

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
City Council Special Workshop  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
7:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:42 PM

B. ROLL CALL:           GUSTAFSON\_X\_ LEEHY\_X\_  
                          MEYER\_X\_ MIELKE\_X\_ WASSENBERG\_X\_

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

C. POLICY ITEMS:

1. Larpenteur Street Lights Banner Discussion

Administrator Linehan explains the Larpenteur Avenue Street Light project is moving along faster than anticipated and staff has reached out to various companies regarding banner options. Mainstreet Designs Inc. provided some mock-ups and Staff is seeking direction for how to proceed with selecting a design for the new banners. There are 34 light poles and each will have banner arms. Staff presents proposed designs mocked up by Mainstreet as well as fabric samples.

The council discusses the presented images for the banners as well as the colors and fonts. They talk about the history of the logo and try to think of things that would identify the city on the banners. They bring up the idea of having a competition to have residents submit designs for banners and have that design used as a concept. Lastly, they further discuss the details of the competition. Council would like half of the banners to be simple banners with the Falcon Heights logo and the other half to feature a concept based on a resident-submitted design.

2. Future Agenda Items

For the June workshop, Administrator Linehan suggests discussing the assessment policy for the upcoming PMP and the longer term. He also wants to bring in bond consultants to discuss options for bonds for the Community Park building. Administrator Linehan explains MET Councilmember, and former Falcon Heights Mayor, Peter Lindstrom wants to meet with the Council. Councilmembers discuss the format of the meeting and decide on inviting Lindstrom to a workshop.

Councilmember Mielke wonders about bids for Community Park. Administrator Linehan notes the pricing will be known at a later date. Once that is known, it will be discussed with Council and the City will open up bids at a later date.

Councilmember Wassenberg wants to discuss creating tighter bonds between the councils of St. Anthony Village, Lauderdale and Falcon Heights.

Mayor Gustafson recommends the League of Local Governments as a great way to build relationships with other local government members. Another option is supporting other cities at their social events.

Administrator Linehan suggests he reaches out to the City Administrator of Lauderdale and City Manger of St. Anthony Village for ideas. He explains the schedule of future agenda items.

Councilmember Mielke wonders about a discussion for renters' rights. Administrator Linehan notes it could be talked about at a workshop in June or July.

Council asks about the weeds at Garden Avenue. Administrator Linehan explains, the City is holding the final payment until mitigated.

D. ADJOURNMENT: 8:49 PM

Councilmember Mielke motions to adjourn;  
Approved 4-0

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Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

  
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Jack Linehan, City Administrator