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Call to Order

Mayor Gaasch called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilors present: Andi Moffatt, Jeff Dains, Roxanne Grove, and Mayor Mary Gaasch.
Councilor absent: Duane Pulford.

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. Councilor Moffatt added consideration of a letter of support for Keystone Community Services to the Additional Items portion of the agenda. Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mayor Gaasch asked if there were any corrections to the February 22, 2022 City Council meeting minutes. There being none, Councilor Moffatt moved and seconded by Councilor Dains to approve the minutes of the February 22, 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 Dains moved and seconded by Councilor Grove to approve the claims totaling \$35,237.92. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Informational Presentations/Reports

A. City Council Updates

Councilor Grove said she would be unable to attend the upcoming Ramsey County League of Local Governments board meeting on March 11. Mayor Gaasch said she could attend in her absence.

Discussion/Action Item

A. Draft-Land-Use and Financial Development Agreements for 1795 Eustis Street

Mayor Gaasch introduced Keith Dahl, the City's financial advisor. Dahl reviewed the key financial considerations for the redevelopment of 1795 Eustis Street. Next, Ron Batty, city attorney, explained the purchase and development agreement he drafted. The draft was being reviewed and revised by both sides with the final agreement expected for consideration at the next meeting. The city council reviewed the documents and asked questions of the consultants.

Jennifer Haskamp, the consulting city planner, explained the final land use approvals needed for the project and asked for direction from the city council to prepare the appropriate resolutions and ordinances for consideration at the next meeting.

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Councilor Moffatt made a motion directing Haskamp to prepare the items outlined in her memo dated March 4. This was seconded by Councilor Grove and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Additional Items

A. Letter of Support for Keystone Community Services

Keystone Community Services operates a food shelf in St. Paul. They requested a letter of support from the city council to assist in securing a \$4 million-dollar bond from the legislature to improve their operations. Mayor Gaasch stated that she would write a letter supporting Keystone Community Services on behalf of the Council.

Set Agenda for Next Meeting

The next council meeting may include the land use and financial development agreements for 1795 Eustis Street, rental housing ordinance revisions, organic turf management options, and the February financial report.

Work Session

A. Community Development Update

Butkowski stated that the zoning ordinance survey would be available until the end of March and urged the public to complete it.

Butkowski also addressed the Ramsey County plowing issues from the weekend. For years, the County has expressed their lack of resources to continue providing the service. As such, this is the last year they will plow Lauderdale's street. Staff has been working to find an alternate provider. Council member Dains expressed his concerns about their road salt usage.

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 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator