

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of March was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Koch led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jerry Koch, Councilmembers Ron Manning, Wade Demmer, Jennifer Geisler, Brad Johnson and Steve Wells

Members Absent: Councilmember Denise Klint

ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, MOVING ITEM 19 TO BE DISCUSSED FIRST UNDER NEW BUSINESS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. NUCLEUS CLINIC PRESENTATION

Becky Fink, Nucleus Clinic Executive Director, provided comment on the members of the community that were served by her clinic each year. She discussed the struggles the Nucleus Clinic have occurred over the past several years as a non-profit. She appreciated the City's assistance with providing the clinic with a \$40,000 interest free loan. She was proud to report the Nucleus Clinic would be making its last debt payment this evening. She invited the Council to attend an Open House at the Nucleus Clinic on Thursday, April 23rd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2. MARCH 3, 2015, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2015, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0-1 (WELLS ABSTAINED).

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

3. ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-50 AND 15-51, ADOPTING MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
4. APPROVE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE LICENSE FOR IBIS SALON AND SPA, 1818 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD
5. ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-53, ACCEPTING COON RAPIDS LIONS CLUB DONATION
6. ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-56, AMENDING TERM OF OFFICE FOR RONALD BRADLEY ON BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

Finance Director Legg reviewed the amended miscellaneous special assessment amounts with the Council, noting staff had received several payments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

7. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 13-21(9) AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR WILDERNESS TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch asked when this project would begin. Public Works Director Himmer reported that the project would be completed this summer through July in order to receive the grant funds.

Councilmember Manning clarified that the City's portion of this project was \$73,000 and the remainder of the project would be paid for by a grant.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 13-21(9) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO BARBER CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,240.50 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WILDERNESS TRAIL. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

7A. CONSIDER SALE OF \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015A

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Nick Anhut, Ehlers & Associates, discussed the bond sale and noted the City had an AA1 bond rating. It was noted this bond rating assisted the City with receiving favorable results on the bond sale. He explained the City received eight bids for its current bond sale with the winning bid was received from Wells Fargo with an interest rate of 1.9%. He recommended the Council move forward with the bond sale to Wells Fargo.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-55 AWARDED THE SALE OF \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015A FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. PC15-8: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE IN THE LAND USE FROM OFFICE TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL, 80 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED LAND USE AMENDMENT BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN THAT IT PROMOTES THE IMPROVED APPEARANCE AND FUNCTION OF COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD.
2. THE PROPOSED LAND USE AMENDMENT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING LAND USE DESIGNATIONS AND LAND USES.
3. THE PROPOSED LAND USE AMENDMENT WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE AREA.
4. THE PARCEL FRONTS ON A COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD, WHICH IS A CLASS A ARTERIAL STREET.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. PC15-3: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING A LAND USE AMENDMENT CHANGING THE LAND USE FROM MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE CHANGE FROM MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL WITH THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN THAT IT PROMOTES THE EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING BUSINESS WHICH WILL INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND INCREASE THE CITY'S TAX BASE.
2. THE PROPOSED LAND USE AMENDMENT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING LAND USE DESIGNATIONS AND LAND USES.
3. THE PROPOSED LAND USE AMENDMENT WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE AREA.
4. WHEN COMBINED WITH THE ABUTTING PROPERTY, THE PARCEL WILL HAVE FRONTAGE ON HIGHWAY 10.

Councilmember Geisler was pleased that this site would have a new use.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS AND RESIGNATION

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CHIEF JUDGE FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT THAT MAURICE MCKEE, ISLA FICHTNER, GERALD NELSON, MILO HARTMANN, CAROLINE LACOURSIERE, GERALD SPLINTER, TIMOTHY FARMER AND ELIZABETH DHENNIN BE REAPPOINTED TO SERVE ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2015 WITH SAID TERM TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2019; AND TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THOMAS MILLER.

Mayor Koch thanked Thomas Miller for his service on the Charter Commission.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 15-42 SUPPORTING SPECIAL LEGISLATION RELATED TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT 6-1

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-42 SUPPORTING SPECIAL LEGISLATION RELATED TO TIF DISTRICT 6-1. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. CONSIDER WATER RATE INCREASE

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch questioned why Blaine's water rates were half that of Coon Rapids. City Manager Gatlin reported Blaine does not complete a manganese treatment on their water, which lowered their overall rates.

Mayor Koch was pleased that the new water rates would have a higher base rate to assist the City in maintaining its infrastructure long term.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-52 NO. ESTABLISHING WATER RATES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 15-54 SUPPORTING DEDICATED STATE FUNDING FOR CITY STREETS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-54 SUPPORTING DEDICATED STATE FUNDING FOR CITY STREETS.

Councilmember Demmer questioned how the City would be impacted by this Resolution. Public Works Director Himmer explained the Resolution would assist cities in creating more options for street funding through rededication of State funds. He reported that cities had a need to repair streets that was greater than the amount that was currently being funded through MSA funds. Finance Director Legg indicated that State Aid streets were in need of repair at this time.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 15-11(8) APPROVING PLANS AND SPECS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID FOR MISCELLANEOUS BITUMINOUS REPAIR CONTRACT

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-22(8) APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS BITUMINOUS REPAIR CONTRACT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. CONSIDER 2015 SCORE GRANT APPROVAL

The Staff report was shared with Council.

City Recycling Coordinator Sinclair discussed the City's recycling program with the Council and noted Coon Rapids received a SCORE Grant from the State through Anoka County. She reviewed

the growing success of the City's recycling program over the past ten years. She provided comment on how the City was working to achieve the new recycling standards laid out by the County. Staff requested the Council approve new hours for the Recycling Assistant through and approve an amended SCORE funding recycling agreement with Anoka County.

Public Works Director Himmer reported that the City would have no additional expenses for this position in 2015. He noted that the City would be obligated to offer health care to this part time employee in 2016.

Councilmember Johnson asked if a PERA contribution would be required for this employee. Public Works Director Himmer commented this would be an additional expense to the City.

Councilmember Geisler believed the City's recycling program was a great success and she supported the proposed request.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, TO APPROVE THE SCORE FUNDING RECYCLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ANOKA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF COON RAPIDS; RECOMMENDING THE RECYCLING ASSISTANT'S HOURS BE EXPANDED TO 32 HOURS/WEEK IN 2015. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. PC 15-9 ZONE CHANGE: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2135 CHANGING THE ZONING FROM OFFICE TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL, 80 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2135 APPROVING THE REZONING BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1. THE PROPOSED REZONING TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL.
2. THE PROPOSED REZONING IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE ADJACENT LAND USES AND ZONING.
3. THE TIMES AND CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGE SO THAT A REASONABLE USE OF THE PROPERTY CAN NOT BE MADE UNDER THE CURRENT ZONING.
4. THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE AREA.

5. THE PROPOSED REZONING IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD FRAMEWORK PLAN AND THE RIVER RAPIDS OVERLAY DISTRICT.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. PC15-4: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2136 TO CHANGE ZONING FROM MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2136 APPROVING THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE FROM OFFICE TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL WITH THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1. THE PROPOSED REZONING TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF GENERAL COMMERCIAL.
2. THE PROPOSED REZONING IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE ADJACENT LAND USES AND ZONING.
3. THE PROPOSED REZONING IS THE LOGICAL EXTENSION OF THE ADJACENT GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.
4. THE TIMES AND CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGE SO THAT A REASONABLE USE OF THE PROPERTY CAN NOT BE MADE UNDER THE CURRENT ZONING.
5. THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE AREA.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2134 ESTABLISHING FEE FOR TEMPORARY ON SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR (STRONG BEER AND WINE) LICENSE

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2134 ESTABLISHING THE LICENSE FEE FOR TEMPORARY ON SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR STRONG BEER AND WINE.

Councilmember Manning recommended that the City allow for the tasting of wine and beer without requiring a bartender. City Clerk Lenzmeier explained that if the applicant met all requirements within the City's liquor license a bartender would not be required.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2130 REGARDING CHAPTER 8-1200 –
SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Johnson noted this matter was tabled at the March 3, 2015 City Council meeting. He reviewed his concerns with the language within the Ordinance and thanked staff for working with him to address these concerns.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2130, UPDATING THE ORDINANCE FOR SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT, AND AMEND THE CITY CODE ACCORDINGLY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Koch reviewed the rules of order for the Open Mic/Public Comment portion of the meeting.

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Koch requested comment on the exciting news at the golf course. Bunker Hills Golf Director Anderson indicated the driving range and golf course was open, which was the earliest opening in the history of the golf course. He reported that the response has been overwhelming both on the course and at the restaurant.

Police Chief Wise discussed a recent cardiac arrest event that occurred at the Coon Rapids Ice Arena. He stated that the training provided by Officer Platz assisted in this AED save. Mayor Koch thanked the Police Department for their assistance in creating a Heart Safe Community.

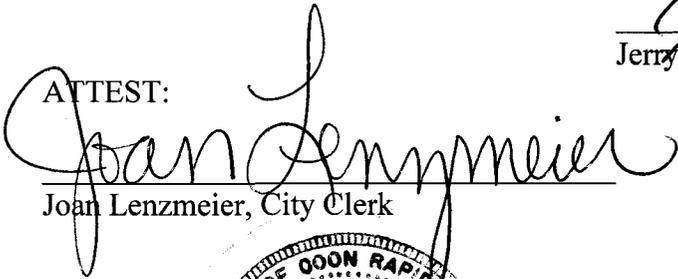
Mayor Koch provided comment on a railway transportation summit that was held in the City last December. He reported that the Hanson Boulevard grade crossing was now being considered by the governor for funding, which was a great step for the City.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS,
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk

