

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

AGENDA – **Amended**
MINUTES

February 26, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM
- B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON X LEEHY MEYER X
MIELKE X WASSENBERG X
STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN X

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gustafson points out the amendment to the agenda because of the addition of Policy Item 3. Linehan apologizes for the last-minute amendment, staff only received notice about the requirement that day.

Councilmember Wassenberg motions to approve the agenda;
Approved 4-0

D. PRESENTATION

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. February 5, 2025 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve the minutes;
Approved 4-0

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through 2/20/25: \$264,932.13
Payroll through 2/9/25: \$24,905.08
Wire Payments through 2/9/25: \$15,822.65
2. Approval of City Licenses
3. Approval of Resolution 25-13 Supporting the Application to Request Grant Funds Through the Department of Natural Resources
4. Approval of Resolution 25-14 Appointing Jeremy Hallowanger to the Planning Commission
5. Authorization to Close Fund 316 – Series 2017A Debt Service Fund and Transfer Remaining Funds to Remaining Debt Service Funds

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve the consent agenda;
Approved 4-0

H: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Approval of Resolution 25-15 Authorizing the Call of the Outstanding General Obligation Improvement Bond, Series 2023A

Linehan explains that this obligation bond was taken out in 2023. With the closure of the Series 2017A bond, the remaining balance from this bond can be used toward the Series 2023A bond. With the funds that are remaining in the Capital Fund, the city can pay off this 2023 bond. This is the highest interest bond, but it is callable and can be paid off early, saving the city money. Starting in 2026, both bonds will be removed, and in return, the debt service levy. Linehan adds that the city will go out for additional bonds for the 2025 street project and the community park renovation project. The strategy behind this is to avoid big spikes in the city's debt service levy and keep it balanced.

City staff and Council discuss the debt management strategy with Taft and Ehler, the city's financial partners.

Wassenberg points out that funds will remain in the Series 2023A bond and wonders what will happen with that. Linehan explains the fund will remain open.

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve Resolution 25-15 Authorizing the Call of the Outstanding General Obligation Improvement Bond, Series 2023A;
Approved 4-0

2. Approval of Resolution 25-16 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the 2025 Pavement Management Project

Linehan explains that following the approval of the project after the public hearing on January 22, the City Council is requested to approve plans and specifications and authorize the advertisement for bids. He points out some minor changes to the plans related to stormwater improvements in Falcon Woods. The bid opening is scheduled for March 20th at Falcon Heights City Hall. Roseville Engineering oversees the bid process through their online software.

Councilmember Mielke motions to approve Resolution 25-16 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the 2025 Pavement Management Project;
Approved 4-0

3. Approval of Resolution 24-17 Authorizing the City Administrator to Apply for a Stormwater Management Permit with the Rice Creek Watershed District for the Community Park Renovation

Linehan apologizes for the last-minute addition; city staff was only notified this day of this stormwater permit requirement, and there is a tight deadline. Typically, RCWD waives permit fees for municipal applicants; however, if fees are not waived, the cost will go above the administrator's spending authority.

The council discusses which Watershed District the Community Park area belongs to.

Councilmember Wassenberg motions to approve 24-17 Authorizing the City Administrator to Apply for a Stormwater Management Permit with the Rice Creek Watershed District for the Community Park Renovation;
Approved 4-0

I. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mielke explains that the State Fair Task Force met the prior week. She also attended the NineNorth board meeting and the League of Minnesota Cities' Elected Leaders Institute. Lastly, Mielke also visited the picnic shelter at St. Louis Park, which is by the same vendor Falcon Heights has selected for Community Park, and blessed Ramadan to all Falcon Heights families.

Gustafson also attended the League of Minnesota Cities' Elected Leaders Institute. Next week, council members will attend LMC's Day on the Hill, where they will meet with state representatives about local priorities.

The council is excited to see the police transition that will take place on March 1, 2025, to St. Anthony Police Department.

Linehan explains that everything on the backend is set up for the official transition to St. Anthony Police Department. To clarify, SAPD will respond to all calls for service 24/7. They will actively patrol starting at 8 hours per day. The sub-station at Falcon Heights is almost completed. Lastly, SAPD is confident with their staffing and hiring progress. The spring newsletter is finished and will arrive in residents' mailboxes shortly. Staff had a 50% review meeting with consultants regarding the Community Park plans. Plans for the shelter will be brought to the Council soon. Lastly, the speed trailer is up and running again, collecting traffic data.

J. COMMUNITY FORUM:

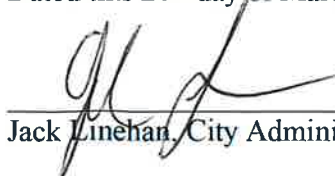
Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person. Items brought before the Council will be referred for consideration. Council may ask questions for clarification, but no council action or discussion will be held on these items.

K. ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 PM

Councilmember Meyer motions to adjourn;
Approved 4-0


Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 26th day of March, 2025


Jack Linehan, City Administrator