

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of April was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 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 MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. COMMISSIONER SCOTT SCHULTE

Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte thanked the Council for their time. He discussed a Met Council reform proclamation with the Council and requested their support. A statement of belief was read in full for the record, along with six guiding principles. He believed the members of the Met Council should be appointed by metropolitan counties and not the governor. He explained the Met Council was the only MPO in the nation that had its members appointed by the governor. He reported four counties have already supported this proclamation unanimously and listed the number of cities that have also offered their support. He requested the Council offer their support to Met Council reform.

Mayor Koch questioned if any action would be taking place this year regarding Met Council reform. Anoka County Commission Schulte discussed a bill that was being worked on and reflects four of the six principles. It was his hope that a unified metro area would support this proclamation in order to assist in making the necessary legislative changes in order to bring about better regional governance.

Mayor Koch asked if the governor supported the proposed changes. Anoka County Commission Schulte reported the governor was in agreement the Met Council lacked credibility at this time and he wants to fix that. Anoka County Commission Schulte stated he believed in the Met Council and its regional governance, he did not believe the members of the body should be appointed.

Councilmember Johnson thanked Anoka County Commission Schulte for the information and commented he generally supported the proclamation. He asked what counties were being referred to within the six principles. Anoka County Commission Schulte reported this included all seven counties that were governed by the Met Council.

Anoka County Commission Schulte thanked the Council for considering the proclamation he presented regarding the Met Council.

2. CROOKED LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION

Steve Sivinski, Crooked Lake Area Association member, thanked the Council for their time. He described how the Crooked Lake Area Association functioned to raise money and manage the water quality of lake. He explained the weed problem has risen to a new level and he anticipated that the lake association would not have enough funding in 2016 to cover the DNR-required water treatment. He thanked the City for their continued financial assistance and for establishing an ordinance regarding a no wake zone. He requested the Council consider providing further assistance to the lake association to cover the expense of the DNR-required treatment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3. APRIL 5, 2016, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2016, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

4. ACCEPT THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT
5. APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT FOR PROJECT 15-6, SANITARY SEWER LINING
6. APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COON RAPIDS NORTH STAR LIONS CLUB TO PROVIDE CONCESSION SERVICES
7. ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-50 ACCEPTING FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT

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

UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY'S STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM (SWPPP)

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Klint asked what residents could do if they see their neighbors pushing leaves or grass clippings into the street. Public Works Director Himmer encouraged residents to contact City Hall.

Mayor Koch opened and closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m. since no one appeared to address the Council.

9. VACATION OF DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS – 3338 AND 3352 116TH AVENUE

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Mary Kaiser, 3338 116th Avenue NW, thanked the Council for their consideration and encouraged the Council to support the vacation of the easement.

Mayor Koch closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-46 VACATING THE UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENTS OVER PORTIONS OF PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN 3338 AND 3352 116TH AVENUE, COON RAPIDS, MINNESOTA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

10. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 16-52 AWARDING ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS FOR SAND CREEK BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS – PROJECT 15-16

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-52 AWARDED THE SAND CREEK PARK BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT C-22 TO VIKING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER COMPANY AND REVISING THE CONTRACT AWARD FOR HOLLOW METAL DOORS & FRAMES CONTRACT C-11 TO STRAUGHAN HARDWARE, INC. AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND DETAILED HEREIN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

11. PC 16-3: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2161 REVISING THE ALLOWED EXTERIOR BUILDING MATERIALS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2161 REVISING THE ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR MULTI-FAMILY, INSTITUTIONAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

Councilmember Demmer supported the proposed language changes within the Ordinance.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

12. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW CHICKENS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch considered the Ordinance regarding chickens to be introduced.

13. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE FOR NATIVE PLANTINGS AND LANDSCAPE

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch considered the Ordinance regarding native plantings and landscape to be introduced.

14. CONSIDER ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 16-1, MSA STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-1(12) ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 16-1. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. CONSIDER ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 16-2, MSA STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-2(12) ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 16-2.

Councilmember Geisler questioned when the public would learn about the project timeline for Project 16-2. Public Works Director Himmer reported bids would be opened next Friday. After a contractor was selected, a construction timeline would be drafted for the year. This information would then be passed along to residents and would be made available on the City's website. Residents were invited to contact the City's Engineer Department with any additional questions.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. ADOPT ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 16-3, MSA STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-3(12) ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 16-3. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. ADOPT ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 16-4, MSA STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-4(12) ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT 16-4. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-49. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. ANNOUNCE 2016 SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Mayor Koch reported the Arts Commission would like to announce their 2016 Thursday Nites LIVE! At The Dam Summer series, which will feature the following nine performers:

- June 9 - T.C. Cats (Doo-Wop, Classic Rock and Roll)
- June 16 - The Naked Cowboys (Southern Rock)
- June 23 - Centennial Community Band (Variety)
- July 7 - Holy Rocka Rollaz (Early Rock and Roll)
- July 14 - Hitchville (Country)
- July 21 - Sam Kuusisto (Funk, Rock and R&B)
- July 28 - New Riverside Ramblers (Cajun Dance)
- Aug 4 - Gravel Roads (Traditional Country)
- Aug 11 - Buddy and the Boys (Buddy Holly Tribute 50's)

Mayor Koch reported all performances begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Performance Pavilion at the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. The concerts are offered at no charge to the community, and Anoka County has once again agreed to waive the parking fee during these evenings. The Arts Commission would like to recognize the assistance of the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department Rangers and other staff in presenting this series. It was noted a local Boy Scout troop will sell popcorn, candy, soda, and water during the concerts. The Northstar Lions Club will be selling food items such as hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats. The Arts Commission appreciates the opportunity to continue presenting this series to the community.

19. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-51 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-51 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND TERM SHEET, RIVERDALE STATION DEVELOPMENT

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Manning expressed concern with the fact that the City was being forced to purchase a piece of property that may not develop. He discussed the TIF that would be used for this

development. After much consideration, he believed the development would be a plus for the City and he would be offering his support.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ANOKA COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY AND TERM SHEET WITH SHERMAN ASSOCIATES FOR A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT RIVERDALE STATION.

Councilmember Klint stated she had been wavering on this issue as well. However, after reading a recent newspaper article on Sherman she believed that the new apartments would be a positive development for Coon Rapids.

Councilmember Geisler was impressed by the buildings constructed by Sherman and was eager to see them complete a project in the City. She stated she was able to look past the frustrations with the County in order to have a great development in the City.

Councilmember Wells explained he too struggled with this development originally. In the end, he believed the quality of the project would benefit Coon Rapids.

Councilmember Johnson had some reservations regarding the project. He understood Phase I would be good for the City but Phase II was somewhat of a question mark. He expressed concern with the fact that the City would have to pay an additional \$800,000 for the additional parcel. He discussed the previous conversations held by the Council and wished that the rail authority could be removed from this endeavor. Even with that being said, he commented he would fully support the development with Sherman.

Councilmember Demmer discussed the affordable housing element of the project. He explained only 20% of the units would be considered "affordable". In order to qualify for the affordable housing, an individual would have to make 50% of the American median income, which meant these individuals would have to make \$30,000 per year. He reported this income level reflected one-fourth of Coon Rapids residents. He looked forward to having the new Sherman apartments in the City.

Councilmember Johnson thanked staff and Sherman for all of their hard work on this project.

Councilmember Manning was pleased that Phase II would include senior housing.

Mayor Koch understood this was a difficult decision for the Council and believed the new building would be unlike any other in the City. He stated he would be supporting the project and thanked Sherman for bringing forward a high quality project.

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.

Jennifer Koch, 2020 127th Avenue NW, stated as she was reviewing her emails last week she came across an email from Mayor Koch regarding the potential of holding a flea market on the open land across from the old City Hall property. The email led her to believe the City of Coon Rapids was not interested hosting in the flea market, but was looking for an individual to host the event. She indicated she would be happy to run the flea market. She suggested the farmer's market be added into this event. She believed this location would attract a great deal of traffic. She commented on why the flea market would be beneficial to the community.

Jerry Pierce, 12236 Partridge Street, expressed concern with the \$60 million development that was approved under the leadership of Mayor Tim Howe. He requested the City Clerk review the minutes and provide those at a future meeting. He believed there were a lot of people in Coon Rapids that wanted a flea market. He encouraged the Council to consider this in order to meet the needs of the people.

Jill Bjorn, 2919 115th Lane, expressed disappointment with the actions of the Mayor and some Councilmembers. She reported most of the Councilmembers were elected to their position to represent the residents of Coon Rapids and not a select few. She discussed her findings on a social media site stating her opinion counts just as much as anyone else's. She encouraged the Council to work together to make an amazing City. She believed there were several areas of the City that needed additional work, such as Coon Rapids Boulevard. She did not believe the Council should be focusing on one non-issue was the right way direction for the City. She indicated she would be speaking out against this issue again at the Council's May 3rd meeting. She reminded the Council they were the voice of all of the people and encouraged the Councilmembers to act in a dignified and respectful manner. She provided the Council with a handout on her social media findings.

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Manning explained the *Star & Tribune* has been dropping off additional publications on Sunday mornings in the street gutters. He questioned if this was occurring in all neighborhoods of the City. City Manager Stemwedel reported this has been brought up by several Councilmembers. City Attorney Brodie indicated this has become an issue on the weekends and staff was drafting a response. He noted the City of Spring Lake Park drafted an Ordinance to address this concern and he would be in contact with Spring Lake Park staff regarding this matter.

Another option would be for residents to opt out of these additional publications.

Councilmember Johnson believed the problem was much more acute in the spring given the fact snow was melting and water was running in the gutters much of the time. He encouraged staff to continue to work on this issue. He stated he would support an Ordinance or other regulation to address this issue.

Councilmember Klint thanked the Parks Department for sending out the recent Parks Brochure. She indicated she has received a number of positive comments regarding this publication.

Councilmember Klint asked for an update on the golf course. Bunker Hills Golf Director Anderson reported this has been a great spring. He noted all four high school teams were practicing and playing on the course. He indicated the patios were open, along with the new outdoor eatery.

Councilmember Demmer recognized Rochelle Paulson or Liza Jenkins for completing the Boston Marathon in less than four hours on Monday, April 18th.

Councilmember Demmer explained in 2015 the residents of Coon Rapids contributed 100 patents to the United States Patent Office. He reviewed three of the bio-medical advancements that were made in the previous year.

Councilmember Johnson commented the DNR was seeking comments from those that live or own property along the Mississippi River on proposed rules for the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area. He noted these rules would apply to all properties along Mississippi River from Anoka to Hastings. Comments would be taken from residents on Wednesday, June 15th at 4:30 p.m. at the Greenhaven Golf Course in Anoka. Comments could also be sent via the web through the DNR website.

Mayor Koch stated the Green Expo would be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Blaine National Sports Center.

Mayor Koch commented the Coon Rapids High School would be putting on Cinderella this weekend and Anoka Ramsey Community College would be putting on Foreigner.

Mayor Koch reported the 27th Annual Ice Show would take place Thursday, April 21st through Sunday, April 24th. He noted the event was called Skating through Candyland.

City Manager Stemwedel mentioned the Assessment Department would be holding a meeting to discuss property values on Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Public Works Director Himmer invited the Council to attend a tour of the parks on Monday, May 9th with the Park and Recreation Commission.

Public Works Director Himmer noted there would be a second informational meeting regarding the

Hanson overpass on Wednesday, June 8th at Epiphany Church. Fire Chief Piper indicated staff would know more about the bonding in the near future.

City Clerk Lenzmeier was seeking election judges for the upcoming primary and election. Those interested were encouraged to contact City Hall for further information.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER,
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:39 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk