

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

**MINUTES**  
November 15, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM   X   HARRIS   X   BROWN THUNDER   X    
FISCHER   X   GUSTAFSON   X  

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH   X  

C. PRESENTATION

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. October 25, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes Approved

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 11/07/17 \$157,736.81  
Payroll through: 10/31/17 \$18,764.30
2. Approval of City License(s)
3. Sanitary Sewer Partial Fee Credit - The Good Acre
4. 2018 Tort Limit Liability
5. Reducing the 2018 Debt Levy on General Obligation Debt

Council Member Gustafson Moved, Approved 5-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. Canvassing 2017 Election Results

The city is required to hold a meeting between November 13 through 17 to accept and approve election results for the year. The certified results are provided by the Ramsey Election Department.

Council Member Fischer Moved, Approved 5-0

2. 2017 PMP Assessment Appeals
  - a. 1596 Northrop Street
  - b. 1596 Vincent Street

On October 11, 2017 the Council held a public hearing to approve assessments for the project. During the hearing, the Council received two appeals for property assessments. The resolution reduces assessments for these two properties. On November 11, the City Administrator met with the property owners to negotiate the amount, as stated in the resolution.

Council Harris Member Moved, Approved 5-0

### 3. Comprehensive Planning Proposal from WSB

Cities are required to complete a comprehensive plan to the Met Council every ten years. These plans coordinate the city's goals on land use, development, public resources, environmental efforts, open space, park lands, transit, etc. Plans are due to the Met Council by December 31, 2018. The city has been in contact with WSB to contract these services. They will work with the city staff to update the comprehensive plan to include new requirements and updates to the city. Their proposal includes public participation and Met Council coordination. The proposal is for \$53,000. Staff would recommend approval for the City Administrator to spend up to \$80,000. The extra allowed amount is just in case there are any changes made; therefore, it would not require additional Council approval.

Council Member Harris is curious about the WSB proposal for housing and transit. These are components that do not have much relevance for Falcon Heights. The Planning Commission reviewed the first draft of the proposal, and components such as aviation will not apply to Falcon Heights. The Planning Commission will be looking at being a part of the public participation portion.

The city is required to provide some type of narrative for all components. Roseville is working on our storm sewer management plan. He will continue to have discussions with them about what each component requires. Most of the work will be the mapping that is included with the narrative.

One of the new components to the Comprehensive Plan is resiliency, which will be important for Falcon Heights.

Council Member Gustafson Moved, Approved 5-0

#### H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

##### 1. Weekly Police Reports – Can Now Be Found At:

[http://www.falconheights.org/index.asp?SEC=75B3E8BB-785B-4048-B543-995BAE0716A5&Type=B\\_BASIC](http://www.falconheights.org/index.asp?SEC=75B3E8BB-785B-4048-B543-995BAE0716A5&Type=B_BASIC)

##### Council Member Fischer:

The Community Engagement Commission will be hosting a Human Rights Day event on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm. Dave Pinto from Ramsey County Attorney's Office and a navigator that works in direct services, will be speaking.

##### Council Member Harris:

No updates.

##### Council Member Brown Thunder:

No updates.

##### Council Member Gustafson:

- Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting on Monday, December 4. Additionally, it is Give to the Max day on Friday, and the Como Block Nurse Program is seeking donations.
- The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office is holding their annual Citizens Academy. It is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from January 9-January 25. It is from 6-9:30pm. Applications are available online at the county website or contact 651-266-7332. These are due in December.

City Administrator Thongvanh:


- There are two Open Houses to meet the Ramsey County Sheriffs. These will be on Wednesday, November 29 at City Hall from 6-8pm and Thursday, November 30 at Falcon Town Square Community Room from 6-8pm.
- He and the Mayor met with the University Grove Association. They discussed the parking situation for this winter due to the choice to delay the final lift of 1.5 inch of asphalt. Instead of no parking, the Grove Association voted to have more strict parking enforcement during snow emergencies (2 inches or more of snow). Strict enforcement will mean cars will be towed if they are parked during snow emergencies.

Mayor Lindstrom:

- He had the honor of presenting today before the Environmental Quality Board, a board made up of primarily State Commissioners. They wanted to know what the state could do to help cities around sustainability. He spoke about community solar, solar on the City Hall roof, and the community garden. We are the smallest Step Four Green Step City.
- The Environment Commission met on Monday, and they are moving forward with a partnership with Clean Energy Resource Teams. They have an initiative called Watson Drops, which is a bulk purchasing program for LED light bulbs. They are putting together a program that will accept the bulbs, donated by a Commissioner, and distribute them to primarily low-income households.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:29 pm

  
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Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017

  
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Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator