



City Council

April 7, 2020 – 6:30 pm

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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 April 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 Fonnest to approve the consent agenda of April 7, 2020, as revised: removal of 3E1-Consider Construction Bids for the Council Chambers Renovation Project and 3E2-Consider Audiovisual Bids for the Council Chambers Renovation Project. 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 – March 17, 2020

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

3C. Licenses:

3C1. Approve the issuance of an Off-Sale 3.2 % Malt Liquor License to Golden Valley Holiday #3520 located at 600 Boone Avenue for the period of April 7, 2020, through June 30, 2020.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda - continued

3D. Minutes of the Boards and Commissions:

3D1. Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission – February 20, 2020

3E. Approval of Bids, Quotes and Contracts:

~~3E1. Consideration of construction bids for the 2020 Council Chambers Renovation Project~~

~~3E2. Consideration of audiovisual bids for the 2020 Council Chambers Renovation Project~~

3. Items Removed From the Consent Agenda:

3E1. Consideration of Construction Bids for the 2020 Council Chambers Renovation Project

Physical Development Director Nevinski provided information on the Council Chamber Renovation project and stated that the bids the City received were higher than expected.

MOTION made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to reject all construction bids from the March 25, 2020, bid opening for the Council Chambers Renovation Project No. 19-05. 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.

3E2. Consideration of Audiovisual Bids for the 2020 Council Chambers Renovation Project

MOTION made by Council Member Harris, seconded by Council Member Fonnest to reject all audiovisual bids from the March 25, 2020, bid opening for the Council Chambers Renovation Project No. 19-05. 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 – Sweeney Lake Woods PUD No. 120, Amendment #1

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.

There was Council discussion regarding the Sweeney Lake Woods PUD amendment.

MOTION made by Council Member Fonnest, seconded by Council Member Rosenquist to adopt **Ordinance #680**, approval of Major PUD Amendment, Sweeney Lake Shores P.U.D. No. 120, f.k.a. Sweeney Lake Woods, Amendment #1. 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.

4B. Public Hearing – Adopt Special Assessment for 2020 Pavement Management Area

Assistant City Engineer Kakach and Finance Director Virnig presented the staff report and answered questions from Council. City Manager Cruikshank and City Attorney Cisneros answered questions from Council.

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing.

Ms. Andrea Lentini, 2540 Zealand Avenue, said she was concerned about the assessment fees amounts because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. She said she agreed the streets need repair, but asked if the Council may consider different options for the project's financial impact on residents. She said some options to be consider may be to move the first assessment payment's due date from November 2020 to November 2021, leave the same due date but wave the first year of interest or delay the project for one year. She said another option to be considered made be to narrow the streets to 26 feet, even through some neighbors advocated for 28 feet, if it would save cost.

Ms. Maureen Ziezulewicz, 2380 Zealand Avenue, said her current assessment fee is \$8,646 and because of the change in the standard width from 26 feet to 28 feet that her assessment fee was increased by \$1,116. She said she knows the 28 feet standard was lobbied by a citizen group but she felt it did not reflect the feelings of all 88 homes in the PMP area so she felt the matter should be revisited so that all of the households could be involved. She said she rejects the current assessment fee and asked the City to revisit it.

Ms. Cindy Dill, 2325 Zealand Avenue, said she thinks that the homeowners in the PMP area would be concerned with the movement around the streets because she was not sure what the street conditions would be like for bikes and stroller during the construction phase especially if the stay at home order was still in place. She said the construction workers would need to understand that there are many children in the area. She also said she agreed with the first caller that there should be some adjusts to the fee payments during the pandemic.

Mayor Harris closed the public hearing.

There was much Council discussion regarding the special assessments for the 2020 Pavement Management program including the financial impact on both the City and the residents due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Council discussed postponing the PMP project until 2021 and the cost involved with that.

Mayor Harris called for a motion to adopt and confirm the assessments for various public improvements for streets in the 2020 Pavement Management Area. None of the Council Members offered a motion, therefore the motion failed.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

6A. 2020 Pavement Management Program

6A1. Award Construction Contract for 2020 Pavement Management Program

Because the Special Assessments for 2020 Pavement Management Area failed, Mayor Harris asked if the Council Members would like staff to present the report on this item. The Council Members did not desire staff to present the report.

Mayor Harris called for a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement for the 2020 Pavement Management Program with GMH Asphalt Corporation, incorporated in the form approved by the City Attorney for the construction of the 2020 Pavement Management Program City Project No 20-01 in the amount of in the amount of \$4,447,044.79. None of the Council Members offered a motion so the proposal failed.

6A2. Award the Construction Observation and Engineering Services Agreement for the 2020 Pavement Management Program

Because the 2020 Pavement Management Program contract failed, Mayor Harris asked if the Council Members would like staff to present the report on this item. The Council Members did not desire staff to present the report.

Mayor Harris called for a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement for the 2020 Pavement Management Program with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. in the form approved by the City Attorney for the construction observation and engineering services of the 2020 Pavement Management Project City Project No 20-01 in an amount not to exceed \$220,200. None of the Council Members offered a motion so the proposal failed.

6B. Second Consideration - Ordinance 679 - Census Enumerator Access to Multi-family Buildings

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

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Sanberg to adopt the second consideration **Ordinance #679**, concerning access to Multi-unit Housing Structures by United States Census Bureau Employees. 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.

6C. COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Administrative Actions 20-23

City Manager Cruikshank presented the staff report and answered questions from Council. City Attorney Cisneros provided additional information on the proposed resolution and answered questions from Council.

The Council discussed the proposed resolution and the emergency administrative actions. The Council thanked City staff for being proactive in the light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Harris to adopt Resolution 20-23, delegating certain authority to the City Manager. 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.

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Sanberg to ratify Emergency Administrative Actions 20-01 through 20-20 and adopt all recommendations contained therein. 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.

6D. Review of Council Calendar

Some Council Members may attend the virtual Sweeny Lake Water Quality Project Open House on April 8, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

Some Council Members may attend the Golden Valley Police Department Facebook Live event on April 9, 2020, at 10 am.

The Council will virtually conduct Board/Commission Interviews on April 14, 2020, at 5 pm

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

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

The next City Council meeting will be held virtually on April 21, 2020, at 6:30 immediately following the HRA meeting.

6E. Mayor and Council Communication

Council Member Harris provided an update from the Golden Valley Business Council virtually meeting that he attended. Council Member Rosenquist provided additional information regarding the meeting.

Mayor Harris provided information on a phone call that he, Council Member Rosenquist and City Manager Cruikshank had participated in with Representative Winkler.

7. Adjourn

MOTION made by Council Member Rosenquist, seconded by Council Member Fonnest to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 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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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

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