

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

AGENDA
June 26, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL: Vacant ___ LEEHY_X__ HARRIS_X__
MIAZGA_X__ GUSTAFSON_X__
- STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH_X__
- C. PRESENTATION
1. MSA Presentation

Timothy Pittman, Public Works Director

The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems is required by the MPCA every year. The system helps regulate large construction sites in major metropolitan areas. The EPA and MPCA oversee them and must develop storm water prevention programs. The permit holder is required to submit a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) that incorporates best management practices (BMPs). MS4s in urban areas are required to obtain a storm water permit. Falcon Heights is considered an urbanized area. Although the U of M and State Fair are in Falcon Heights, they are permitted separately and have their own MS4.

The six control measures are: public education and outreach, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge, detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction runoff control, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping.

The progresses to date are:

1. Newsletters and flyers to residents
2. Developed a storm sewer map
3. Implemented the construction site runoff control measures
4. Enforced the construction site runoff on the SE Corner
5. Inspected 100% of outfalls
6. Implemented de-icing material controls
7. Implemented storm drain system cleaning and rehabilitation of catch basins
8. Reconstructed the Curtiss Field Pond
9. Implemented vehicle maintenance program
10. Purchased a street sweeper with the City of Little Canada. This means more street sweeper for the city.
11. Straight salt for road melt
12. Storm sewer system cleaning program
13. Added additional underground storage

The 2019 goals are to continue utility billing, educational flyers, and newsletters to residents, sweep streets more often, repair catch basins, and monitor underground containment structure at Curtiss Field Park.

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. June 12, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved 4-0

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- F. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. General Disbursements through: 6/20/19 \$145,200.61
Payroll through: 6/15/19 \$20,896.37
2. Public Works Dump Truck Purchase
3. Adopting Fee for Chicken Permits
4. City Administrator Step Adjustment
5. Resignation of Mohamed Farook Meah from the Environment Commission
6. Proclamation - Restoration and Unity Days

Mayor Gustafson

July 6 will be a combination of Restoration Day and Cultivating a Caring Community - "Healing and Understanding" event. The event will start at 6:30pm and the speakers are Valerie Castile and John Thompson. Hawa Samatar will not join us due to her new schedule. Councilmember Leehy will find the third speaker for the event.

Council Member Leehy

After the panel event, there will be a candlelight vigil. On July 7, the Castile family will host the BBQ again this year. The family will provide hotdogs and hamburgers. Guests are encouraged to bring something to share and there will be music and games. The BBQ event starts at 5:30pm on City Hall greenspace.

Mayor Gustafson Moved, Approved 4-0

G. POLICY ITEMS:

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Miazga

- Environment Commission continues to do a remarkable job. They have over 20 initiatives such as the native plant ordinance draft. I think it will come up in the fall workshop.
- Mayor Gustafson is receiving an award on behalf of the city by the League of Minnesota Cities for all the work we have done so far this year. I want to thank former Mayor Lindstrom for his commitments and making the city reach this goal.

- According to the Roseville Review, the City of Roseville will regulate street parking this year during the fair.
- I want to thank Farook Meah for all his service on the Environment Commission. He is a remarkable person and very intelligent. He is committed to the environment and the community and will be missed.
- There is an upcoming election and there might be 2-3 seats open. If anyone is interested, the filing period is July 30 through August 13. The filing location will be at Ramsey County elections office on Plato Boulevard.

Council Member Leehy

- No updates.

Council Member Harris

- Planning Commission did not meet last night due to lack of quorum.

Mayor Gustafson

- Community Engagement Commission met last Monday. We are looking to add additional events for the fall and winter season. In addition, they are promoting the Neighborhood Liaison program and try to figure out which block is lacking.
- Night to Unite is on Tuesday, August 6. The registration is now open and the deadline is July 19. If you want to request the fire department, city council, barricades, and play kit, please register at the city website or city hall. If you want to request the police department, you will have to register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NTU2019>.
- Coffee with a Cop was last Thursday at Falcon Heights Town Square. It was a nice gathering.
- I will be attending the League of Minnesota Cities annual meeting. The city is being awarded for Green Step Cities - Step Five and it will be Falcon Heights' second time. In addition, former mayor Peter Lindstrom will be at the meeting.
- Ice Cream Social and Hot dog with a Deputy is on Thursday, July 18, at Community Park. It is from 5pm - 8pm and a free event.

City Administrator Thongvanh

- The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office has sent me a preliminary budget for the 2020 budgets, which the council will have to review. In addition, we are getting into the budget season, and I was able to reduce some of the budget items from \$62,000 increase for the year 2020 to about \$16,000. Which was equated to about a 5.45% increase to about instead, about a \$16,000 increase, which accounts about 1.4% of the budget for police services. The 2018 reconciliation, we were able to get a little bit more money back than the anticipated \$40,000. This will help the budget.
- The city applied for the Good Neighbor Fund where it focuses on "Cultivating a Caring Community" and was awarded \$6,685. The funds will go towards building a shed and storing sports equipment at Curtiss Field. This means residents can have access to this equipment. It will also go towards Rec on the Go program, which is a free program at Curtiss Field. The funds will help provide snacks and water for the program. Lastly, we will host a community read-a-thon where elementary students will visit the senior

housings and read books. The city is still trying to figure out the logistics of the program.

- The next Cultivating a Caring Community event will be on Tuesday, November 18th. The theme is “Grey Area Thinking,” and the guest speaker is Ellie Krug.
- Public Works crew has been repairing the Community Park Building. They found a leak and are trying to fix it and restore the pavement back to ADA compliance. Council Member Miazga sent a picture of the windows and they are looking into it.
- City Council Workshop is rescheduled to Wednesday, July 17th. The next city council regular meeting is on Wednesday, July 10, and Councilmember Miazga will be absent.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 P.M.

Randy Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 26th day of June, 2019

Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator