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Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Andi Moffatt, Jeff Dains, Roxanne Grove, Kelly Dolphin, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilors absent: None.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; and Miles Cline, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Gaasch opened the meeting by thanking residents for their support and patience as the city council responds to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Approvals

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the March 24, 2020 city council meeting. There being none, Councilor Dolphin moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2020 city council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the claims totaling \$105,644.73. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the Consent Agenda thereby approving the Memorandum of Agreement with Ramsey County Parks and Recreation - Soil and Water Conservation Division regarding treatment for noxious plants. Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. Annual Update by Police Chief Jon Mangseth

Chief Jon Mangseth presented the annual police report virtually via a PowerPoint presentation. Upon conclusion, staff read Paula Biever's question regarding the on-going street racing on Highway 280. She said the racing stopped briefly after she recalled but then resumed a while later. She wondered whether they were monitoring the calls or had someone looking out for approaching patrol cars. She asked whether there was anything else that could be done?

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Chief Mangseth responded that the St. Anthony police department has been working with neighboring cities, as well as the Minnesota State Patrol to curb street racing along Highway 280. Mangseth acknowledged that having an active police presence in the area has proven to be most effective but it is a difficult problem to tackle, as the racing network is large.

B. City Council Updates

Councilor Moffatt shared that it has been nice meeting new people and reconnecting with others while she has been out walking in the community. Mayor Gaasch added that she is happy to see the various organizations she is part of forging on with meetings virtually.

Discussion/Action Items

A. Joint Powers Agreement with City of St. Paul for 2020 Reconstruction Project Including Como Avenue Improvements between the West Right-of-Way Line of State Highway 280 and 33rd Street

The Council previously discussed aspects of the City of St. Paul's plans for the rehabilitation of Como Avenue and Hunting Valley Road in 2020. St. Paul is in the process of bidding the project. The City asked them to include a small sanitary sewer line replacement as part of the project. A short segment of six-inch pipe restricts the flow between two eight-inch segments. This replacement would be significantly more costly to do alone as the City would be responsible for all mobilization and road closure costs. The joint powers agreement is needed to finalize the process and allow our portion of the project to proceed.

Councilor Moffatt made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between City of St. Paul/City of Lauderdale for the 2020 Street Reconstruction Project including Como Avenue Improvements between the West Right-of-Way Line of State Highway 280 and 33rd Street. This was seconded by Councilor Dains and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

B. Quotation from Midwest Playscapes for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for Skyview Park

Late in 2019, Ramsey County offered the City \$100,000 in federal CDBG funds to replace the playground equipment at Skyview Park and make ADA compliant upgrades. The County increased that amount to \$115,000 recently and remitted 75% of the money to the City already.

The community has provided great feedback via our website and email listserve. The feedback showed almost universal preference for the "obstacle course" design as it offers a different playground experience than what is available at the Community Park.

Staff marked the perimeter of the playground area with fluorescent green paint earlier this week to see how it would fit on the site. While the design fits, staff asked for feedback on whether the Council thinks it takes up too much of the available green space. The Council felt it did so staff will work on a new layout with the playground vendor and bring the new design to an upcoming meeting.

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Set Agenda for Next Meeting

Administrator Butkowski stated that the April 28 council meeting may include a presentation from Ling Becker, the Director of Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, and a bee permit application for 1924 Walnut Street.

Work Session

A. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council

Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to anyone that submitted comments or questions to the Council.

Bob Jacobson, 1747 Carl Street, submitted an e-mail asking the Council to remove the stop sign at the intersection of Roselawn and Fulham Street. The Council discussed the reason for the sign and feedback received from the community.

As nothing else was received, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

B. Community Development Updates

Butkowski mentioned that she and Anna Eleria from Capital Region Watershed District recently met with Thor Nelson from Greenway Village and representatives from Luther Seminary to provide final updates on the seminary pond project and request temporary easement agreements.

Adjournment

Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dolphin to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Miles Cline
Deputy City Clerk