



City Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 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

2. Additions and Corrections to Agenda

MOTION made by Council Member Fonnest, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to approve the agenda of July 7, 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 Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Sanberg to approve the consent agenda of July 7, 2020, as revised: removal of 4E4-Authorize Agreement for Phase III of the Downtown Study, F1-Accept Donation of Park Bench for Brookview Park, 3F2-Accept Donation of Tree for Brookview Park, 3F3-Accept Donation from Golden Valley Federated Women's Club, 3G-Appoint Election Judges and Absentee Ballot Board for Primary Election August 11, 2020, 3I-Support Application by West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Community Homeownership Impact Funds and 3L-Accept Resignation from the Civil Service Commission. 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. City Council Meeting – June 2, 2020

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

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

3C1. Approve the issuance of a Massage Therapist Establishment License for Everybody Healing Center located at 8085 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 10 for the license period of July 7, 2020 through December 30, 2020, contingent upon provision of minor items missing from application materials.

3D. Minutes of the Boards and Commissions:

3D1. Planning Commission – June 8, 2020
 3D2. Environment Commission – May 18, 2020
 3D3. Board of Zoning Appeals – April 28 and May 26, 2020

3E. Approval of Bids, Quotes and Contracts:

3E1. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement for the Pennsylvania Woods Habitat Restoration with Landbridge Ecological Services in the form approved by the City Attorney for the Restoration Project No. #20-07 in the amount of \$44,855.753.

E2. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute purchase contract with UHL Company, Inc. in the form approved by the City Attorney to purchase ionization devices for City Hall and Public Safety ventilation systems in the amount of \$23,250.

E3. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute Annual Bobcat Equipment Trade-Out Purchase Contract with Tri-State Bobcat, Inc. in the form approved by the City Attorney to purchase a Bobcat 5600 Toolcat in the amount of \$54,091.22 and trade in Unit 718 in the amount of \$49,591.22 and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute Annual Bobcat Equipment Trade-Out Purchase Contract with Tri-State Bobcat, Inc. in the form approved by the City Attorney to purchase a Bobcat 5610 Toolcat in the amount of \$49,709.33 and trade in Unit 460 in the amount of \$45,209.33.

~~E4. Authorize an agreement to conduct Phase III of the Downtown Study with Hoisington Koegler Group Inc.~~

3F. Acceptance of Grants and Donations:

~~F1. Adopt Resolution 20-39, accepting the donation from the Wittman Family for the addition of a park bench in Brookview Park to honor of Lisa Wittman.~~

~~F2. Adopt Resolution 20-40, accepting the donation from the Osbeck Family for the addition of a tree in Brookview Park to honor of Violet Lucille Osbeck.~~

~~F3. Adopt Resolution 20-41, accepting a donation from the Golden Valley Federated Women's Club for the 2021 Summer Concert Series.~~

~~3G. Adopt Resolution 20-42, approving appointment of the Election Judges and Absentee Ballot Board for the Primary Election to be held on August 11, 2020.~~

3H. Amend the 2020 Council meeting calendar by moving the Wednesday, August 5 City Council meeting to Tuesday, August 4 and the Tuesday, October 6 City Council meeting to Wednesday, October 7, 2020 due to the 2020 Minnesota Night to Unite date change.

~~3I. Adopt Resolution 20-43, supporting an Application by West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Community Homeownership Impact Funds.~~

3J. Receive and file the May 2020 Financial Reports.

3K. Adopt Resolution 20-44, amending 04-20 City of Golden Valley Donation/Gift Policy.

~~3L. Accept the resignation of Ralph Schulz from the Civil Service Commission.~~

3. Items Removed From the Consent Agenda:**4E4. Authorize Profession Services Agreement for Phase III of the Downtown Study**

Council Member Harris asked staff what was involved in phase III of the Downtown Study.

Physical Development Director provided information on the third phase of the study including which quadrants of the City would be the main focus and the proposed timeline.

MOTION made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Fonnest to authorize an agreement to conduct Phase III of the Downtown Study with Hoisington Koegler Group Inc. 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.

3F1. Acceptance of Donation of Park Bench for Brookview Park

Council Member Rosenquist said Lisa Wittman had been a long time City staff member and asked Physical Development Director Nevinski if he would say a few words regarding Lisa. Mr. Nevinski said Lisa had worked for the City for many years and had done a great job and is dearly missed.

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Sanberg to adopt **Resolution 20-39**, accepting the donation from the Wittman Family for the addition of a park bench in Brookview Park to honor of Lisa Wittman. 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.

3F2. Acceptance of Donation of Tree for Brookview Park

Council Member Sanberg said that Violet Osbeck was her neighbor and a longtime Golden Valley resident. She thanked Ms. Osbeck's family for the donation.

MOTION made by Council Member Sanberg, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to adopt **Resolution 20-40**, accepting the donation from the Osbeck Family for the addition of a tree in Brookview Park to honor of Violet Lucille Osbeck. 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.

3F3. Acceptance of Donation from Golden Valley Federated Women's Club

Council Member Rosenquist thanked the Golden Valley Federated Women's Club for their donation towards the summer concert series.

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Fonnest to adopt **Resolution 20-41**, accepting a donation from the Golden Valley Federated Women's Club for the 2021 Summer Concert Series. 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. Appoint the Election Judges and Absentee Ballot Board for Primary Election August 11, 2020

Council Member Rosenquist thanked the election judges for serving the City at the upcoming Primary election and asked residents to still consider becoming an election judge for the November election.

City Clerk Luedke answered questions from Council regarding absentee voting.

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Harris to adopt **Resolution 20-42**, approving the appointment of the Election Judges and Absentee Ballot Board for the Primary Election to be held on August 11, 2020. 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.

3I. Supporting Application by West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Community Homeownership Impact Funds

Council Member Harris said this is an important item and asked staff to explain how the grant if approved would benefit the City of Golden Valley.

Physical Development Director Nevinski provided information on the Affordable Housing Land Trust and how it could affect the City and answered questions from Council.

MOTION made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to adopt **Resolution 20-43**, Supporting Application by West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Community Homeownership Impact 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.

3L. Accept Resignation from the Civil Service Commission

Council Member Fonnest thanked Mr. Ralph Schultz for his service on the Civil Service Commission.

MOTION made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to accept the resignation of Ralph Schulz from the Civil Service Commission. 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**5. Old Business****6. New Business****6A. COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Administrative Actions**

City Attorney Cisneros presented the staff report. Ms. Cisneros also answered questions from Council regarding mandating face coverings in the City and possible enforcement issues.

Finance Director Virnig answered questions from Council.

6A. COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Administrative Actions - continued

MOTION made by Council Member Fonnest, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to ratify Emergency Administrative Actions 20-53 through 20-56. 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 Market in the Valley on July 12 and July 19, 2020, from 9 am to 1 pm in the City Hall Campus Parking Lot.

The next Council/Manager meeting will be held virtually on July 14, 2020, at 6:30 pm.

The next Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting will be held virtually on July 21, 2020, at 6:30 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be held virtually on July 21, 2020, immediately following the HRA meeting.

Some Council Members may attend the virtual Golden Valley Business Council meeting on July 23, 2020, at 8:30 am.

Some Council Members may attend the virtual Building An Equitable Golden Valley: A Discussion with City Leadership on July 28, 2020, from 6 to 7:30 pm.

6C. Mayor and Council Communication

Council Member Harris provided information on the upcoming Equitable Golden Valley Discussion.

City Manager Cruikshank provided information on agenda items from the upcoming Council/Manager and City Council meeting. He also provided information on the resurfacing project on Theodore Wirth Parkway and said it was currently closed.

Finance Director Virnig provided information on the CARES relief fund dollars that the City had received and what items the funds may be used for. Ms. Virnig and City Manager Cruikshank answered from Council.

Mayor Harris provided information on illegal activities that had happened at the unofficial beach in Theodore Wirth Park which is operated by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and said the Park Board may be making decisions regarding the beach that would impact Golden Valley. He said the Human Rights Commission was working on a Welcome Statement video. He also provided information on two upcoming news articles that he was interviewed for and on the Blue Line Coalition meeting that he attended.

Council Member Rosenquist said the League of Women's Voter Golden Valley will be hosting a candidate forum via CCX for the City's Congressional District 5 on July 20, 2020, starting at 6:30 pm.

6C. Mayor and Council Communication - continued

Council Member Sanberg said the Golden Valley Human Services Commission was accepting applications from non-profits to receive grants for the 2021 funding period.

7. Adjourn

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Fonnest to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 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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Kristine A. Luedke, City Clerk