

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue
MINUTES
October 27, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
Meeting was also held on Zoom

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM

- B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS X GUSTAFSON X LEEHY X

 MIAZGA X WEHYEE X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X

Motion by Mayor Gustafson to amend the Consent Agenda and add Item F4;
Approved, 5-0.

- C. PRESENTATION
1. League of Women Voters – 2020/2021 Equitable Representation Study on Appointed
City Boards and Commissions

Patricia Hoffman

The representative discussed the organization and its goals and activities. Hoffman provided general outcomes of their study and the results concerning representation in boards and commissions.

Barb Luck

Discussed specific outcomes and results of the study which included active city staff support. Commission members wanted additional training and wanted more diverse voices on commissions. There will be a follow-up program.

Council Member Miazga

The University of Minnesota Extension is a great organization to follow-up on this project.

Are there any recommendations based on your outcomes?

Patricia Hoffman

We are not experts and will engage with a future panel to help create those recommendations. There are some suggestions based on generalizations found in the results.

Council Member Leehy

They would like to see onboarding increased. They shared their experience with commissions and council.

Council Member Wehyee

They thanked the League for their efforts and research on this topic. This is a very important topic for them.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 10/21/21 \$87,878.60
Payroll through: 10/15/21 \$20,863.44
2. City License(s)
3. 2022 Ramsey County Select Committee on Recycling & The Environment (SCORE) Grant Submittal an Enter into Agreement with Ramsey County for Funding
4. Appointment of Megan Pavek to the position of Administrative and Communications Coordinator.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Council Member Andrews;
Approved, 5-0.

Comments

John Schmittziel

They updated the council on the activities of the Lions Club and their desire to operate a tree sales event. It is an important activity for their organization.

Council Member Leehy

Thanked the businesses of the city for their participation and quick responses to the licensing process.

Megan Pavek

They introduced themselves to the council and thanked them for the opportunity.

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. 2021 PMP – Call for a Supplemental Assessment Hearing on the 2021 Pavement Management Project

Stephanie Smith, City Engineer

Discussed the assessment process for the Pavement Management Project for 2021 and explained that there was an error on the cost per parcel on Lindig Street which required a correction by council including a hearing. The correction would result in a decreased fee for those who live on Lindig Street. This process requires that the council call a public hearing for November 10th, 2021 to consider the issue.

Council Member Wehyee

Will this change the 30-day payment window of the assessments for others?

Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator

The initial approval is still in effect. They had until October 25. The Lindig Street owners will have another 30-days after the hearing.

Mayor Gustafson

The Lindig Street residents will be the only ones to have additional time.

Council Member Andrews

This will only change the final payment dates for those on Lindig Street.

Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator

Those who have already paid will be refunded the difference.

Stephanie Smith, City Engineer

One parcel was labeled commercial but is a residential property and will be changed.

Council Member Miazga

When do people have the opportunity to pay?

Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator

They had until October 25th.

Council Member Leehy

1763 Fairview was charged for Lindig Street as well. Why was that?

Stephanie Smith, City Engineer

1763 Fairview is double fronted, on Lindig Street and Fairview Avenue and can be subdivided. Therefore, it was assessed.

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 21-43.

Motion by Council Member Wehyee to approve Resolution 21-43 Ordering Supplementary Assessment Hearing for 2021 Pavement Management Project;
Approved, 5-0.

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:


- Council Member Miazga: University Setup Committee for Finance and Planning presented the strategic plan. They are engaged on the Community Park issues. NYSF is celebrating the 45-year anniversary and made a video.
- Council Member Leehy: Ramsey County Criminal Justice Council getting more information out about their activities
- Council Member Andrews: No news on the Community Park building. Please remember to vote.
- Mayor Gustafson: Human Rights Day event. December 7th, 2021. CEC is preparing for this event.
- Administrator Thongvanh: Street sweeper is out cleaning the city. Please move your car. Public works has finished replacing sidewalks. Snow removal is around the corner. Next year we will work on sewer lining projects. We have terminated the contract with the 2021 PMP contractor. We will hire a new one in the spring. We have retainage for items like boulevard improvements and other necessary improvements. This will be done in the spring.

- Truth in Taxation Hearing December 8th, 2021.

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: 8:04 PM



Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 12th day of January, 2022



Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator