

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue
MINUTES
February 10, 2021 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
1. Saint Paul Regional Water Services

We are here tonight to discuss upcoming projects at the McCarron Treatment Plant. This is the only facility serving the St. Paul Metropolitan Area. Much of the infrastructure is nearing 100 years in age, but the facility still produces excellent water quality. We're taking a proactive approach to infrastructure to improve reliability and take advantage of current interest rates.

The project scope will involve replacement of about 2/3 of the total treatment process. The project would reduce the site footprint by using new, equivalent technology that involves ozone as part of the treatment process.

The financial impacts of the project will increase approximately 25% over the duration of the project. Rates remain below average nationally when compared to similarly sized drinking water providers, with cost remaining less than a penny per gallon of water. More information will be shared in the future with residents.

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. January 27, 2021 City Council Regular Minutes

Motion to approve by Council Member Andrews;
Approved 5-0.

- E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- F. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. General Disbursements through: 2/04/21 \$239,768.06
Payroll through: 1/31/20 \$20,571.39
2. Approval of City License(s)
3. Ramsey County Election Services
4. Forestry Services

5. Conduit Bonding: New Harmony Care Center – Call for a Public Hearing
6. Resignation of Susan Risher from the Parks and Recreation Commission

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Council Member Leehy.
Approved, 5-0.

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. 2021 Pavement Management Project (PMP) – Award Contract

Jesse Freihammer, City Engineer

We received 10 bids on the project and the low bid was submitted by Molnau Trucking for \$965,222.53. Overall, based on the feasibility the overall project cost should be about 13% less than budgeted. Construction would likely begin in late April or early May. Completion is scheduled before the State Fair. Staff recommends awarding the 2021 Pavement Management Project (PMP) to Molnau Trucking LLC of Norwood Young America in the amount of \$964,222.53 and approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Administrator and Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

Sack Thongvanh

We will be bringing a request for authorization of bond sales to a future Council meeting.

Mayor Gustafson

Overall, the cost to the resident in assessments will be down about 8 percent so the project won't have as large an impact on our reserves.

Motion to approve Resolution 21-08 and authorizing the City Administrator and Mayor to
execute all necessary documents by Council Member Miazga.
Approved, 5-0.

2. Amendment to the Falcon Heights Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policy

Administrator Thongvanh

This is a proposed resolution amending the TIF fee and policy. The change includes a \$10,000 escrow that would finance the contract and legal services involved in the TIF request. The application fee is \$5,000 and is non-refundable. Staff recommend approval.

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-09 and the business subsidy application form by Council
Member Wehyee.
Approved, 5-0.

3. Amendment to City Fee Schedule to include Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Administrator Thongvanh

This is amending the City Fee Schedule to add the Tax Increment Financing application fee.

Motion to adopt Resolution 21-10 and fee by Council Member Andrews.
Approved, 5-0.

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Wehyee

- There was discussion about electric vehicles as well as communication and outreach on some of the environmental initiatives underway. This could involve some partnership with the Community Engagement Commission in the future.

Council Member Leehy

- The Philando Castile Community Peace Garden Committee has been in conversations with the State Fair Grounds because it is located on State Fair property. The dialogue has been favorable, there should be additional information in the coming months as plans are finalized with the architects.

Council Member Andrews

- I would like to compliment Administrator Thongvanh on the article about him in the Hamline University Newsroom "Using Public Administration for Good: Sack Thongvanh MPA '06" which can be viewed at:
<https://www.hamline.edu/news/2/2021/sack-thongvanh-mpa/> .

Mayor Gustafson

- We have openings on our city commissions, I would encourage residents to think about becoming involved.
- I will be filming a video to share with the community on Friday about various topics in the City including public safety, streets, parks and affordable housing.

Administrator Thongvanh

- Staff and I continue to move forward with the Amber Union project.
- The Community Park has sustained another interior water break. We may be unable to flood the rink for the duration of the year. One thing that is an item for the Parks & Recreation Commission to review is a new park building, which would include a permanent rink structure that could allow staff to flood the rink earlier in the year. If the City was to invest significant dollars in renovation or reconstruction of the building, we would need commitment from the University to guarantee a long-term lease of the park land, as the land is owned by the University.
- Staff are continuing to roll out the logo and are researching the cost of implementation. We'll probably do a monthly update with the mayor as he mentioned and I asked staff to research production equipment and software so that we can produce videos more often.
- The Council retreat will be via Zoom in March and can be flexible based on your availability.
- Nine North does a podcast and it might be an opportunity for Council and commission members to talk about the work being done.

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: 8:19 PM



Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 10th day of February, 2021



Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator