ave.

Council Member Harris stated that none of the mixed-use percentage applies unless there is going to be a complete redevelopment of a property. Therefore, it does not apply if a resident is remodeling their house or property owners remodeling their apartment building that currently exists. It is only for complete redevelopment of a property. City Administrator Thongvanh stated that this would affect the TIES building if Buhl Investors decides to move forward with their MU project. We need a motion to follow this through and staff items that were highlighted on page 51.

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 4-0

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Workshop Following Tonight's Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Miazga

- The Environment Commission is putting an environment sustainability column for the newsletter. Also, Jim who is the chair of our Environment Commission is working closely with other Environment Commissions and opportunities to collaborate. He will be in Shoreview on May 6 to meet with the Environment Commission. He will also meet with St. Anthony Village and learn about their innovative ideas and putting a sustainability component in their park's plan.
- This Saturday is the Environment Commission conference for the metro area commissions and environmental organizations. It is from 8:30am - 3:30pm at Hennepin Avenue United Church and the address is 511 Groveland Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403. We will have two people who will represent Falcon Heights.
- AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) is a great grant opportunity. This weekend, I will be meeting with three members of the Environment Commission and create a proposal. We are looking at getting the fund for rapid flash beacons for public safety on Larpenteur and Pascal and Larpenteur and Fry. We are looking at those two locations because there have been issues on speeding. It is dangerous for children, seniors, and residents when crossing the street.
- Last week, councilmember Leehy and I attended the Ramsey County Sexual Assault investigation event. It was a terrific event.
- NYFS' Leadership lunch is on May 1st from 11:30am - 1pm at Midland Hills Country Club.

- I drafted a bonding resolution for our next meeting on May 10th. The resolution is to ask the State of Minnesota for \$1 million dollars for Community Park. I have been working with City Administrator Thongvanh and hope to have everyone's support.
- The 2018 Community Survey final report is now on the city website.

Council Member Leehy

- Last week, the Parks Commission met and it was a quorum. The meeting had some new faces, and we are happy to have them. Nalisha who is the new Assistant to the City Administrator will be the staff liaison for the Parks Commission.
- Garden season is just around the corner, and there is going to be a community garden event next week. The event is called Seeds of Sharing (S.O.S), and it is on Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00pm in City Hall. We will have speakers from U of M Master Gardeners and gardeners can have a chance to share seeds with each other. We encourage everyone to attend the event.
- The Ramsey County Sexual Assault investigation event was well attended. I am looking to bring one of the speakers to city council meetings. The event talked about creating a safe system for victims to have an advocate right away. The advocate will go through the process with the victim from start to finish. The system will make sure victims are not walking the journey alone.
The next inclusion set of guest speakers will be Valerie Castile, John Thompson, and Hawa Samatar. The event name is "Cultivating a Caring Community - Healing and Understanding," and it will be on Saturday, July 6, from 6:30pm-8:00pm at City Hall. Adding on, this day will be the second annual Restoration Day.

Mayor Gustafson

- Spring Together is Saturday, June 8 from 11am - 2pm at Curtiss Field.
- Inclusion Speaker Ron Rabinovitz event is Thursday, May 23 from 7pm-8:30pm at City Hall.
- Community Engagement Commission meeting is on April 15, 7pm at City Hall.

City Administrator Thongvanh

- A reminder that snow emergency policy begins after 2 inches of new snow no matter when it falls. Vehicles must be off the streets so we can plow, and we will start ticketing.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 P.M.

Randy Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 10th day of April, 2019

Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator