

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
Regular Meeting of the City Council  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 PM
- B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON\_X\_\_ LEEHY\_X\_\_ MEYER\_X\_\_

WASSENBERG\_X\_\_ WEHYEE\_X\_\_

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

- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Leehy motions to approve the agenda; approved 5-0

Administrator Linehan comments there was a lowering of item G1, General Disbursements. The City is withholding payment from the 2023 PMP contractor for turf restoration and grass seeding.

- D. PRESENTATION

- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. August 9, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
2. August 9, 2023 City Council Special Budget Workshop #1 Minutes

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve the  
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and  
Special Budget Workshop Minutes; approved 5-0

- F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through 9/8/23: \$541,224.72
  - a. Payroll through 8/31/23: \$21,228.31
  - b. Wire Payments through 8/31/23: \$13,460.97
2. City Licenses
3. Accept the Resignation of Mike Tracy from the Parks and Recreation Commission
4. Appointment of Mike Tracy to the Planning Commission
5. Accept the Resignation of Joel Gerich from the Planning Commission
6. 2023 Pavement Management Program Pay Estimate #3
7. Ordering of Cannabis Business Moratorium Extension Public Hearing
8. Acceptance of Donation from Falcon Heights / Lauderdale Lions Club

Councilmember Wehyee motions to approve the Consent Agenda; approved 5-0

Mayor Gustafson comments that the amount listed under item G1. General Disbursements reflects the lowered amount for weed abatement in the 2023 PMP area. There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 about the Cannabis Business Moratorium Extension. There will also be a preliminary tax levy presentation. The Mayor thanks the Falcon Heights / Lauderdale Lions club for their donation.

H: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Ordinance Modifying Use of Tobacco, Cannabis and Hemp in City Parks.

Administrator Linehan states that this ordinance is a modification to the current City Code, which states that the city parks are tobacco-free. The Parks Commission reviewed, and recommends that the City Council consider including cannabis and hemp products and expanding the definitions of prohibited products in city parks. If adopted, signs will be updated as well at city parks.

Councilmember Wassenberg wonders what the enforcement is for actually smoking in the park as this is not described in detail.

Administrator Linehan will check in City Code and with attorneys and will provide information at the next scheduled meeting.

Councilmember Wassenberg motions to table Policy Item 1. Ordinance Modifying Use of Tobacco, Cannabis and Hemp in City Parks; approved 5-0

I. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Meyer informs council that the Environment Commission had their meeting on September 11. They had County Commissioner Martinson attend and explained what kind of initiatives the County is undertaking in the future in terms of the environment, such as expanding composting operations. The sustainability officer from Roseville also gave a presentation, about upcoming programs. Lastly, The Partners in Energy program powered by Xcel will kick off next week.

Councilmember Wehyee has no announcements

Councilmember Leehy has no announcements

Councilmember Wassenberg has no announcements

Mayor Gustafson informs Council the Planning Commission will continue working on the corridor study at their next meeting. The training with Third Sphere kicked off at the last council workshop. Lastly, the League of Women Voters has their candidate forum on September 14 at City Hall at 7:00 PM.

Administrator Linehan informs Council that the City was happy to be part of a safe and successful State Fair. In total, 278 tickets parking tickets issued and 15 cars towed. The Post-State Fair survey is live and has over 144 responses good feedback so far that the Task Force will be discussing at their September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at 6:30. They Will meet with State Fair leadership on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. As mentioned, the City withheld \$9,000 from their pay request tonight until the weeds are addressed. The 2023 PMP contractor hydroseeded during the cool period before the State Fair, and did not water adequately during the State Fair. As a result, topsoil seeds that were weeds dominated the mix and we have a major weed issue for the turf restorations. The contractor's plan is to significantly increasing watering, mowing/weed whipping weeds, and reseeding. If weeds continue to dominate, they will have to redo the turf from scratch.

The City of Falcon Heights and Monarch Joint Venture held a family-friendly planting event on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Community Park and planted 700-800 pollinator plants at the pond. This was funded by the grant we received from the St. Paul Garden Club.

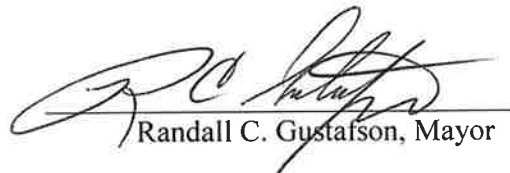
J. COMMUNITY FORUM:

*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: 7:28 PM

Councilmember Leehy motions to adjourn the meeting; approved 5-0

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023



Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor



Jack Linehan, City Administrator