

Motion by Council Member Andrews to approve the Consent Agenda;
Approved, 3-0.

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Opioid Settlements – Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Council Member Wehyee

How much should the state or the counties anticipate receiving from the settlement?

Administrator Thongvanh

The projected amount in MN is over 250,000,000. Ramsey County is projected to receive 7% of this.

Council Member Andrews

I noticed some of the bigger cities get a larger allocation. Is that because of their size?

Administrator Thongvanh

Usually they base it off of whether your city is an MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) and whether you are meeting a certain population threshold.

Motion by Council Member Wehyee to approved Resolution 21-52 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the State of Minnesota and Local Governments and Authorizing Participation in National Opioid Settlements;
Approved 3-0.

2. Resignation of Sack Thongvanh as the City Administrator

Administrator Thongvanh

I have accepted an Assistant City Manager position with the City of Richfield and my last day will be on February 1, 2022. Per my contract, I need to give a 45-day notice. Tonight, I would like the council to authorize posting this position opening to start the hiring process as soon as possible. I would also like authorization to hire an interim city administrator to help with the transition period. I appreciate the time I have spent working with all of you and am proud of the work that has been accomplished in the last seven years since I started this position in 2015.

Mayor Gustafson

It has been a pleasure to work with you and we are sad to see you go.

Council Member Andrews

I have very much appreciated your work. I commend you for this advancement in your career but this is a huge loss for Falcon Heights. I wish you well.

Council Member Wehyee

Due to inflation and the current job market you had suggested increasing the salary for this position. Can you provide more information on how this will impact our budget/finances?

Administrator Thongvanh

I will continue to work with the finance director to ensure we are financially stable. We are currently in a good position however keep in mind that our law enforcement contract and repairs

that need to be made to the Community Park building may cause a burden on city finances at some point.

Council Member Wehyee

I have appreciated your professionalism, willingness to listen and openly communicate with us during your time here. We're going to miss you a lot- thank you very much for your service to this city.

Motion by Council Member Andrews to approve Resolution 21-51 to accept the resignation of Sack Thongvanh as City Administrator with the following amendments;

1. Authorize city staff to begin posting the open position.
2. Authorize city staff to hire an interim city administrator
3. Increase the annual salary range of the city administrator position to \$90,000- \$110,000.

Approved, 3-0.

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I.

Council Member Wehyee

The Environment Commission has not been able to meet due to lack of quorum. I would like to wish everyone happy holidays.

Council Member Andrews

Parks and Recreation Commission also has not been able to meet due to lack of quorum. I think one of our goals for next year should be to enhance our commissions and make sure we have adequate representation. I would also like to wish everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Gustafson

The Community Engagement Commission chose not to meet this month since we held the Human Rights Day event in December and will be meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission in a joint session on January 3rd.

The League of Women Voters is holding a zoom forum for constituents on January 20th.

I would also like to thank Council Member Miazga for his service over the past 4 years as his term comes to an end.

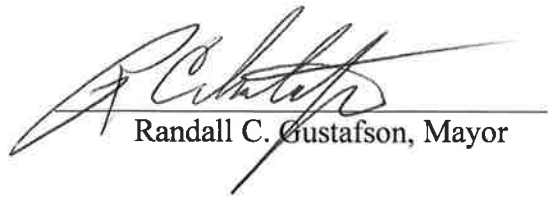
Administrator Thongvanh

We are working on getting the ice rinks up and running. We have also decided to have an ice rink at Community Park this year and hopefully this can be utilized for the winter event. Happy holidays to everyone.

J. 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.

K. ADJOURNMENT: 7:36 PM



Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 12th day of January, 2022



Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator