

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
City Council Workshop
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

MINUTES
March 2, 2022
6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS GUSTAFSON LEEHY
MEYER WEHYEE

STAFF PRESENT: PITTMAN OLSON PAVEK

C. PRESENTATIONS:

D. POLICY ITEMS:

1. American Rescue Plan Funds Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Andrews asked whether this item will be on the consent agenda for the next regular meeting.

Interim City Administrator Pittman confirmed that it would be.

Andrews stated that she hoped these funds would be used to update the Community Park building.

Pittman stated that the funding can be used for infrastructure related to water and sewer. For example, it could be used to repair infrastructure at the park to increase water pressure for a proposed splash pad.

2. Larpenteur Avenue Sidewalk Discussion

Pittman wanted the Council to discuss whether the City should start clearing all sidewalks on Larpenteur abutting property owned by Falcon Heights residents and business owners. The alternative was to continue to pick and choose which sections should be cleared. He stated that in his opinion it was no trouble for Public Works to clear all sidewalks except for those abutting property owned by the University and State Fair.

Logistically, Public Works was able to clear these sections easily, and the sections that proved more difficult or too narrow happened to abut properties owned by businesses who had the means or equipment to clear it themselves.

Council Member Leehy stated this was a fair compromise that wouldn't put too much burden on property owners or the City.

Council Member Meyer asked for a snow removal timeline.

Pittman responded that residents have 24 hours after the end of a snowfall to clear sidewalks.

Council Member Wehyee asked if there was any reason for property/business owners to be angry with this policy change or think it is unfair.

Pittman responded that this shouldn't cause any issues. The only neighborhood that doesn't have the City clear sidewalks is Northome and that's because the sidewalks are too narrow. Those property owners have always been responsible for clearing their own sidewalks.

Meyer agreed that the change made sense operationally and will be fair to homeowners on Larpenteur.

Leehy asked if staff could provide two maps at the next discussion; one showing the current plow route and a second depicting the future route. The map and the administration manual would need to be amended. She suggested bringing this discussion back to the Council in April. In the meantime, Public Works would clear any last snowfalls of the winter season.

E. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Andrews reported the City is still negotiating a contract with the finalist for the City Administrator position. Once everything is finalized the City will announce and formally appoint.

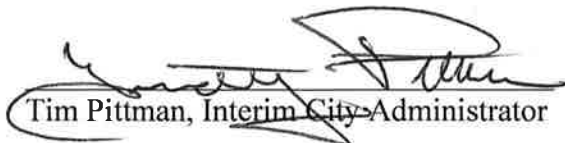
Pittman reported that he has contacted the real estate team for the University to discuss sale of the Community Park building.

F. ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 PM



Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2022



Tim Pittman, Interim City Administrator