

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue  
**MINUTES**  
October 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

**NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY WEB CONFERENCE\***

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM
- B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS X GUSTAFSON X LEEHY X  
MIAZGA X WEHYEE X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X KRZOS X

- C. PRESENTATION  
1. NineNorth (NSAC - CTV) Professional and Technical Services Agreement

Dana Healy, Director CTV

CTV is rebranding as NineNorth in 2021. It will also be changing its pricing structure from hourly rate to a per-meeting cost. In the new contract, NineNorth is also offering one year of social media services to the City free of charge.

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. September 16, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting  
2. September 23, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting  
3. October 7, 2020 City Council Workshop Meeting

Council Member Leehy Moved, Approved 5-0.

- E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- F. CONSENT AGENDA:  
1. General Disbursements through: 10/09/20 \$157,605.08  
Payroll through: 9/30/20 \$19,923.34  
2. Select Committee on Recycling & the Environment (SCORE) Grant Application  
3. Resignation of Kim Johnson from the Community Engagement Commission (CEC)  
4. Appointment of Kevin Neff to the Falcon Heights Volunteer Fire Department  
5. Appointment of Jonah Malenfant to the Falcon Heights Volunteer Fire Department  
6. Appointment of Ian Overby to the Falcon Heights Volunteer Fire Department  
7. Rice Creek Watershed  
8. Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Request  
9. City Logo

Mayor Gustafson

We will remove item F4 from the consent agenda as the individual has not formally accepted the position at this time. To allow for a discussion of the City Logo we can add the item as a policy item.

Council Member Andrews motioned to remove item F9 from the Consent agenda and add it as G4, Approved 5-0.

Council Member Wehyee motioned to approve the Consent agenda, Approved 5-0.

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Amber Union - DEED Grant

Administrator Thongvanh

The Amber Union project is moving forward with the affordable housing component. They have obtained a number of cleanup grants and applied for bonding from the State.

Interim Community Development Coordinator, Ryan Krzos

The specific programs we are requesting resolutions and letters of support on are the Met Council grant, and the Ramsey County grant, both of which would go towards asbestos abatement. The Home grant application would be for general funding for acquisition. Staff is recommending approval of both resolutions and the letter of support, which would go into preparation of the grant application.

Administrator Thongvanh

Council members should have two resolutions- R20-45 and R20-46.

Council Member Leehy motioned to approve both resolutions, provide a letter of support, and authorize the City Administrator to execute necessary documents, Approved 5-0.

2. Beekeeping Ordinance

Interim Community Development Coordinator, Ryan Krzos

The ordinance establishes the number of bees that can be kept on site, a permitting process that considers allergy concerns, and setbacks for equipment. Both the Environment and Planning Commissions have reviewed the ordinance and recommended approval.

Council Member Andrews

The Environment Commission is excited about this ordinance and encouraging residential beekeeping and promoting pollinators.

Council Member Andrews motioned to approve Ordinance 20-05 and the Summary Ordinance, Approved 5-0.

Administrator Thongvanh

Once the ordinance is published, it will become effective.

Mayor Gustafson

Staff will need to create forms to permit beekeeping, but residents will probably be able to begin beekeeping in 2021.

3. The Hendrickson PUD Amendment

Interim Community Development Coordinator, Ryan Krzos

The ordinance in front of you is to approve the amendment to the PUD. The specific change that is being requested is a ground cover on the East side of the property. The original plans included pavers under the turf grass, but as the property was built they were not installed. The pavers were planned to allow access for fire or light duty utility buildings. Upon consulting with fire officials, the pavers are not seen as necessary. The ordinance would eliminate the requirement of the owner to construct that feature.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing in September and recommended approval of the ordinance. Staff are also recommending approval.

Motion to approve the ordinance and summary ordinance by Mayor Gustafson.  
Approved, 5-0.

4. City Logo

Administrator Thongvanh

The City logo redesign has grown out of an effort to reimagine the City's previous logo and make it less aggressive and more reminiscent of the welcoming city we are working to be. The colors are still black and green, but the green is a lighter hue than the previous City logo. Council Member Leehy has been involved in this process.

Council Member Andrews

I am glad we were able to make it welcoming, since that is one of our priorities.

Administrator Thongvanh

We will slowly roll this out, in terms of feasibility. We have the old logo on everything, including banners, some street signs, letterhead, city vehicles, etc.

Council Member Andrews moved to approve the redesign of the City logo.  
Approved, 5-0.

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Wehyee

The CEC meets next week, the Subcommittee on Inclusion also meets next week. Hopefully we'll get the first Community Conversation on the calendar.

Council Member Miazga

The Minnesota House is reconvening this week to take up the bonding bill, the City is included in it for the community park. Also a thank you from NYFS, I communicated to the organization that they were an entity we were considering for CARES funding.

Council Member Leehy

The Parks and Recreation Commission met last week and will be meeting in November, the meetings are public. We had discussion with the Sheriff last month, but recently we've seen an increase in car jackings, car thefts, and assaults. Residents should keep vehicles locked, homes locked, and cars locked.

Council Member Andrews

We had an Environment Commission meeting, and the Garden Subcommittee met for the last time. The garden ordinance will come before council in November.

Mayor Gustafson

The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00pm for a live meeting at City Hall. There will be a public hearing for the garden ordinance. The following day, the Council will meet at 7:00pm at City Hall for a public hearing on the Pavement Management Program. The program includes 3.8 miles of city roads.

Administrator Thongvanh

The CEC will discuss the Human Rights Day event next week. The RFIs for fire services were sent to neighboring communities. We've started hearing back from some departments. The Community Conversations planning group will meet next week and set dates for the events this fall.

Dino's Gyros has come forward and is no longer requesting a drive through, but is requesting a drive up window where people who have ordered online could pick up food. This will be a public process with public hearings, council meetings, and other public events in the future.


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: 8:14 PM

  
Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 14th day of October, 2020

  
Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator