

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue  
**MINUTES**  
August 10, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS \_\_\_ GUSTAFSON \_\_X\_ LEEHY \_\_X\_  
MEYER \_\_X\_ WEHYEE \_\_X\_

STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN \_\_X\_\_

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion of approval of agenda; approved 4-0

D. PRESENTATION

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
2. July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Yakasah Wehyee of  
approval of minutes; approved 4-0

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 8/3/22 \$42,315.36  
Payroll through: 7/31/22 \$21,761.09  
Wire Payments through: 7/31/22 \$15,860.52
2. Acceptance of the Resignation of the Assistant to the City Administrator – Megan Pavek
3. Resignation of Ron Eischen from the Parks Commission
4. Resignation of Chris LaCasse from the Parks Commission
5. Hamline Church Dining Hall Day Proclamation
6. Commercial Real Estate Broker RFP

Mayor Randy Gustafson thanked Megan Pavek for the work she has done for the City of Falcon Heights and Ron Eischen and Chris Lacasse for serving on the Parks Commission. Mayor Gustafson thanked the members of the Hamline Church Dining Hall for 125 years of service at the Minnesota State Fair and all of the joy they have brought people all of that time. The Mayor read the Hamline Church Dining Hall Day Proclamation:

“Whereas, the Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church Ladies Aid Society in 1897 opened a small food stand at the Minnesota State Fair, serving lemonade and sandwiches; and

Whereas, the women wished to help their congregation raise money to build its own church; and

Whereas, that effort by women and the greater congregation launched a tradition that continues today; and

Whereas, that tradition is one that generations of church members and friends have taken part in; and

Whereas, the dining hall has continued through two world wars, the Great Depression, the 1940s polio epidemic and the recent COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the dining hall continues to provide good food and fellowship to fairgoers; and

Whereas, the dining hall has become the oldest continuously operated food service establishment at the fair today and is a traditional stop for many fairgoers; and

Whereas, the dining hall proceeds have supported St. Paul area nonprofits including Keystone and Emma Norton Services; and

Whereas, the dining hall crew is proud to be part of the fair and part of the fine City of Falcon Heights; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota: Thursday, August 25 is declared Hamline Church Dining Hall Day in the City of Falcon Heights.”

A representative from the Hamline Church Dining Hall stated it is their privilege to represent the dining hall committee and Hamline Church to thank the City Council for this acclamation of the result of thousands of hours of volunteers over all of these 125 years. Throughout the years, the volunteers have maintained the building, reinvented the menu, and opened the dining hall from 7 am to 7 pm every single day of the fair. They pride themselves in a generous, radical kind of hospitality and are well aware that they accommodate a wide range of folks and their needs. The representative discussed the history of the Dining Hall and their partners and food items this year.

Another representative of the Hamline Church Dining Hall stated that anyone who might be interested in volunteering should go to [hamlinechurch.org](http://hamlinechurch.org) to sign up.

Another representative of the Hamline Church Dining Hall presented a 1912 aerial photo of what would later be the City of Falcon Heights, and distributed the photo to the Council.

Council Member Melanie Leehy congratulated Hamline Church Dining Hall and their volunteers for persevering for 125 years.

Council Member Eric Meyer stated that they intend to visit the Dining Hall this year.

Council Member Wehyee thanked the volunteers for their work over the last century.

Council Member Leehy added how important it is that the Dining Hall accepts youth volunteers and stressed the importance of learning and developing the attitude at a young age that we are all connected to one another in the community.

Motion by Council Member Meyer to approve the consent agenda; approved 4-0

H: POLICY ITEMS:

I. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Budget Workshop #1 – Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.
2. Budget Workshop #2 – Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.
3. Budget Workshop #3 – Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Leehy thanked everybody for their attendance and participation on Minnesota Night to Unite. People put in the extra effort to participate. Leehy encouraged people to continue making connections on their blocks and share responsibilities, and they do not have to wait for Night to Unite to continue to gather together as neighbors.

Council Member Wehyee thanked the neighbors for inviting them to their block parties. It was a great time, and they attended 5 or 6 parties.

Council Member Meyer met some amazing people and musicians on Night to Unite and expressed how thankful they are they live in the City of Falcon Heights. Meyer also thanked those who participated in the election on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Mayor Gustafson stated that Night to Unite was very fun, and they were able to attend 5 block parties. Mayor Gustafson echoed the importance of keeping your neighborhood connected year-round to help the community grow and prevent crime.

Mayor Gustafson stated that there has been an uptick of thefts of Kias and Hyundais. There have been 5 stolen vehicles found in the City over the last week. One of those vehicles was stolen on Tatum Street. Mayor Gustafson urges residents to keep an eye on their vehicles, lock them, don't leave valuables in them, and keep them in a locked garage if able.

City Administrator Jack Linehan reports:

**Stolen Vehicles**

City Administrator Linehan spoke with Commander Hankes at the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office regarding the 5 stolen vehicles found in Falcon Heights. The task force is looking into Falcon Heights specifically to see if there is a trend. It is concerning to see that many stolen vehicles in a short amount of time.

**Police Consultant RFP**

The police consultant RFP is currently out to bid. It closes August 15. There is 1 submission, but 1-2 more are expected based on consultant feedback. The review will occur over the next few weeks. The September 7<sup>th</sup> budget workshop will likely include a review of the submissions to help get feedback for its approval on September 14. Once a

consultant has been selected, community sessions will be planned to get community involvement, which is key to the discussion.

### **Fall Programming**

Fall programming for the Parks & Recreation Department will occur this fall. The City is partnering with Skyhawks this year to offer fall programming. Pre-pandemic, the City worked with Skyhawks for many years. The benefit of this is that they handle registrations and run the programming. The August 24<sup>th</sup> agenda will likely include an indemnification agreement.

### **Assistant to the City Administrator Position**

The Assistant to the City Administrator position is posted. They are now seeking applicants. The application closes on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Interviews will be conducted in September with the goal of having a replacement in place by October.

### **Amber Union Update**

Applications for Amber Union are now open. They are now working through a bug on the application. They are hoping the building will be open for rentals by September 1<sup>st</sup>. There are 125 units: 19 studios, 11 one bedroom, 59 two bedroom, 28 three bedroom two baths, and 8 four bedroom two baths. The prices for the units range from \$988 to \$1618. Before they open, Linehan hopes to invite the Council and residents to come and tour the building and meet the management company.

### **Citywide Garage Sale**

Mayor Gustafson notes that the citywide garage sale has been moved one week later from September 10<sup>th</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup>. Linehan states that the City has decided to move the garage sale based on resident concerns that the garage sale would occur on the same day as garbage day in the City. Registration for the garage sale is now open on the City's website. A map will be made with all the addresses of the garage sales occurring on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

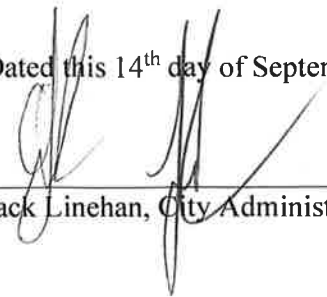
J. **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

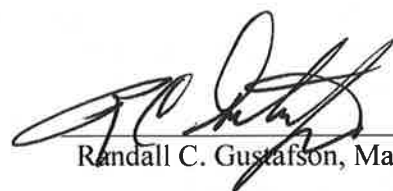
*Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person. Items brought before the Council will be referred for consideration. Council may ask questions for clarification, but no council action or discussion will be held on these items.*

K. **ADJOURNMENT: 7:34 PM**

Motion by Council Member Leehy for adjournment; approved 4-0

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022

  
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Jack Linehan, City Administrator

  
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Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor