

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue
AGENDA
June 24, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY WEB CONFERENCE

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS_X_ GUSTAFSON_X_ LEEHY_X_

MIAZGA_X_ WEHYEE_X_

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH_X_

C. PRESENTATION

1. Community Engagement Commission Annual Report

Community Engagement Commission Chair Kim Johnson

Community Engagement Commission (CEC) has one vacancy currently. CEC advises the City Council on matters related to community needs and issues, crime and prevention, public awareness, community involvement, and human rights issues. The commission also helps plan and facilitate community events such as Human Rights Day, Spring Together and block parties. The Commission used the City-wide strategic plan to set a strategic plan for the Commission. Leveraging community involvement, events, business collaboration, subcommittees and improving communications are some of the goals of the Commission. Commission wants to focus on community conversations about policing.

Council Member Miazga

What is the current process and timeline for the community conversation around policing?

City Administrator Thongvanh

The request has been made. The Sheriff's Office has expressed that they want to have the community conversation, but they are trying to determine how to do it given the current situation with COVID. Council should make a formal action in order to send a formal request of the contract.

Council Member Miazga

Council Member Miazga made a motion to add that the City should send a formal request to the Sheriff's Department about policing to the agenda (Consent Agenda #4). Council Member Leehy seconded the motion. Approved 5-0

Council Member Wehyee

Council Member Wehyee requested to add the following two items to tonight's agenda:

1. Staff continues working on sanctuary city ordinance (motion to add, discuss at workshop)
2. CEC can form sub-committee for police contract (motion to add, discuss at workshop)

Council Member Wehyee, Failed 3-2

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. June 10, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting

Approved 5-0

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 6/17/20 \$306,288.56
Payroll through: 6/10/20 \$21,038.91
2. City Administrator Sack Thongvanh's Step Adjustment

Council Member Andrews

The City is fortunate to have Sack as an Administrator. He deserves the step adjustment. All Council Members agree as well.

3. City Hall-Rooftop Unit Replacement
4. Formal Request to the Sheriff about community conversations (added)

Council Member Andrews, Approved 5-0

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

City Administrator Thongvanh

Under Executive Order 20-74, released by Governor Tim Walz on June 5, critical sector businesses – including government entities like cities – are now required to adopt a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.

Previously, only non-critical businesses were required to have a Preparedness Plan prior to reopening. Cities do not have to stop operations while creating a plan, but they must adopt a plan by June 29.

City Staff have researched plans that have been developed in other cities and used guidance from the League of Minnesota Cities to draft the attached plan. While City Hall will open for visitors soon, staff will use the plan to prepare and adjust operations as necessary. This already includes the installation of a plastic shield across the front counter and floor stickers with social distancing reminders. Resolution allows for amendments to take place.

Council Member Wehyee

Are there expectations for wearing mask? City Administrator Thongvanh will require staff to wear mask in common areas.

Council Member Andrews

Does the resolution state when we will open or how? City Administrator Thongvanh will make a determination after talking to staff (possibly July 6th).

Will zoom meetings continue? City Administrator Thongvanh states that when appropriate meetings will be held in person (public hearings).

Council Member Andrews, Approved 5-0

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Miazga

- NYSF meets June 25th at 7:30AM
- Still waiting to hear about the bonding bill for Community Park

Council Member Wehyee

- Inclusion sub-committee met last week. Review of sub-committees past work was discussed.
- Community Engagement Commission met on June 15th. Discussion included policing and potential ideas for programming.

Mayor Gustafson

- Planning Commission met on June 23rd via zoom. Sub-committee was created for Planning and Environment Commission in regards to the gardening ordinance.
- City of Lauderdale will be withdrawing from their Fire Services Contract with City of Falcon Heights. The letter drafted by the City of Lauderdale that was discussed at their meeting will be the first form of communication in regards to fire services.
- Monday, July 6th is Unity Day. Tuesday, July 7th is Restoration Day. Unity Day can be done without involvement of others. Restoration Day will have an event at City Hall hosted by the Castile family.
- Ice Cream Social has been cancelled.
- Night to Unite has been moved to October.
- Twins Baseball Clinic is still scheduled.

City Administrator Thongvanh

- Curtiss Field basketball court construction has begun.
- A couple of medians on Larpenteur will be reconstructed.
- Community Park building discussion will take place at the workshop.

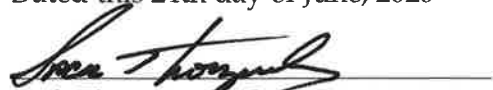
I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

J. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:32PM



Randy Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 24th day of June, 2020



Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator