

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

AGENDA
January 23, 2019 7:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM X LEEHY X HARRIS X
 MIAZGA X GUSTAFSON X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X

C. PRESENTATION

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. January 9, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved 5-0

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 1/16/19 \$189,659.39
 Payroll through: 1/15/19 \$17,448.28
2. Approval of City License(s)
3. Appointment of Joel Gerich to the Planning Commission
4. Appointment of Mike Bradbury to the Park and Recreation Commission

Council Member Harris

I want to thank everybody who has volunteered in the past for city commissions. I also want to thank the current and new volunteers.

Mike Bradbury (1479 Idaho Ave)

In the last two years, I have been coordinating and organizing a free play soccer session at Curtiss Field during the summer time. The program is for kids who live within the neighborhood and the apartment complexes. They are super great kids with a lot of energy and skills. I want to bring my background and passion to the Parks Commission.

Mayor Lindstrom appreciates Mr. Bradbury's time and dedication to teach kids how to play soccer. Council Member Miazga would like to thank Mr. Bradbury for including everyone in the play and has been hearing a lot of good feedback from residents and children.

Council Member Leehy, who is the council liaison for the Park Commission is excited to have Mr. Bradbury join the commission. I always appreciate when residents take initiative steps to get involved with the city. I look forward to working with you.

Mayor Lindstrom

I want thank Joel Gerich for joining the Planning Commission. He works for a medical company and will be a great asset to the commission.

Council Member Leehy Moved, Approved 5-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Miazga

- City Administrator Thongvanh and I will meet on Friday to go over the Community Survey.

Council Member Leehy

- Last week, I received a call from a resident who lives among the Larpenteur apartments. The resident is ecstatic and excited about the Hendrickson building which is a senior living complex. The resident has a couple of things to say:
 1. This is something she really desires and has always wanted to see it there.
 2. She attended many meetings that led up to the purchasing and City Council approval. She felt heard at each meeting.

I want everyone to know that you have a voice in the city, especially the renters.

Council Member Harris

- I was not able to attend the first 2019 Planning Commission meeting, but I will be there for the next one.

Council Member Gustafson

- The Community Engagement Commission will be meeting next Monday, January 28, at 7 PM, City Hall. Initially, we were supposed to meet on January 21, but it was Martin Luther King Jr. day. We will set up 2019 goals, reflect on 2018, and see what worked, what did not work, and how we can do better for 2019. We will also work on the first city event Spring Together, find a date, and time for it.

Mayor Lindstrom

- The Environment Commission met last week on January 14. We identified our priorities for 2019 and everyone will hear more about those items at our retreat on Saturday, March 16.
- A week ago, I had an open house with our county commissioner Trista MatasCastillo. We had great conversations with everyone. We listened to many voices from the apartment complex, and as Council Member Leehy stated we want to make sure renters have a voice in the city.

- Last night, I was on a panel at the U of M College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. A group of students organized the event and had an interest in public policy in those sectors. I was on the panel with Minneapolis Council Member Steve Fletcher and Colleen Landkamer from Blue Earth County to talk about local government.

City Administrator Thongvanh


- The Council Retreat is on Saturday, March 16, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM at City Hall. During the retreat, we will recap 2018 from various departments and set priorities for 2019.
- Last week, Mayor Lindstrom and I met representatives from Sourcewell Technology, originally known as TIES and were informed that they will be moving out of Falcon Heights. They signed a lease in St. Paul by the Como area and will be closing very soon. On the same day, we also met with the developer who is planning to renovate the building and make it into an office space. It will be a for-profit entity, which means they will pay property taxes.
- I am in the final stage of hiring a replacement for Tim Sandvik's position. We have very great candidates and interviews. The final interviews will be next week.
- The Curtiss Field hockey rink is finally open for the winter season. Please stay warm while skating.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:22 P.M.


Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2019


Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator