CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue
AGENDA
June 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON _X__ ANDREWS_Absent__ LEEHY_X__

MIAZGA _X_ WEHYEE_X_

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH_X__

- C. PRESENTATION
 - 1. MS4 Permit Required Annual Report for 2020

Public Works Director Tim Pittman

Director Tim Pittman made a presentation on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. This is a requirement from the MPCA. It should be in place by June 30 of each year. This is a two-phase program. Phase one includes regulating large construction sites and major metropolitan areas. Phase two of the program is broadened to include smaller construction sites and many more municipalities. MS4 is a conveyance of system of conveyances including catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, and manmade channels. It is designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water. The U of M and State Fair are permitted separately.

Council Member Leehy

If this was not in place what would we be dealing with?

Public Works Director Tim Pittman

This is to keep infrastructure intact for inspecting catch basins and underground pipes (anything going to our ponds). Possible catch basins in street projects might have to be reconstructed in the future.

Council Member Leehy, Approved 4-0

2. Falcon Heights Fire Department Audit

David Brosnahan, Assistant Fire Chief of Roseville

On December 11, 2019, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with the City of Roseville for administrative direction and command services for fire service. The services also include that the City of Roseville Fire Department conduct an audit of our Fire Department that includes but not limited to training (which is now conducted by the City of

Roseville), leadership structure, internal communications, equipment, gear, annual performance checks & inspections, SOP & SOG, personnel assessments, and officer development.

In addition to administrative and command services, the City of Roseville was tasked to conduct an audit of the Fire Department. The purpose of the audit is to understand the current needs of the department.

The Roseville Fire Department has met with all of the Falcon Heights Firefighters to see what their concerns are and to build a relationship with them. The Fire Department will focus on daytime emergency response, capital outlay and needs, industry standards and compliance, training and organizational culture shift.

\$2,700 per Firefighter should be included in next year's budget for PPE. Training has been focused on core competencies and engagement for all.

Council Member Wehyee

What does training look like now compared to before?

David Brosnahan, Assistant Fire Chief of Roseville

No full knowledge of previous training besides feedback from Firefighters. Training is more hands-on now (working as a team). There are multiple sights being used for training.

Council Member Wehyee

How does the current pay rate compare to other paid on-call Fire Departments?

David Brosnahan, Assistant Fire Chief of Roseville

Little Canada and New Brighton are a couple of dollars higher than Falcon Heights. The incentive for pay increase is a gesture for the Fire Fighters.

Council Member Wehyee

Has the process for updating operating procedures started?

David Brosnahan, Assistant Fire Chief of Roseville

It has started. There are a few standards that don't exist anymore and they have been removed. Going into the summer months a SOP committee will be started. The committee will focus on what needs to be updated, such as documents.

Council Member Miazga

What other techniques could be used for recruitment besides pay increase?

David Brosnahan Assistant Fire Chief of Roseville

Roseville has tried other techniques. Recruiting at businesses could be an option, but there are variables to consider.

City Administrator Thongvanh

Considering other training times besides Tuesday nights is an option. Fire Fighters have become more involved with the department. Cross training is important.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. May 27, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting

Approved 4-0

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Conduit Bonding for Hampton Properties of Ramsey, LLC and Other

City Administrator Thongvanh

The City received a request from Hampton Properties of Ramsey, LLC to finance, in part, the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a facility through issuing conduit bonds. The project will include a 32 unit high-acuity assisted living and memory care senior housing facility the City of Ramsey and known as Suite Living Senior Care of Ramsey.

The City of Falcon Heights may issue up to \$10,000,000 of its own 501(c) (3) bonds each year as bank-qualified bonds. Under the federal tax law, alternative issuers are permitted, but a "nexus" between the jurisdictional city and the issuers is preferred.

The total requested from the City for conduit bonds not to exceed \$8,500,000.

The Bonds will not constitute a charge, lien, or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the Issuers, except the interests of the Issuers in payments to be made by the Borrower under the Loan Agreements. The Bonds are not moral obligations on the part of the State or its political subdivisions, including the Issuers, and the Bonds will not constitute a debt of the Issuers within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation.

Daniel Burns from Taft

The City has issued a bond on behalf of a third-party borrower. Bonds to be issued to not exceed \$8,500,000 and will finance a 32 unit assisted living and memory care. It will be in the City of Ramsey.

Council Member Wehyee

How many dollars will the City collect from this bond? Administrator Thongvanh said \$40,000. They money will be allocated to capital outlay funds.

Council Member Miazga, Approved 4-0

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. General Disbursements through: 6/03/20 \$36,818.52 Payroll through: 5/31/20 \$19,068.85
- 2. Order Feasibility Report for the 2021 Pavement Management Program

Council Member Leehy, Approved 4-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Wehyee

- Hate-Speech Resolution was passed at last meeting.
- Community Engagement Commission will be meeting via zoom on June 15.
- Community Engagement subcommittee will focus on how to engage the community with projects focused on inclusion and diversity.

Council Member Miazga

- Thank you to residents that showed solidarity to our neighbors in St. Paul.
- County Commissioner Castillo will be getting together with Sheriff's office to talk about Use of Force policy.

Council Member Leehy

- Task Force will be reconvening.
- July 6 is the next Parks Commission Meeting.
- July 6 is Restoration Day and July 7 is Unity Day commemorating the life of Philando Castile.

Mayor Gustafson

- Environment Commission is figuring out how to receive public comments.
- Planning Commission is talking about a task-force on gardening.

City Administrator Thongvanh

- Environment and Planning Commission will be part of the garden ordinance.
- There has been a lot of work done over the last 3 years with being an inclusive community.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

Michael Baker-1530 Larpenteur Ave

Request for a flashing speed sign on Larpenteur Avenue going westbound by Arona Street.

J. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:16PM

Randy Gustafson, Mayoi

Dated this 10th day of June, 2020

Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator