

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue
AGENDA
October 24, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH ___

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Ramsey County Sheriff's Office - Acting Chief Deputy Booker T. Hodges

Booker T. Hodges (Ramsey County Acting Chief Deputy)

The Ramsey County Sheriff's office would like to thank City of Falcon Heights for their partnership. Councilmember Miazga asked if the body cameras were being tested to determine if they would work before the city purchases them. Mr. Hodges stated they were being tested and they were doing their best to ensure they would be in working order. Councilmember Miazga inquired whether they city would have any remedy for getting taxpayer money back if they ended up being problematic. Mr. Hodges stated that they were investigating options and would continue to do their best to make sure they were a strong product. Ramsey County Sheriff's Office became the primary provider for police services in Falcon Heights on January 2018. We built many good relationships with the community and enjoyed meeting residents and conversation.

Ramsey County Sheriff's Office hosted ten Night to Unite parties in Falcon Heights, Hot Dog with a Deputy, and Coffee with a Cop on November 13 at 4pm at Underground Music Cafe. We will be hosting a Community Form on November 1 for our "Know The Truth Campaign" from 6:30 - 8:30 at Bethel University. Ramsey County Sheriff's Office is researching new body cameras because there have been many malfunctions around the nation. We are working with other cities and will continue to update the City about this.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. September 26 , 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. October 10, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Leehy

Sent an email to City Administrator Thongvanh on some changes for September 26, 2018, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Council Member Leehy Moved, Approved 5-0

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 10/18/18 \$101,242.72
Payroll through: 10/15/18 \$22,064.05
2. Approve SCORE Grant
3. 2018 Budget Amendment and Transfer of Funds for Fund 402 & 403

City Administrator Thongvanh

Last year, The City of Falcon Heights received about \$15,000 from the SCORE grant. This year our estimated allocation for 2019 from Ramsey County is \$15,415.

Council Member Gustafson Moved, Approved 5-0

G. POLICY ITEMS:

1. Establishing Special Revenue Fund 210 - Community Inclusion Fund

City Administrator Thongvanh

The City received \$20,000 from the St. Paul Foundation in December of 2017. Staff recommends establishing Fund 210 to account for the revenues and expenditures of the Community Inclusion activities. The funds will go towards community inclusion program and, establishing budget line items, and completing a transfer of funds from Fund 208 to Fund 210.

The Item description can be found at the City website under the Agenda.

Council Member Leehy Moved, Approved 5-0

2. 2019 Sewer Lining Project

City Engineer Freihammer

The City of Roseville and the City of Falcon Heights will be working together on the sanitary sewer lines throughout both cities. The project consists of installing a Cast-In-Place Pipe in the existing sewer line. The agreement detailed the costs of the project between the two cities. The estimated value for Falcon Heights' portion of the project is \$203,358.74.

Map and Joint Agreement can be view at City website under the Agenda.

Council Member Gustafson Moved, Approved 5-0

3. Hoyt Signal Agreement

City Engineer Freihammer

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) plans to replace the signal lights at the intersection of Snelling Avenue and Hoyt Avenue and Snelling Avenue and Dan Patch Avenue in 2019. Falcon Heights will pay for the north half of both the east and west leg of Hoyt Avenue. City staff and MnDot will collaborate with the Minnesota State Agricultural Society

(MSAS or State Fair) and have them pay for half of the west leg of Hoyt since it benefits the State Fair.

- MnDOT - 50%
- Falcon Heights - 25%
- St Paul - 12.5%
- MSAS - 12.5%

Falcon Heights will cover 25% of the project cost and is estimated to be \$94,684.14. In addition, City staff will work with MnDOT to have MSAS (State Fair) pay for the entire west leg of one intersection so the City of Falcon Heights will no longer have any responsibilities at this signal system at Dan Patch Avenue.

Councilmember Miazga asked Mr. Freihammer if any metrics were created or analyzed to determine if the State Fair share for the signal(s) located in Falcon Heights was a fair share or whether it was high or low. Mr. Freihammer stated that no analysis to that effect was done. Mr. Miazga asked how long such signals are likely to last and Mr. Freihammer stated 25-35 years. Mr. Miazga stated that it would be good in the future for a representative of Falcon Heights City Council or city staff be present in their negotiations to ensure that the State Fair was paying their fair share.

The Agreement can be viewed at the City website under the Agenda.

Council Member Harris Moved, Approved 5-0

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. November 7th Workshop has been rescheduled for November 14th after the Regular City Council Meeting
 - a. Agenda Items
 - i. Debt Service
 - ii. Special Revenue Fund
 - iii. Enterprise Fund
2. City Council and Staff Training Schedule for October 23 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Council Member Miazga

- Planning and Environment Commission met yesterday and the meeting went well.
- Continue to work with City Administrator Thongvanh on the Community Survey.

Council Member Leehy

- I want to thank everyone who participated in the Survey and Services on the Spot last week. We had breakfast, lunch, and dinner food truck vendors, and everyone came and had a great time. This was our first time doing this type of event, and we received good feedback. We hope to do this again in the future.

Also, residents and city guests expressed positive comments about the survey providing resources to the community. This was a direct correlation from the Task Force because

people wanted more resources in housing, jobs, and education. We decided to focus on that issue. We will continue to research more opportunities for the City.

- The U of M St. Paul Campus is holding an Open House for their Strategic Facilities Plan. The Strategic Facilities Plan will chart a course for the campus to be financially, academically, and physically sustainable.
 - 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, 2018 - Ruttan Hall Ground Floor Study Space
 - 11:30 a.m. Friday, October 26, 2018 - Ruttan Hall Ground Floor Study Space
 - 9 a.m. Thursday, November 1, 2018 - Continuing Education and Conference Center 135

Council Member Harris

- I have been enjoying all the city events and trainings.

Council Member Gustafson

- Monday, December 10, 6:30 - 8:30pm at Falcon Heights United Church is the Human Rights Day event. The theme will focus on housing discrimination, affordable housing, and issues around housing.
- The last weekend of Fright Farm is this week. The Low Scare will be on Sunday from 12pm-4pm and it will be half price for all ages.
- November 7-8, Council Member Leehy and I will attend the Kettering Foundation seminar. This will be the third and final part on how to create safe and welcoming community.

Mayor Lindstrom

- Planning and Environment commission meeting was amazing. There were many updates on the Comp Plan from each commission team. The draft contains sustainability.
- November 13, 4pm - 5:30 is Coffee with a Cop at Underground Music Cafe, 1579 Hamline Ave N. All are welcome.
- City Administrator Thongvanh and I will be at the University Grove Association meeting on Tuesday, October 30. We will be providing city updates at the meeting.

City Administrator Thongvanh

- A reminder that Public Works will continue street sweeping until we have snow. A new change is that we will notify residents ahead of time through emails and social media, so they have time to move their cars. We have been receiving very positive feedback. Also, this year we have our own sweeper so we can go out as many times as we can. A few years ago, we contracted with Little Canada and had to set a schedule, and it did not clean the streets before the snow arrived. Having our own sweeper will help clean the roads faster before the snow comes. Sweeping your leaves to the street is illegal.

- Council Member Leehy suggested the Diversity and Inclusion training to help City staff and Council members. Our speaker was Ken Morris from the Cultivating a Caring Community. Everyone had a great time learning new things and we will continue to do this type of training with staff, council members and the community. The Task Force recommended this.
- Met with the developers for the Hendrickson project and will provide details to Council Members on November 14.
- Have not received any updates from the new owner for the TIES Building. The only thing we know is that the owner requested a zoning letter and turn it into office space.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:26 PM



Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 24th day of October, 2018



Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator