

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue  
**MINUTES**  
September 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS   X   GUSTAFSON   X   LEEHY   

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. August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
2. August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
3. August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
4. August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Wehyee makes a clerical writing amendment to the August 17<sup>th</sup> Workshop Minutes

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

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 9/7/22 \$377,704.00  
Payroll through: 8/31/22 \$46,737.27  
Wire Payments through: 8/15/22 \$31,588.02
2. Approval of Snow Plowing Agreement with the City of Lauderdale
3. Approval of Amendment to Administrative Manual: Snow and Ice Control Policy
4. Appointment of Tom Faust to the Parks Commission
5. Appointment of Curt Stockford to the Community Engagement Commission
6. Rejection of Proposals for Commercial Real Estate Services

Council Member Wehyee thanks Tom Faust and Curt Stockford for joining the Parks Commission and the Community Engagement Commission. We are always looking for community members to get involved.

Mayor Gustafson states we have two Parks and Recreation Commission openings and encourages community members to join.

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

H: POLICY ITEMS:

I. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Mayor states next Wednesday, September 21st, there will be a town hall meeting regarding the State Fair at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. This town hall meeting is to hear from the residents about the impact of the State Fair and what could be improved next year. In addition, the Citywide Garage Sale Map is now available. The garage sale is this Saturday, September 17th.

Jack Linehan, the City Administrator states:

- **State Fair Town Hall**
  - Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers
  - Survey out for those who can't make it; 36 responses so far with good feedback
  - Brief staff presentation on current policy / maps, open to residents for discussion
  - Will still be introduced as a work shop with an agenda for quorum
- **Fall Newsletter**
  - Should arrive in homes tomorrow, info on Citywide Garage Sale and St. Paul Collection event at State Fair
- **Yoga**
- **California / Northhome Sidewalk Panel Replacement**
- **Assistant to the City Administrator**
  - Interviews conducted last week for five finalists.
  - Two finalists selected to move forward with interviews next week
  - Background checks / assessments being completed, goal of extending offer by next week
- **Northeast Neighborhood Meeting – 2023 PMP**
- **Falcon Woods Meeting**
- **Fall Newsletter**
  - Should arrive in homes tomorrow, info on Citywide Garage Sale and St. Paul Collection event at State Fair
- **City Hall Open House / Touch-a-Truck**
- **Amber Union Update**

J. COMMUNITY FORUM:

Steven McCarthy lives at 2286 Folwell Ave. Thanks, Paul Moretto, the City Planner, and Jack Linehan, for resolving his complaint last week. There was an electric scooter latched to a city lamp post on a boulevard on Folwell Avenue. Steven looked up the code online

to make sure he was in the right legally before he could have it removed. The electric scooter latched to the lamppost was there for about a week. The electric scooter was removed and resolved a problem. There is a larger problem with electric scooters, which is that electric scooters are a new form of urban blight. Electric scooters are a part of the sharing economy, and the profits of these electric scooters are privatized by tycoons in Silicon Valley. People in neighborhoods have to deal with electric scooters, and as a pedestrian and cyclist, Steven encounters electric scooters on the sidewalk or the curb. Steven wants to ensure that Falcon Heights has a plan and the appropriate code, laws, and policies in place so that our City does not become blighted as many other towns have become with these electric scooters.

Council Member Meyer asks Steven have you seen them outside of the State Fair?

Steven states electric scooters are all over the place.

Linehan states the City had to get permission from the City Attorney to cut the locked scooter because the lock was digital. City staff wanted to ensure they did their due process, noticed the company, and didn't remove the scooter. Once the City cut the lock, they came to pick it up that day.

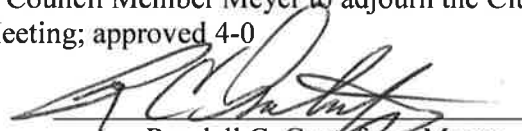
Council Member Leehy asks Linehan how much time did you give the company before you removed the scooter?

Linehan said we originally told them 12 hours to remove it, and they did not. It was over the weekend that this occurred. Then on Monday, we sent out Public Works to cut it.

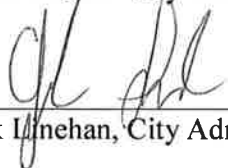
*Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person. Items brought before the Council will be referred for consideration. Council may ask questions for clarification, but no council action or discussion will be held on these items.*

K. ADJOURNMENT: 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Meyer to adjourn the City Council Meeting; approved 4-0

  
Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022

  
Jack Linehan, City Administrator