



City Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2020 – 6:30 pm

In light of the recently declared COVID-19 health pandemic, the Mayor of the City of Golden Valley declared a local emergency under Minnesota Statute, section 12.37. In accordance with that declaration, beginning on March 16, 2020, all meetings of the City Council held during the emergency were conducted by telephone or other electronic means.

The City used WebEx to conduct this meeting electronically. Members of the public were able to monitor the meetings by watching it on Comcast cable channel 16, by streaming it on CCXmedia.org, and by dialing in to the public call-in line. The public was able to participate in this meeting during public comment sections, including the public forum, by dialing in to the public call-in line.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1A. Pledge of Allegiance

1B. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Shep Harris, Council Members Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Gillian Rosenquist and Kimberly Sanberg

Staff present: City Manager Cruikshank, City Attorney Cisneros and City Clerk Luedke

1C. Presentation – Human Rights Commission “All are Welcome in Golden Valley” video

Council Member Harris introduced the video and Human Rights Youth Member Destiny Nathan. Ms. Nathan provided information on the video and her process used for selecting the video content.

2. Additions and Corrections to Agenda

MOTION made by Council Member Fonnest, seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the agenda of August 4, 2020, as submitted. Upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor of: Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Shep Harris, Gillian Rosenquist, and Kimberly Sanberg, the following voted against: none and the motion carried.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION made by Council Member Sanberg, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to approve the consent agenda of August 4, 2020, as revised: removal of 3F-Partners in Energy Planning Team Recommendations, 3G- Resolution Identifying Need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account Funding and Authorizing Application for Grant Funds and 3H-Board/Commission Appointments. Upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor of: Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Shep Harris, Gillian Rosenquist, and Kimberly Sanberg, the following voted against: none and the motion carried.

3A. Approval of Minutes:

3A1. Council/Manager Meeting – April 14, 2020

3B. Approve City Check Register and authorize the payments of the bills as submitted.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda - continued**3C. Licenses:**

3C1. Authorize renewal of the following new and used vehicle dealer licenses for the 2020-2021 license period: ABC Cars and Leasing LLC, Borton Volvo, Inc., Golden Valley TCAA, LLC, Golden Valley TCAP, LLC, Jim Lupient Company, Jim Lupient Infiniti, Morrie's GV Cadillac, LLC, Morrie's Luxury Auto, LLC, Minnesota Auto Sales, Northern Hospitality LLC, Poquet Auto Sales, Inc. and Rudy Luther Toyota.

3D. Minutes of the Boards and Commissions:

3D1. Planning Commission – June 22, 2020

3D2. Environmental Commission – June 22, 2020

3E. Approval of Bids, Quotes and Contracts:

3E1. Approve signing Agreement with the Commissioner of Public Safety and signature approvals from the Mayor, City Manager and Deputy Registrar Supervisor/Motor Vehicle Supervisor

3E2. Approve contract from IDEACOM Mid-America for \$82,091.

~~**3F. Approve Members of the City's Energy Action Planning Team.**~~~~**3G. Adopt Resolution identifying the need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account Funding and Authorizing Application for Grant Funds.**~~~~**3H. Appointment of Boards/Commission candidates.**~~**3. Items Removed From the Consent Agenda:****3F. Partners in Energy Planning Team Recommendations**

Council Member Fonnest said the City had entered into a program with Xcel Energy. Environmental Resources Supervisor Eckman provided information on the program and the process used to recruit members for the energy action planning team and he answered questions from Council.

MOTION made by Council Member Fonnest, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to approve the Members of the City's Energy Action Planning Team. Upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor of: Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Shep Harris, Gillian Rosenquist, and Kimberly Sanberg, the following voted against: none and the motion carried.

3G. Resolution Identifying the Need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account Funding and Authorizing Application for Grant Funds

Planning Manager Zimmerman provided information on the proposed mixed use project and said the developer requested the City's support in submitting an application for a Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account grant. Mr. Zimmerman answered questions from Council.

MOTION made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Sanberg to adopt **Resolution 20-47**, identifying the need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account Funding and Authorizing Application for Grant Funds. Upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor of: Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Shep Harris, Gillian Rosenquist, and Kimberly Sanberg, the following voted against: none and the motion carried.

3H. Appointment of Board/Commission

Council Member Rosenquist said the Council interviewed Mr. Noah Orloff and Mr. Felix Fettig before the meeting and that she would like to make a motion to appoint Mr. Orloff to the Planning Commission and Mr. Fettig to the Environmental Commission.

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Fonnest to appoint Mr. Orloff to the Planning Commission as a youth member and Mr. Fettig to the Environmental Commission as youth members with both terms to expire on May 2021. Upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor of: Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Shep Harris, Gillian Rosenquist, and Kimberly Sanberg, the following voted against: none and the motion carried.

4. Public Hearing

4A. Public Hearing – Amendments to the Zoning Map – Rezoning Properties to Achieve Conformance with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Planning Manager Zimmerman presented the staff report and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing. No one requested to speak. Mayor Harris closed the public hearing.

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Harris to approve the requested amendments to the Zoning Map, rezoning the eight properties above to the various designations listed in the attached document, including Commercial, Institutional (I-4), Office, Medium Density Residential (R-3), and High Density Residential (R-4). Upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor of: Larry Fonnest, Gillian Rosenquist, and Kimberly Sanberg, the following voted against: Maurice Harris and Shep Harris and the motion carried.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

6A. Consideration of a Moratorium on Pawnshops, Precious Metal Dealers, and Payday Lenders

Planning Manager Zimmerman presented the staff report and answered questions from Council.

Mayor Harris stated per the Council's agenda all ordinances listed under new business are eligible for public input. No one requested to speak.

There was Council discussion regarding the proposed Ordinance imposing a moratorium on Pawnshops, Precious Metal Dealers, and Payday Lenders.

MOTION made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to adopt **Ordinance #686**, imposing a Twelve Month Moratorium on Pawnshops, Precious Metal Dealers, and Payday Lenders. Upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor of: Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Shep Harris, Gillian Rosenquist, and Kimberly Sanberg, the following voted against: none and the motion carried.

6B. Review of Council Calendar

Some Council Members may attend the virtually League of Women's Voter Golden Valley Annual meeting on August 5, 2020, at starting 7 pm.

Some Council Members may attend the Market in the Valley on August 9, 16 and 23, 2020, from 9 am to 1 pm in the City Hall Campus Parking Lot.

The Primary Election will be on August 11, 2020, at various polling locations.

A Closed Executive Session will be held virtually on August 12, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

The next Council/Manager meeting will be held virtually on August 12, 2020, 6:30 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be held virtually on August 18, 2020, at 6:30 pm.

Some Council Members may attend the virtually Golden Valley Business Meeting on August 27, 2020, at 8:30 am.

6C. Mayor and Council Communication

City Clerk Luedke provided information on the upcoming Primary Election on August 11, 2020 and answered questions from Council.

Council Member Sanberg said the Open Space and Recreation Commission discussed the issues at Twin Lake at their last meeting and are supportive of the direction the City is taking. Council Member Rosenquist said she had attended a meeting regarding Twin Lake and she said that their primary concern regarding the lake is safety for people in the area. City Manager Cruikshank said that the Minneapolis Park Board was responsive to the comments from the City.

There was Council discussion regarding the METRO Blue Line Light Rail and the transit needs in the City. City Manager Cruikshank answered questions from the Council. Mayor Harris provided information on the background of the Blue Line Light Rail and additional information on it. He also provided information on the City's Blue Line Now Coalition and the items discussed at their meetings. Council Member Rosenquist provided additional information on the coalition meetings.

Mayor Harris thanked the Rising TIDES Task Force, the Human Rights Commission and the League of Women Votes for the a very good discussion on building an equitable Golden Valley.

7. Adjourn

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Harris to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor of: Larry Fonnest, Maurice Harris, Shep Harris, Gillian Rosenquist, and Kimberly Sanberg, the following voted against: none and the motion carried.

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