

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue
MINUTES
July 27, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS ___ GUSTAFSON __X__ LEEHY __X__

MEYER ___ WEHYEE __X__

STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN __X__

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Melanie
Leehy of approval of agenda;
approved 3-0

D. PRESENTATION

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. July 6, 2022 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Yakasah
Wehyee of approval of minutes;
approved 3-0

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 7/19/22 \$158,179.83
Payroll through: 7/15/22 \$21,372.93
Wire Payments through: 7/15/22 \$14,765.65
2. Six Month Employee Step Adjustment - Assistant to the City Administrator Megan Pavek
3. 18 Month Employee Step Adjustment – Community Development Coordinator Paul Moretto
4. Night to Unite Proclamation

Council Member Wehyee thanked Moretto and Pavek for their service in the community.

Motion by Council Member Wehyee to
approve the consent agenda;
approved 3-0

Council Member Leehy requested to provide more commentary on the consent agenda items and for the Night to Unite Proclamation to be read out loud. Leehy expressed appreciation for the staff and stated how important it is to be fully staffed in a small city. Leehy congratulated Moretto and Pavek on their adjustments.

Mayor Randy Gustafson read the Night to Unite Proclamation. Gustafson spoke about the history of Night to Unite and its purpose of crime prevention. Gustafson stated that there are currently 8 Night to Unite events registered with the Sheriff's office in Falcon Heights and expressed that it will be a very fun night.

H: POLICY ITEMS:

I. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Leehy stated that Night to Unite is a very powerful event that allows people to reconnect with their neighbors or get to know new people on their block. Leehy encouraged those who want to participate in Night to Unite to invite their neighbors or visit City Hall for further assistance. Furthermore, Leehy encouraged participants in Night to Unite to form a neighborhood contact list in case of emergencies.

Council Member Leehy acknowledged the open house for Garden Avenue. Leehy received a phone call from a concerned resident and reaffirmed that the City Council will always have an open ear for resident concerns.

Council Member Wehyee stated that the open house for Garden Avenue was very well attended and that there were great community participation and suggestions given. Wehyee looks forward to discussing those suggestions more with the Council and ultimately making a decision that Wehyee hopes the community will be pleased with.

Mayor Gustafson stated that there will be a few more hearings in regards to the Garden Avenue project and there will be more opportunities to weigh in. There are now a handful of alternatives to make the street safer and work to the benefit of everybody. Gustafson looks forward to meeting with everybody and continuing discussions on this matter.

Mayor Gustafson expressed that the Ice Cream Social was a wonderful experience. Gustafson summarized the event; there were free hot dogs, ice cream, beverages, and a lot of information in the tents. The band and the dancers did a great job. The dog parade was also a fun experience. The temperature and wind were comfortable. Gustafson thanked all those involved whether they be volunteers, commission members, or city staff.

City Administrator Jack Linehan reported:

Garden Avenue Discussion

There were about 50 people in attendance at the Garden Avenue discussion. Linehan expressed that community feedback on the Garden Avenue project is very important and that the goal of the project is to incorporate that feedback, not just stick to what they already have.

Ice Cream Social

Linehan thanked those involved at the Ice Cream Social and stated that 300-350 units of ice cream were given out. The city hopes attendance will increase even more next year.

Citywide Garage Sale

Linehan announced the citywide garage sale will occur on Saturday, September 10th. Those who want to participate can register on the city website.

August 3rd Workshop

The workshop may include: a proposal for plowing services in Lauderdale, discussion on snow plowing maps in the city, a draft RFP for hiring a commercial real estate broker to offer services to the city in negotiations for the purchase of Community Park, a Garden Avenue open house recap and further discussion.

State Fair Parking Permits

The city will be mailing out state fair parking permits this week. Two passes per household and one pass per apartment unit will be mailed out. Those who have a case for needing additional parking permits should come to City Hall to present their case. The city can provide them with up to two additional parking passes. For those who have special events such as a graduation party or a funeral, the city will be offering temporary one-day permits.

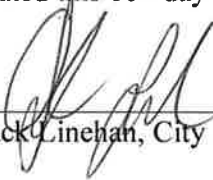
J. **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

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: 7:26 P.M.**

Motion by Council Member Leehy for
adjournment;
approved 3-0

Dated this 10th day of August, 2022



Jack Linehan, City Administrator



Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor