

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

AGENDA
January 8, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: WEHYEE X LEEHY X ANDREWS X
MIAZGA X GUSTAFSON X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X

C. PRESENTATION

1. Oath of Office for Yakasah Wehyee to City council Member
Mayor Gustafson presents oath of office to Yakasah Wehyee.
2. Oath of Office for Kay Andrews to City council Member
Mayor Gustafson presents oath of office to Kay Andrews.
3. Oath of Office for Randy Gustafson to Mayor
City Administrator Thongvanh presents oath of office to Randy Gustafson.
4. Strategic Planning Report - huelife

Richard Fursman, Huelife

The city council and commission chairs met on December 6 and 7 for Strategic Planning with Huelife. During the two days, they discussed the 2025 vision for Falcon Heights as a community and how we interact with each other. I congratulate the council, city, and commissions on the action and it is a beautiful plan. These efforts will shine the city.

Mr. Fursman reads Falcon Heights' vision for 2025. The Strategic Planning packet can be viewed on the city website in the City council Agenda Packet (January 8, 2020).

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. December 11, 2019 City council Meeting Minutes

- A couple typos were caught and emailed it to City Administrator Thongvanh for corrections.

Approved 5-0

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 12/31/19 \$518,952.24
Payroll through: 12/31/19 \$37,233.95
2. Approval of City License(s)
3. Designation of Official Depositories for 2020
4. 2020 Proposed City Fee Schedule
5. Review Elected Official Out-of-State Travel Policy
6. Review and Adopt Council Standing Rules
7. Council Appointment as Liaison for City Commissions
8. Appoint Acting Mayor
9. Commission Member Reappointments
10. Mile Reimbursement Rate for 2020
11. Resignation of Jeff Guertin from the Falcon Heights Fire Department
12. Approve Cooperative Service with Northeast Youth and Family Services

City Administrator Thongvanh

There are some changes to the Consent Agenda.

- Consent Agenda #2, Approval of City License(s): Adding Twin Cities Sign and Installation for General Contractor License. The contractor is installing the signs for the Hendrickson Senior Living Apartment.
- Consent Agenda #12, Approve Cooperative Service with Northeast Youth and Family Services: The Budget Impact section number is incorrect. In 2019, the contribution is \$9,399, and the 2020 proposal contribution is \$10,038.

Council Member Miazga Moved, Approved 5-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Adopt the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

City Administrator Thongvanh

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan has been modified to meet the needs of the community, which includes definitions of the mixed-use category and revisions to population forecasts due to the Hendrickson and Amber Union projects. The City Council authorized submittal of the Plan to the Metropolitan Council in January 2019. The Metropolitan Council authorized that the Plan is placed into effect at their November 13, 2019 meeting. Staff recommends Resolution 20-04 Adopting the 2040 Falcon Heights Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Miazga

I was lucky enough to be a part of the Planning Commission when they collaborated with the Environment Commission. It was a great collaboration. I was also pleased to receive public input from the open house, city events, and workshops.

Council Member Andrews Moved, Approved 5-0

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Andrews

- Next week will be my first meeting with the Environment Commission.
- I want to thank my family and friends who are here today for my swearing into the Falcon Heights city council. They helped me a lot with my campaign and have been very supportive. I am very excited that I am here.

Council Member Miazga

- NYFS continues to find a new president and director. We continue to meet to discuss the financial capacity and viability and work actively. We really need a board member to the Business Community and that can be small or big businesses. If you have any questions about it, please email or call me. It is an amazing organization.
- The state bonding process starts soon. Falcon Heights has a submission for the Community Park building. I encourage everyone to email your state representative and senator and share the importance of this park and why it needs to be approved.

Council Member Leehy

- Park and Recreation Commission meeting was on Monday. We are collaborating with the Community Engagement Commission (CEC) for Spring Together.
- We received the Good Neighborhood grant for Storytime for Generations, children reading to senior citizens throughout our community.
- September is National Airman Day and Curtiss Field was originally an airport for the State of Minnesota. The Air National Guard will be hosting an event at Curtiss Field on September 26 and highlighting our history.
- We will be adding new summer programs for children and adults. City Staff reached out to participants and asked what they want to see in the future. We are planning to add more science, STEM, and art programs.
- I want to congratulate our new council members Kay and Yakasah.

Council Member Wehyee

- I want to thank my family, friends, and supporters for helping my campaign. I am grateful for them.
- I have not had a meeting with CEC and will meet them soon.

- Recently, the president signed the National Defense Authorization Act, which had a provision in the Act to grant a pathway to citizenship for the Liberian community. They will have the opportunity to now update their status and become citizens.
- I will be meeting with the Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative (CTC) executive committee and the University of Minnesota (U of M). There has been some discussion about redeveloping the area, and it is producing a lot of anxiety for residents. I will provide the council and community updates after my meeting with them. The CTC is a housing for U of M graduate students and my wife and I currently live there.

Mayor Gustafson

- My last CEC meeting was in December. We reviewed 2019 activities and looked ahead to 2020. The January meeting is moved to the 27th because the 20th is Martin Luther King Day. We rescheduled the Human Rights Day event to Monday, February 3 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the city hall. The event will also provide activities for schoolchildren while parents are in the chambers. Please RSVP online or call the city hall at 651-792-7600. Also at the meeting, the Census did a presentation about the importance of being counted and it will start April 1. The Census also has employment opportunities for people, and it is \$22 an hour for Ramsey County. It has a flexible schedule for employees.
- We are looking for residents to step forward and join our commissions. We have a vacancy in the Environment, Parks and Recreation, and Planning Commission.
- The photography contest has been extended, and the theme is Shades of Winter. The photos will be used for our new website, and winners will receive prizes.
- I encourage everyone to take the Native Landscaping survey on the city website and provide input on how we feel about native grasses or plantings. This will help the Environment Commission and council in decision-making.

City Administrator Thongvanh

- City staff has been working on the new website, and it will launch on January 21. I want to apologize ahead of time if you experience some page errors while we are transiting from Gov Office to Granicus. If you experience any errors, please contact the city hall.
- We will have an open house at the city hall for residents to meet the council and ask questions in terms of directions, projects, and more. More details to come later.
- There had been a number of snow events, and I want to thank residents for moving their vehicles off the street while Public Works is plowing. I also want to thank Public Works for their tremendous work. They show great dedication to their work.
- The Curtiss Field ice rink will be opening next week.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

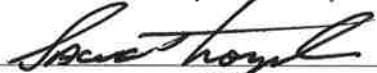
Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person. Items brought before the Council will be referred for consideration. Council may ask questions for clarification, but no council action or discussion will be held on these items.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:01 P.M.



Kandy Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 8th day of January, 2020



Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator