

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue
MINUTES
December 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY WEB CONFERENCE

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 pm

B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS X GUSTAFSON X LEEHY X

MIAZGA X WEHYEE X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X

C. PRESENTATION

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. December 9, 2020 City Council Regular Minutes

Motion by Council Member Leehy;
Approved, 5-0.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 12/15/20 \$228,501.34
Payroll through: 12/15/20 \$21,344.60
2. Approval of City License(s)
3. Appointment of Paul Moretto to Planner/Community Development Coordinator
4. Appointment of Christopher LaCasse to Parks and Recreation Commission
5. Resignation of Tom Williams from Planning Commission
6. Ramsey County GIS User Group Joint Powers Agreement

Approved, 5-0.

G. POLICY ITEMS:

1. Amber Union – Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Request

Administrator Thongvanh

The request from Buhl investors is for TIF to help close a financing gap due to their move from 60 AMI to 50 AMI in their affordable housing project at the Amber Union building. If the City decides to approve the TIF, we will need to let the County and School District know. The City would work with the developer to negotiate on the term of the TIF. This resolution says that the City will consider TIF, these negotiations will come later. Staff recommend approval of the resolution and beginning to move forward with the Amber Union development for affordable housing.

Council Member Wehyee

Is it true that we cannot project the tax impact on residents?

Administrator Thongvanh

Residents will not be impacted by the TIF. It will show up on it, but it does not affect the amount of taxes they will pay.

Motion by Council Member Andrews to pass Resolution 20-60;
Approved, 5-0.

2. MnDOT Master Partnership Agreement

Jesse Freihammer, City Engineer

This agreement covers routine services that MnDOT provides and then charges the city back for those services. The agreement expires June 2022.

Council Member Leehy

We only approve this every two years and not annually?

Jesse Freihammer, City Engineer

Yes, the last agreement was approved in 2016 for a year and a half. We are currently without an agreement, though we have not needed one. The language changes are very minor from year to year.

Motion by Council Member Wehyee to accept the MnDOT Master Partnership Agreement;
Approved, 5-0.

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:


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: 7:30 pm


Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2020


Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator