

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The first regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of May was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 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 Denise Klint, Ron Manning, Wade Demmer, Jennifer Geisler, Brad Johnson and Steve Wells

Members Absent: None

ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. POPPY DAYS PROCLAMATION

Mayor Koch read a proclamation in full for the record declaring May 15 and 16, 2015 to be Poppy Days in the City of Coon Rapids. Representatives from the Coon Rapids American Legion presented the Council with memorial poppies and discussed the locations throughout the community the poppies would be sold.

2. COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Koch read a proclamation in full for the record declaring May to be Community Scholarship Month in the City of Coon Rapids.

Nick Braschayko, Coon Rapids Community Scholarship Association, discussed the scholarships that

were awarded this spring to graduating seniors in the community. He explained his organization has been handing out scholarships since 1966. He thanked the community for their continued support.

3. HEART SAFE CITIZEN AWARDS

Police Officer Platz discussed the events that occurred at a local hockey game at the Coon Rapids Ice Arena on March 8, 2015. He reported that Bill Hoppenrath went into sudden cardiac arrest and was not responsive. Mr. Hoppenrath was brought back through the efforts of his friends and the rink AED. He explained the Heart Safe Coon Rapids Program and the Coon Rapids City Council would like to acknowledge the following citizens with an Outstanding Citizen Award for their heroic efforts in saving the life of Mr. Bill Hoppenrath. The honorees were as follows:

Wayne Anderson, retired Fire Fighter, helped with the initial assessment and removing clothing.
Jon Dilley, retired Medic, helped with the initial assessment and performed chest compressions.
Pat Olson, Medic, performed chest compressions.
Mike Vacco, full time Fire Fighter, performed chest compressions and helped with AED.
Dan Larson, lay rescuer, called 911 and gave dispatcher play by play of event.
Mike Johnson, lay rescuer, obtained AED.
Greg Leciejewski, full time Fire Fighter, connected the AED and pushed the shock button.
Matt Wells, full time Fire Fighter, helped with the initial assessment and Mr. Bill Hoppenrath's airway and also reported to the responding EMS team.

Paul Mendoza, Heart Safe Minnesota, thanked these individuals for their heroic efforts.

Bill Hoppenrath introduced his family to the Council and thanked these individuals for their efforts from the bottom of his heart. He appreciated being able to still skate with these individuals. He thanked the Council for embracing and participating in the Heart Safe Program. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

4. NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mayor Koch read a proclamation in full for the record declaring the third full week in May to be National Public Works Week in the City of Coon Rapids.

Public Works Director Himmer thanked the City for recognizing the Public Works Department. He noted the Public Works Department would be holding an Open House at the Public Works Facility on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

5. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROCLAMATION

Mayor Koch read a proclamation in full recognizing volunteers for their efforts in the City of Coon Rapids.

Margie Rosendahl introduced herself to the Council along with the events taking place at the Super Senior Club. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

6. ARMED FORCES DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Koch read a proclamation in full proclaiming May 16, 2015 to be Armed Forces Day in the City of Coon Rapids. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7. APRIL 21, 2015, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2015, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

8. ACCEPT RIGHT OF ENTRY & ASSESSMENT WAIVER AGREEMENT FROM RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES, LLC FOR THEIR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1313 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD
9. APPROVE PROGRAM SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ACTIVE KIDS ASSOCIATION OF SPORT
10. ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-72 SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR DOMINIUM HOUSING REVENUE BONDS

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. VACATION OF STREET, DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch opened and closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. since no one appeared to address the Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-71 VACATING STREET, DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 110XX CROOKED LAKE BOULEVARD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

12. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 15-70 ACCEPTING COON RAPIDS 2015 MEMBER CITY GRANT AGREEMENT

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Steve Markuson, Twin Cities Gateway, thanked the Council and staff for their continued support. He provided a summary of the successful tourism activities that occurred in 2014. He reported tourism was a \$13 billion industry in Minnesota each year and created 250,000 jobs. He discussed Twin City Gateways budget for 2014 noting the majority of funds were spent on advertising and online marketing. He provided comment on the success of the revamped Twin Cities Gateway and was pleased to report hotel sales were up 11.3% in 2014. He gave a brief summary on the 2015 numbers and presented the City with a marketing grant in the amount of \$16,362.

Mayor Koch asked if the Minnesota adventure show was still being considered by Twin Cities Gateway. Mr. Markuson explained that The Minnesota Traveler would be airing on Fox Sports North six times in July and October.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO RESOLUTION 15-70 ACCEPTING THE 2015 MEMBER CITY MARKETING GRANT AGREEMENT AND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,362. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM OFFICE, GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch asked what the total acreage and how many units could be located on this site. Planner Harlicker noted the site was 2.6 acres in size and explained approximately 60 units could be developed through design and use flexibility.

Councilmember Manning understood an apartment building could be placed on this site. He did not believe that the City needed additional affordable housing on Coon Rapids Boulevard. Planner Harlicker explained that the Council was considering an Introduction of an Ordinance this evening and not a housing development project. He indicated that a future developer requesting any design or use flexibility would have their request reviewed by the Planning Commission and Council.

Councilmember Geisler commented the Council was to consider if the proposed zone change fit the land use.

Councilmember Wells did not support the rezoning and introduction of the Ordinance at this time.

Mayor Koch questioned how the City would proceed if the Ordinance introduction was not approved. City Attorney Brodie explained this could open the City up to liability noting the Council would have to state findings for not introducing the Ordinance. He recommended the Council introduce the Ordinance and allow staff to come back with additional findings.

Councilmember Wells appreciated City Attorney Brodie's opinion but stated he still was not in favor of introducing the Ordinance.

Councilmember Johnson summarized that the Council was talking about the old Pederson Floral building on Coon Rapids Boulevard. He reported that operations at this building have ceased. He discussed the history of the property and explained that the property owner was now ready to develop the site in an alternative manner.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING OF THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE PROPOSED REZONING TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

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 CANNOT 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.

Councilmember Geisler stated the Ordinance may not end up High Density. She believed the Council had due diligence to protect the City and should follow the proper approval procedures.

Councilmember Manning questioned when this item would be brought back to the Council for final consideration. City Attorney Brodie advised that the Ordinance would come back before the Council on May 19th.

THE MOTION PASSED 5-2 (KLINT AND WELLS OPPOSED)

14. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11-1500 TO AMEND THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENT FOR RESCINDING SUBDIVISION APPROVAL
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO INTRODUCE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. AMEND SECTIONS 11-1504.2, 11-1504.4, 11-1504.5 AND 11-1504.6 TO AMEND THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RESCINDING SUBDIVISION APPROVAL.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE BUNKER HILLS FOOD AND BEVERAGE SMALL EQUIPMENT
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF USED SMALL WARES AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BAR & GRILL AT BUNKER HILLS GOLF CLUB.

Councilmember Manning clarified that the City was purchasing the equipment from a vendor and not from the previous tenant. He supported the expense.

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.

Robert Seckler, 13115 Crane Street NW, discussed the gate in his neighborhood that was opened each spring. He recommended that the gate remain open year round.

Councilmember Manning believed that the townhome association held a vote regarding this matter.

Mr. Seckler indicated the associations were all in favor of having the gate open year round.

Public Works Director Himmer understood that the associations close to the gate had a different opinion than those farther away from the gate.

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

16. OPEN MIC REPORT – NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS ON 105TH AVENUE WEST OF FOLEY BOULEVARD

Mayor Koch discussed the comments made during Open Mic at the April 21, 2015 Council meeting.

Police Chief Wise was pleased to report that overall crime rates in Coon Rapids were down. However, he would have an officer working with the residents on 105th Avenue on their Neighborhood Watch Program.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Klint requested staff review the community garden areas throughout the City to ensure they are properly maintained.

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Mayor Koch reported on Sunday, May 17th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. there would be a home remodeling tour in Coon Rapids.

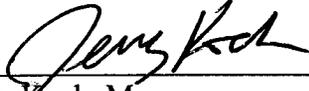
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ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS,
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:29 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk

