

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

AGENDA
August 8, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM X LEEHY X BROWN THUNDER N/A
MIAZGA X GUSTAFSON X

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH X
- C. PRESENTATIONS:
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - 1. July 25, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

City Administrator Thongvanh

There is an updated meeting minutes in front of Mayor Lindstrom and Council Members. Council Member Leehy made some corrections and we will be adopting the amended meeting minutes that you have in front of you. The corrections were just grammatical changes only.

- E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
- F. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 1. General Disbursements through: 8/01/18 \$46,776.78
Payroll through: 7/31/18 \$25,229.34

Council Member Leehy Moved, Approved 4-0

- G. POLICY ITEMS:
- H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - 1. Budget Workshop #1 following August 22, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting

City Administrator Thongvanh

The Finance Director Roland and I are currently working on the budget, and the two main items are the General Funds and Debt Service. These two items are the ones that will affect resident's property taxes levy. A reminder that water, sewer, and recycling do not change the levy and we will discuss them at a later time along with capital improvements.

- 2. Weekly Police Reports - [Click Here](#)

Mayor Lindstrom

The Weekly Police Reports is available online each week at Falcon Heights website under Public Safety. We received the Ramsey County Sheriff's report and get to see police activities that have happened in that week.

Council Member Miazga

- We had a great Planning Commission interactions at Night to Unite last night. We received a lot of feedback from residents. I spoke to 13 residents at the block I attended, and the rest of the other commissions visited different neighborhoods to get public inputs. City Administrator Thongvanh should have some community inputs to pass along to the consultants. Planning Commission's next meeting is September 25th at 7:00 p.m. and it's still a public input session. As I mentioned in the last City Council meeting, each Planning Commissioners is taking ownership of a specific section from the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, and this will help build an informal dialogue between residents and commissioners.
- I attended the League of Minnesota Cities Improving Local Economy Committee kick-off meeting last week. It was a great collaboration, and I learned that most of the Pre-emption efforts at the Capital thankfully failed which keeps local control and where it should be. It was reassuring to hear it from the meeting.
- A reminder that August 14th is the Minnesota Primary Election and don't forget to vote. It is easy to register in Minnesota and can do it on the same day.
- I will be meeting City Administrator Thongvanh to discuss NYFS' opening in Council Member Brown Thunder's absent. I am leaning towards to take the position since I can see the 2040 Comprehensive Plan through the end of the year, then transition to NYFS.

Council Member Leehy

- I would like to thank all the residents for participating in Night to Unite. I heard that some of the numbers of attendees were higher than last year and that is excellent news. I was delighted at one of the apartment complexes there was a corporative where the senior apartments merged with the party at the multi-family. That is something I have been working towards over the last several years. Everybody was pleased. The seniors were pleased, and those that lived in the multi-family units were pleased. Everybody was introducing each other, and it was a great time there.
- Park and Recreation Commission has openings and would like to encourage residents to join. If you have ideas for community involvement and recreation, whether it is for children, youth or seniors, there is an opportunity for you to speak about it. Our Next meeting is on October 1st.

Council Member Gustafson

- Community Engagement Commission's next meeting is September 17th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Tuesday, August 14th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. is Ice Cream Social and Hot Dog with a Deputy at Community Park on Roselawn and Cleveland. The event was rescheduled because of the weather in July. Stop by the City Hall to vote then come over to

Community Park to enjoy some free ice cream and hot dog. Looking forward to seeing everyone after voting.

- Night to Unite event was spectacular. I was with Animal Control Officer Lee and Sergeant Young from the Transport Unit, and we visited five block parties south of Larpenteur. They helped answer questions from residents and were great ambassadors. We did about 200+ events last night in the Sheriff's Office and the community and 46 teams of ambassadors hitting parties. Everyone had a great and fun time.
- Tomorrow I will be at the Ramsey County Legal Local Government office, and they are holding an emergency meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Old Chicago in Roseville. The meeting will talk about leadership issues that came with the disbandment on one of the water conservation districts that got adsorb into the county. The two, Chair and the Vice Chair no longer have an elective office which means it no longer exists. Therefore, all of the cities have a representative to that group.

Mayor Lindstrom

- Yesterday I went on a fascinating tour at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is the metro plant which is south of downtown St. Paul (3 miles) and it takes care of Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area wastewater. It is a top 10 wastewater plant treatment in the nation, in terms of volume of wastewater coming in. Overall, I was extremely impressed, and I went on the tour with other local government officials and got to hear their story and take great pride, as they should, with their operations. It is very efficient and very sustainable minded. They are doing these tour because, as Sack was mentioning, we have these enterprise funds, which one of them is wastewater. It is good for local government officials to know that Metropolitan Council is keeping a close eye on how its run and making sure that it is efficient as possible.
- Tomorrow I am attending the Warners' Stellian celebration. They completely remodeled their showroom in Falcon Heights. They invited me there to say a few words which will be fun.
- I am also active in the League of Minnesota Cities.. Mark mentioned at he is also on one of the committees. I am on a different committee called Service Delivery Committee and we met as well. That is a great opportunity to help form the policies of the League of MN Cities that represent us at the Capitol. Great way the network and get to know other city council members, mayors and staff.
- Attended the Night to Unite last night and received a lot of feedbacks on improvements, suggestions and comments. It was a fun night.
- A reminder that the application for the City Council Vacancy is still open. The final review committee is me, Council Member Miazga, City Commissioners Shirley Reider and John Larkin, Olivia Demerath a high school student, and Jim Wassenberg.

City Administrator Thongvanh

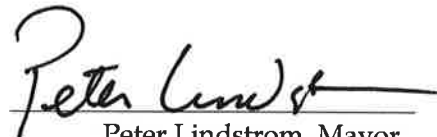
- City staffs are currently working on the fall newsletter, and this year we will do something new by including the community survey in it and mail it all at once. We are doing this, so residents know that this survey is coming from the City. We will display the Community Survey on weekly newsletters, Falcon Heights website, and QR code to

do the survey on the phone till the deadline. You can take a picture of the QR code, and your internet browser will pop up to take the survey. I am not sure if it works for Android phones, but it does work for Apples.

- I received a call from the Realtor representing the TIES building and they are reviewing six proposals from private entities looking to purchase the building. The Realtor also wants to know what the City's interests regarding what we would like to see there.
- Council Member Miazga and I will finalize the Community Survey tonight.
- Council Member Leehy and Council Member Gustafson and I will meet tomorrow but at an earlier time because Council Member Leehy will also attend the celebration at Warners' Stellan. Our meeting tomorrow, we will discuss the \$20,000 grant we received from the St. Paul Foundation for the work that we are doing as recommended by the Task Force. We will consider where the funds will be allocated towards. This is different from the Bush Foundation of \$200,000.
- City Council Vacancy Application deadline is August 24th by noon. The Review Committee will interview all candidates on September 4th and 6th and identify finalists. Council will interview finalists and makes a selection on September 12th and on September 26th the Council will appoint a new member.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT:


Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 8th day of August, 2018


Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator