

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

**MINUTES**  
January 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.
- B. ROLL CALL: LINDSTROM   X   LEEHY   X   BROWN THUNDER   X    
                  MIAZGA   X   GUSTAFSON   X
- STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH   X
- C. PRESENTATIONS:  
1. Oath of Office  
    a. Mark Miazga  
    b. Melanie Leehy
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. December 13, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes Approved
- E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
- F. CONSENT AGENDA:  
1. General Disbursements through: 1/04/18 \$201,552.75  
   Payroll through: 12/29/17 \$36,532.56  
2. Approval of City License(s)  
3. Designating Official Depositories for 2018  
4. Review Elected Official Out-of-State Travel Policy  
5. Review and Adopt Council Standing Rules  
6. Council Appointment as Liaison for City Commissions  
7. Appoint Acting Mayor  
8. Commission Member Reappointments  
9. Mile Reimbursement Rate for 2018  
10. Approval of the 2018 NYFS Cooperative Service Agreement  
11. Appointment of Alyssa Schmeling to the Park and Recreation Commission  
12. Appointment of Kim Johnson to the Community Engagement Commission  
13. Resignation of Nickolas Rosenberg from the Falcon Heights Volunteer Fire Department  
14. Resignation of Katie O'Connor as Administrative Coordinator
- Council Member Brown Thunder, Approved 5-0
- G. POLICY ITEMS:
- H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Member Gustafson:

- Community Engagement Council (CEC) meets on the third Monday of each month, which means the next meeting is next Monday at 7:00 pm at City Hall. It will be used as a goal setting session in engage our community on the various thing we do. Deputy Clerk Tim Sandvik is the staff liaison.
- Ramsey County's Sheriff's Office starts up the Citizen Academy on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Taking applications through February 9<sup>th</sup>. The program is six-session course over three weeks on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm.  
<https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/leadership/sheriffs-office/sheriffs-office-divisions/public-safety-services/community-support-services>

#### Council Member Brown Thunder

- Northeast Youth and Family Services is having their award night February 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The cost is \$30 and this is one of their main fundraiser of the year. Go out and support these awesome young people that we have in our neighborhood.
- NYFS - Senior Chore Program is a program any that is a senior citizen that need assistance with shoveling of their walk. Contact NFYS

#### Mayor Lindstrom

- The last meeting or two meetings ago, the Council accepted the donations of 1,000 LED lightbulbs from one of our residents. We have been busy as an Environment Commission distributing them to residents. We have distributed close to 300 to folks that live in apartment. LED are more efficient. A good way to cut cost on utility bill and be sustainable. We will also be distributing them at City Hall.

#### Council Member Leehy

- Want to thank everyone that voted for her. Encourage residents to

#### Council Member Miazga

- Would like to thank the community for all the good energy and all the people that are getting engaged.
- Transiting from the Environment Commission to the Planning Commission
- Excited about the Comprehensive Plan with a lot of data collection.

#### City Administrator Thongvanh

- Welcoming the new elected Council Member
- Struggling to recruit ice rink attendants
- WSB has been hired to work on the City's Comprehensive Plan
- Administrative Coordinator Position Update. Hope to hire a replacement by mid-February.
- The Mayor and I met with representatives from the University and the meeting was very positive.
- The Mayor and I participated in a meeting with the School Superintendent.
- Reminder that the Grove Association approved at their annual meeting for stricter enforcement. We will ticket and tow.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

**1508 Iowa – Thomas Mcninch** - Would like to congratulate the new members and the outgoing members for their work. He would like to see account of expense in dollars for these last months.

**Valarie Castile (Philando Castile's Mother)** -What to congratulate the new appointees and hope you do as good as the preceding people were doing. Wanted to talk about what happen in Falcon Heights. What it cost was a person's life. To be honest about the whole situation, it was said that I got \$3 million dollars. After the lawyers, it was \$2 million dollars. But that can never bring my son back. No amount of money will bring back my son back. I love that young man, I adored that young man. He did everything correct. What everyone said about drug and how it stays in your body, that depends. But it has nothing to do with be honest and telling the truth and losing their life.

Do what you say you are going to do.

**Katie** (lives in St. Paul) - Interested in having the police have their own insurance. Need to look forward and hold the police accountable. Dollars and cents means nothing if you do not learn from it. It is time for white people to speak up.

**Diane Marshman** (Therapeutic Massage License) - Received a letter to should proof of exemption. Would like to come to a middle ground so she can continue to serve the community of 1666 Coffman.

**John Thompson**

It has been two years since by friend was murdered in Falcon Heights. He is speaking loud and clear today in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Thank you Melanie, you are speaking loud and clear today. Melvin Carter stated in his accepts speak is that "the only way he works is that the City works with him". You have allow residents input. A lot of community engagement. Everyone got it except the City of Saint Anthony. Continue to fight. Enough is enough for Saint Anthony. If it was not for Melanie, I would be mad at the Mayor. If it were not for Melanie, I would still be yelling at Sack. If it were not for Melanie, we would not be together. The City of Falcon Heights have beautiful residents that get it, it just had an ugly on it because of the police department. I am so happy today for the direction the City is going. Continue to fight not just for Philando but also for people that look like me.


**Nicole (Friend of Council Member Melanie Leehy)**

Would like to congratulate Melanie. Falcon Heights can set an example of the right things in 2018. The number eight means a new beginning.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 P.M.

  
Peter Lindstrom, Mayor

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018

  
Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator