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Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Duane Pulford, Andi Moffatt, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.

Councilors absent: Jeff Dains and Roxanne Grove.

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

Approvals

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting agenda. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the January 25, 2022 City Council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Pulford moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any questions on the claims. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Pulford to approve the claims totaling \$128,595.70. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Mayor Gaasch shared that Ramsey County is rolling out a new food scraps pick-up program later this year and into 2023. The County is seeking trial participants that would be compensated with Visa gift cards for taking part in the study. Gaasch also said she attended the League of Minnesota Cities Experienced City Officials conference in Plymouth last week.

Council Member Dains joined the meeting.

Discussion/Action Item

A. 1795 Eustis Street Development Update

Real Estate Equities (REE) recently was awarded affordable housing tax credits for 1795 Eustis Street. Butkowski said that the consulting city planner, Jennifer Haskamp, prepared a memo updating the Council on the status of REE's planned unit development (PUD) and alley vacation applications, which were submitted in November 2020. Haskamp explains in the memo the process for REE to move their land use applications forward by the end of March.

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Stacie Kvilvang from Ehlers' and Associates provided an update on the financial elements of the deal including the process to get the tax increment, development, and purchase agreements completed. Kvilvang is reviewing their proposal to determine the minimum amount of TIF assistance needed to make the project financially feasible. Haskamp and Kvilvang will attend upcoming meetings to review final drafts of land use, tax increment, development, and purchase agreements with the city council.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

The next council meeting will include the January financial report, a 1795 Eustis Street development update, a resolution regarding the American Rescue Plan funds, and a resolution of support for local land use planning authority.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update Butkowski said the dredging of Gasparre Pond was completed last week.

B. Opportunity for the Public to Address the City Council Mayor Gaasch opened the floor to anyone in attendance interested in addressing the Council.

There being no one interested in speaking, Mayor Gaasch closed the floor.

Adjournment

Councilor Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Moffatt to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Miles Cline

Deputy City Clerk

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