

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The first regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of October was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 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 DEMMER TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE ITEM 5A DOMINIUM RIVER NORTH TRAIL EASEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

2. APPROVE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF ANDOVER FOR CROOKED LAKE NO WAKE ORDINANCE
3. ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-115 LEVY OF 2015 DELINQUENT UTILITIES

4. ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-116 ACCEPTING GRANT FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 5. APPROVE EASEMENT FOR TURN LANE, 14XX COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD
 - 5A. APPROVE TRAIL EASEMENT FOR DOMINIUM RIVER NORTH SENIOR APARTMENT PROJECT
 6. APPROVE CANCELLATION OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT, 2260 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD
 7. AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR ANOKA COUNTY NON-RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING/ORGANICS GRANT
 8. APPROVE TEMPORARY ON-SALE STRONG BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR "DATE NIGHT" AT EPIPHANY CHURCH
 9. APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT FOR PROJECT 14-9, RIVERVIEW PARK REDEVELOPMENT
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. HOLD PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 15-111 RESCINDING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR TYLERS COVE (PLANNING CASE 13-31)
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch opened and closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. since no one appeared to address the Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-111 RESCINDING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR TYLERS COVE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

11. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2147 RESTRICTING PARKING ON LILY STREET NW
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF LILY STREET FROM 113TH AVENUE NW TO 115TH AVENUE NW, EXTENDING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CURVE THAT CONNECTS LILY STREET TO 113TH AVENUE, AS WELL AS APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 113TH AVENUE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2148 RESTRICTING PARKING ON BUTTERNUT STREET NW

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF BUTTERNUT STREET NW FROM 101ST AVENUE NW TO A DISTANCE 50 FEET SOUTH. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

13. PC 15-28: CONSIDER USE FLEXIBILITY FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, HOPE 4 YOUTH, 80 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Hope 4 Youth representatives, explained that this site would assist young people with a safe place to stay. He then discussed the advantage of having a network of host homes available to assist younger homeless youth. He believed this was the right thing for younger youth to be in homes that model kind and caring relationships.

Hope 4 Youth, reported that he visited five youth shelters and found their models were more for emergency services. He commented that Hope 4 Youth would offer a different model as there would be adult supervision, mentors, rules and consistency. He indicated units would be leased by the youth and would become their own personal space.

Commissioner Wells believed that three years was a really long time. He asked if tenants would be evicted after they turned 24. Hope 4 Youth reported that HUD defined a homeless use as anyone from the age of 16 to 25. Hope 4 Youth explained that the average stay for youth in transitional

housing was 18 months. It would be the facilities goal to encourage and mentor the youth in order for them to transition out of the site in order for more youth to be helped.

Councilmember Klint questioned how the youth would be able to pay for their rent and utilities. Hope 4 Youth commented the rent would be based on the youth's ability to pay and would escalate over time if the youth received more hours/pay.

Councilmember Johnson thanked Hope 4 Youth for their thorough presentation and for the detailed information provided to the Council. He understood there was a need for transitional housing for youth and supported Hope 4 Youth coming into the City of Coon Rapids. He inquired if the homeless youth would have to be based out of Anoka County. Hope 4 Youth explained that all tenants would be Anoka County residents.

Councilmember Klint asked if the site would be secure. Hope 4 Youth reported that the site would be secure and tenants could only have one visitor at a time.

Councilmember Geisler fully supported the proposed housing and believed their model would teach homeless youth how to be self-sufficient and contributing members to the community.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO APPROVE USE FLEXIBILITY FOR A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY FOR 12 RESIDENTS LOCATED AT 80 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD WITH THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1) THE REQUEST MEETS THE INTENT OF THE SECTION IN THAT THE PROJECT WILL AID IN PROTECTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND PUBLIC WELFARE OF THE YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING A SAFE LIVING ENVIRONMENT ALONG WITH TRAINING AND SUPPORT NEEDED TO BECOME SELF SUFFICIENT. THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY WILL PROVIDE A MIX OF USES WITHIN THE AREA. THE PROPOSED USE WILL SERVE THE NEEDS OF NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS AND WILL FOSTER A SENSE COMMUNITY BY WORKING WITH NEARBY BUSINESSES ON TRAINING AND HIRING PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS.

2) THE REQUEST WILL DEVELOP THE PROPERTY IN AN EFFICIENT AND WELL ORGANIZED WAY. THE SITE HAS BEEN VACANT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ACCESS IS DIFFICULT, THERE IS A RIGHT-IN ONLY AVAILABLE FROM COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO FIND COMMERCIAL TENANTS. THE PROPOSED USE IS NOT DEPENDENT ON EASY ACCESS OR HIGH VISIBILITY, MAKING IT GOOD FIT FOR THIS SITE. THE PROPOSAL WILL UTILIZE THE EXISTING PARKING AND BUILDING.

3) THE APPLICANT WILL BE MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SITE TO ENHANCE ITS APPEARANCE. ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SITE WILL BE A PATIO AREA, BASKETBALL COURT AND A LAWN AREA. THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING WILL BE

REPAINTED AND A LANDSCAPED AREA INSTALLED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE. BIKES RACKS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE. NEW SIGNAGE IS PROPOSED AND WILL REQUIRE A SEPARATE PERMIT.

4) THE REQUEST DOES NOT DETRACT FROM USES IN THE PORT DISTRICT. THE SITE IS SEPARATED FROM PORT EVERGREEN BY HIGHWAY 47 AND THE HIGHWAY 47/COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE.

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.

Dale Koch 2020 127th Ave NW, commented that the former Manager Matt Fulton received a \$500 per month car allowance. Mr. Koch expressed concern that Council approved a separation agreement with Mr. Fulton that included a separation payment.

Carrie Schaff, 11832 Undercliff, reported that she was so proud to be a resident of Coon Rapids. She thanked the Council and Mayor for supporting Hope 4 Youth.

Greg Nelson, 9950 Redwood Street NW, invited each of the Councilmembers to visit Hope 4 Youth to see the great work being done in the community. He encouraged residents in the community to consider volunteer at Hope 4 Youth.

Councilmember Manning thanked Hope 4 Youth for their efforts to improve the Community.

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Geisler thanked the numerous residents present in support of Hope 4 Youth. She appreciated all of their efforts and the engagement they have in creating a better the community.

Councilmember Klint requested staff provide the Council with the status on several properties in the City.

Councilmember Klint asked how the City went about naming rights for park benches within parks.

She believed this matter should be addressed at a future worksession meeting.

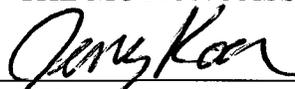
Councilmember Johnson thanked the Fire Department for their work on September 11th. It was his hope that this program would continue in the future. Fire Chief Piper appreciated the kind words. He stated the Fire Department was now working with local elementary schools as this week was fire prevention week. Students were encouraged to "Hear the Beep, While They Sleep" stressing the importance of working smoke detectors. He then reviewed the activities that would be held at each of Coon Rapids Fire Stations on Saturday, October 10th.

Mayor Koch requested an update on the Bunker Hills Golf Course. Bunker Hills Golf Director Anderson provided the Council with an update on the new restaurant name and the events taking place at the golf course.

Public Works Director Himmer reported Burlington Northern would be closing the crossing at 119th Avenue just west of Northdale Boulevard for track improvements all day on Friday, October 9th.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:29 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk

