## CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

City Council Workshop City Hall 2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

## **MINUTES**

September 6, 2023 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:45 PM

B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON\_X\_ LEEHY\_X\_

MEYER\_X\_ WASSENBERG\_X\_WEHYEE\_X\_

STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN\_X\_ VAN DER WERFF\_X\_

C. POLICY ITEMS:

1. Third Sphere: Intercultural Leadership Training Cohort

Falcon Heights is partnering with Third Sphere, as part of improving the City's inclusion efforts. Third Sphere is a consulting agency founded by Dr. Ramón Pastrano that focuses on culture building and emphasizes that an organization's culture is key to its success. To start the project, Council, Staff and some Commissioner Chairs participated in the first workshop of phase 1 of the Third Sphere Training.

## 2. Cannabis Business Moratorium

With the legalization of Cannabis in Minnesota via Chapter 63, cities are permitted to place an interim ordinance prohibiting cannabis businesses until January 1, 2025, which is when legal sales are expected to begin. The current moratorium in place expires September 28, 2023. Staff is proposing to introduce a new moratorium prohibiting all cannabis businesses, that would be in place until January 1, 2025. During the period of the moratorium, staff and the Planning Commission would take a deeper dive into the City's ordinances revolving around Cannabis sales. A public hearing is required to pass this moratorium, which is unusual for a moratorium, but is a special requirement from this new state statute.

Council provided Staff with direction to start the process of noticing a public hearing for the City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

## D. ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 PM

DISCLAIMER: City Council Workshops are held monthly as an opportunity for Council Members to discuss policy topics in greater detail prior to a formal meeting where a public hearing may be held and/or action may be taken. Members of the public that would like to make a comment or ask questions about an item on the agenda for an upcoming workshop should send them to mail@falconheights.org prior to the

meeting. Alternatively, time is regularly allotted for public comment during Regular City Council Meetings (typically 2nd and 4th Wednesdays) during the Community Forum.

Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

Linehan, City Administrator

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