

## COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2016

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### CALL TO ORDER

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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 3, 2016, in the Council Chambers.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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Mayor Koch led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

### ADOPT AGENDA

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED REMOVING ITEMS 6 AND 7 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND PLACING THEM UNDER PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS; AND POSTPONING ACTION ON ITEMS 18, 19 AND 20 TO THE MAY 17, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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#### 1. NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION

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Mayor Koch called the Public Works staff forward. He read a proclamation declaring the third week in May to be National Public Works Week in the City of Coon Rapids.

Public Works Director Himmer invited the public to attend the Public Works Open House on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

#### 6. ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-56 ACCEPTING DONATION FOR MOVIES IN THE PARK

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Mayor Koch read the Resolution in full for the record and thanked the Community Strength Foundation for their generous donation of \$3,500 for the 2016 Movies in the Park events.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-56 ACCEPTING DONATION FOR MOVIES IN THE PARK. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-57 ACCEPTING COON RAPIDS LIONS CLUB DONATION

Mayor Koch read the Resolution in full for the record and thanked the Coon Rapids Lions Club for their generous donation of \$500 to the Coon Rapids Teen Center.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-57 ACCEPTING COON RAPIDS LIONS CLUB DONATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2. APRIL 19, 2016, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2016, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

3. ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-53, APPOINTING ELLEN FEULING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION
4. APPROVE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE ENTERPRISE LICENSE FOR BLUESKY SPA LLC, 2393 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD
5. ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-59 CONTINUATION OF CDBG JOINT COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND HOME JOINT POWERS CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2019
- ~~6. ADOPT RESOLUTION 15-56 ACCEPTING DONATION FOR MOVIES IN THE PARK~~
- ~~7. ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-57 ACCEPTING COON RAPIDS LIONS CLUB DONATION~~
8. ACCEPT PETITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CREEK MEADOWS II OWNERS ASSOCIATION
9. APPROVE MASTER CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH BARR ENGINEERING

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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**10. PUBLIC HEARING ON WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN AMENDMENT, PART I,  
FOR THE CITY OF COON RAPIDS SYSTEM**

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch opened and closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. since no one appeared to address the Council.

**BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS**

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**11. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 16-1(9) AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MSA STREET  
RECONSTRUCTION**

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER  
JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-1(9) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PARK  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,039,102.36.**

Councilmember Klint requested further information on how the project would be funded. Public Works Director Himmer discussed the level of MSA funding that would be used for this project, noting a portion would be assessed.

Councilmember Manning noted that this project had come in under budget and anticipated the City would bond for less than was previously anticipated. Public Works Director Himmer stated this was the case.

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 16-2(9) AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MSA STREET  
RECONSTRUCTION**

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS,  
TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-2(9) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO FOREST LAKE  
CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,877,590.01.**

Public Works Director Himmer clarified the alternate on this bid would be a pass along expense to Anoka Ramsey.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 16-4(9) AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MSA STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-4(9) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO NORTH VALLEY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,037,175.19. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

14. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2162 AND 2163 TO ALLOW CHICKENS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch asked if protective netting was required if a rear yard was fenced in. Community Development Director Fernelius explained the chickens could free range if a rear yard was fenced in. However, the coop would also have to have protective netting over the enclosure.

Councilmember Klint believed this was counterintuitive. City Clerk Lenzmeier explained the City wanted the coops to be safe while also allowing for free ranging for those individuals with a fenced in yard.

Councilmember Klint questioned why the Ordinance referred to chickens as a meat source. Community Development Director Fernelius explained that homeowners would not be able to slaughter chickens on their property, however the hens could be processed for meat elsewhere.

Councilmember Klint inquired if dead chickens could be buried on a homeowners' property. City Clerk Lenzmeier stated this would be allowed.

Councilmember Klint requested further information on how chicken waste was to be properly disposed of. City Clerk Lenzmeier commented all Board of Animal Health rules will be followed for the disposal of chicken waste.

Mayor Koch stated given the public interest in this matter, the Council will hear public comment before the matter is considered. He noted there would not be limitless debate on the matter given the fact a Public Hearing was not required. At which point there are no new comments, the Council will move to Council discussion. He requested the public keep their comments to three minutes.

Nancy Peterson, 3509 121<sup>st</sup> Lane, expressed concern with how the chickens would be regulated by the City. She feared that free-range chickens would impact neighboring properties. City Clerk Lenzmeier explained the City anticipated the hens in the City would not be able to fly over a four to six foot fence. She reported City staff would be responsible for regulating and enforcing the City Code.

Jill Bjorn, 2919 115<sup>th</sup> Lane, believed the City was fast tracking this Ordinance. She thought there were a lot of questions that still needed to be addressed. She believed the Ordinance was not right for the City of Coon Rapids. She discussed the expense of having egg-laying hens along with the diseases these hens can carry. She recommended the Council not support the Ordinance.

Shay McQuade, 515 127<sup>th</sup> Lane, expressed concern with how her property value would be impacted if her neighbors have chickens. She stated she does not have a large lot and does not want to be staring a chicken coops in her backyard. She believed chickens belonged in the country where they had more land to live on. She feared the chickens would not do well in the winter and questioned how the smell would impact her neighborhood.

Rick Smithson, 2021 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue, recommended the Council require that all chickens be not allowed to fly or that their wings be clipped. He believed the City may have issues with neighboring pets eating chickens. He encouraged the Council to think about how it would handle this situation.

Ben Hiltner, 2098 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW, was before the Council on behalf of the 306 members of the community that wanted to bring chickens to Coon Rapids. He supported the Ordinance and thanked the Council for taking up this decisive issue.

Janna of 2673 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, believed the Council should support the Ordinance, as it would make Coon Rapids an attractive place to live for young families. She reported people owned pets for all kinds of reasons, and hoped the City could support responsible chicken owners.

Kathy Kelly, 1874 127<sup>th</sup> Lane, stated she was new to this issue. She indicated she moved to the City and not a farming community. She questioned how the City's rules and regulations regarding chickens would be put into practice. She feared that not all guidelines would be followed properly and neighboring property owners would be adversely impacted. While she did not believe having chickens was a horrible idea, she inquired why the City had pursued this topic. She reiterated that Coon Rapids was a City and not a farming community. She recommended the Council not support the Ordinance.

Jerry Pierce, 12236 Partridge Street, believed the Mayor was wrong and that the City was required to hold a public hearing. It was his understanding a public hearing was required. He questioned how residents would feed their chickens. It was his opinion that an issue this important should go to a referendum in order to allow the entire community to decide and not a select few. He asked if the City had someone on staff that was knowledgeable on chickens.

Greg Neegaard, 290 115<sup>th</sup> Lane NW, supported a referendum as well. He did not understand why the City was pursuing chickens and believed it was a horrible idea for Coon Rapids. He questioned how the City could guarantee that the regulations within the Ordinance would be enforced. He feared the City would be pursuing nothing but by passing this Ordinance.

Mayor Koch closed the meeting to public comment.

Councilmember Demmer explained a chicken Ordinance came before the City several years ago and was voted down. After that time, many of the neighboring communities have allowed chickens. He believed that over the past few years, staff has been able to evaluate the concerns being raised and none of them have materialized in the communities that allow chickens. He understood complaints were inevitable, as would be the case with other pets. He explained he would be supporting the Ordinance on paper and not on stone. He believed it was worth giving residents the opportunity to have chickens and if it did not work out, he would support making changes. He appreciated the comments provided by the public this evening, noting he had received five emails against and 53 emails in support of the chicken Ordinance. It was his opinion that Coon Rapids had written a very conservative Ordinance and anticipated changes would be made if concerns were to arise. He encouraged those living in Coon Rapids that already have chickens to come into compliance with this Ordinance.

Mayor Koch clarified that the Council had not previously voted on a chicken Ordinance. He explained the matter was discussed at a worksession meeting and there was consensus to not pursue the issue further.

Councilmember Klint asked what would happen to chickens over the winter. City Clerk Lenzmeier reported chickens were winter hardy in a properly heated coop.

Councilmember Klint questioned how the City would determine when chickens would become an annoyance. Community Development Director Fernelius believed this would be handled much like other property complaints. An investigation would be completed by staff, evidence would be gathered and a determination would be made on if a violation occurred.

Councilmember Klint believed some sort of criteria had to be put in place in order to determine when chickens have become an annoyance.

Councilmember Klint inquired how the City would permit chickens. She wanted to be sure that the City would be covering its costs for code enforcement within the cost of the permit. City Attorney Brodie advised there were standards within the City Code to address annoyances. He agreed the City should address noise concerns and believed policies could be written into the Code to address enforcement. He reported staff was educating themselves on how to manage chickens. He provided further comment on the City's well established code enforcement systems.

Councilmember Johnson understood the City needed a variety of remedies to address City Code violations. He discussed the remedies available to the City for civil and administrative issues. He

believed the City had good standards in place that would assist in properly monitoring chickens. He encouraged staff to revoke licenses for chicken owners with reoccurring violations.

Councilmember Manning understood there were two sides to every story. He clarified the development of Riverwalk was not being held up because of the chicken issue. He reported he was conflicted on this issue when it was originally brought to the City and stated he had chickens in his neighborhood when he grew up. He believed that there would not be a great number of chicken owners in the City. He stated the City would address any and all concerns as they arise and encouraged residents to contact him with their concerns. He supported giving homeowners a chance to own chickens and stated he would be supporting the proposed Ordinance.

Councilmember Geisler discussed the calls she received noting she had 60 calls in support of the chickens and three calls against. She believed the City had done an excellent job reviewing surrounding Ordinances in order to address the issues up front and make corrections to reduce the risk for future issues. She understood some residents were interested in raising chickens and found value in this. She explained she received overwhelming support from her constituents and for this reason, she would be supporting the Ordinance.

Councilmember Johnson commented he received three emails not in support of the Ordinance and 15 to 20 emails in support. He indicated he has had numerous conversations with residents regarding their concerns and understood the concerns were valid. He encouraged residents to reach out to the Council via email if issues were to arise. He was in favor of the City exploring the idea of having chickens and stated he would be supporting the Ordinance.

Councilmember Wells explained he was adamantly opposed to the Ordinance when it was previously discussed. He did not understand why residents were interested in keeping chickens. However, he stated he was compromising on this issue after speaking with neighboring communities and finding that chickens were not an issue. He stated chickens were becoming a sustainability issue and noted he would be supporting the Ordinance.

Councilmember Klint commented she would be voting against the Ordinance. She feared the Ordinance was not in the best interest of the City.

Mayor Koch stated he would be supporting the Ordinance, but understood that tweaks or adjustments may be necessary in the future. He indicated he was not a chicken person and would not be interested in keeping chickens. However, he understood this was a progressive issue that was impacting the metro area. He believed the Council had the authority to make the final decision on this matter and not put it out for a referendum. He discussed the City's composting requirements and noted all chicken waste would have to be managed in the same manner. He reported Minneapolis and St. Paul have chicken coop tours, which may be a fun idea for Coon Rapids.

Councilmember Demmer thanked the public for coming forward and offering their opinions on the topic. He appreciated the collaborative efforts of the public.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2162 REGULATING CHICKENS BY ADDING CHAPTER 6-700; AND AUTHORIZE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 2162. THE MOTION PASSED 6-1 (KLINT OPPOSED).

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2163 AMENDING THE NON-DOMESTIC ANIMAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 6-500; AND AUTHORIZE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 2163. THE MOTION PASSED 6-1 (KLINT OPPOSED).

15. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2164 NATIVE PLANTINGS AND LANDSCAPES

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Klint requested further information on the areas that would be considered exceptions. Amanda Bednar reported certain areas of the City would not fall into the exception requirements, such as steep slopes, portions of City parks, natural areas, infiltration areas, easements, etc. Community Development Director Fernelius reported the eight inch grass height limit would be maintained and exceptions were being created to allow for areas that could be over eight inches. Public Works Director Himmer provide further clarification explaining the City was amending its current code to allow for native plantings in very specific areas and was not changing its current turf code.

Councilmember Geisler stated native plantings were healthy for the environment and would encourage pollinators. She supported the Ordinance amendment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2164, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NATIVE PLANTS AND LANDSCAPING; AND AUTHORIZE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 2164.

Councilmember Demmer supported the City pursuing native planting gardens and believed the requirements within the Ordinance would ensure the gardens were well done.

Councilmember Johnson stated he had concerns with this topic when it was first brought up. However, after seeing the revisions, he believed expectations were to create more formal native planting areas. He discussed an impactful email he received from a nine-year-old Coon Rapids resident encouraging the Council to consider the importance of pollinators. He indicated he would be supporting the revisions to the Ordinance.

Councilmember Klint questioned where in the new Ordinance weeds were addressed. Public Works Director Himmer reviewed the location of this language.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Klint questioned if staff would be sending out a newsletter or pamphlet regarding this Ordinance amendment. Community Development Director Fernelius reported staff would be doing a great deal of education over the coming months through newsletters and cable television.

16. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2165 ESTABLISHING NEW LIQUOR LICENSE FEES FOR MICRODISTILLERIES, COCKTAIL ROOMS, BREW PUBS, AND BREWER TAPROOMS

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2165, ESTABLISHING LICENSING FEES FOR MICRODISTILLERIES, COCKTAIL ROOMS, BREW PUBS AND BREWER TAPROOMS; AND AUTHORIZE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 2165. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

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17. HOPE 4 YOUTH REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Geisler stated she recently had the opportunity to visit Hope 4 Youth. She supported their mission and the fantastic work being done in the community. She supported charitable gambling funds being used to waive the fees for this organization.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO AUTHORIZE A GRANT FROM THE CITY'S FUND BALANCE (\$9,114.90) ASSOCIATED WITH LAWFUL GAMBLING PROCEEDS.

Mayor Koch feared that a precedent could be set by approving this grant. He explained there were numerous 501C3 organizations in the community that were not seeking reimbursements for their City permit fees. He wanted to support this organization, but believed the City would then have to offer the same support to the Alexandra House, Stepping Stone, etc. He recommended a limit be set at \$5,000.

Councilmember Klint supported the request as recommended by staff and was proud of the fact that the City could offer assistance to a non-profit with the charitable gambling proceeds.

Councilmember Demmer believed this was the correct purpose for these funds. He understood this was not taxpayer funds, but stated he would be more comfortable offering assistance in the amount of \$5,000.

Mayor Koch questioned when this fund was created. City Manager Stemwedel reported the fund was created in 2012 and noted the City received \$4,500 in 2015.

Councilmember Manning was more comfortable with approving a grant in the amount of \$5,000 versus the entire permit fee. He believed this was still a positive show of support on the City's behalf while also allowing the City to retain a portion of its funds for future requests.

Councilmember Klint stated she would rather see the City using the funds on a big request with the understanding that the City would be receiving another \$5,000 in 2016. She also wanted to see the Council discuss this fund further during budget talks.

Councilmember Johnson discussed the renovation plans being undertaken by Hope 4 Youth. He reported the City Council had encouraged Hope 4 Youth to invest in and improve this property. He hoped the Council could support this organization by seeing the value of this program. He supported the Council fully covering the permit fee.

Mayor Koch did not recall the Council pursuing Hope 4 Youth and asking them to renovate a building within the City.

Councilmember Johnson explained that the Council supported their vision for the site and offered their support for the project.

Councilmember Wells believed this was a unique situation and he supported the Council offering a grant to Hope 4 Youth.

Councilmember Manning wanted to see the request pass and suggested the amount be reduced to \$5,000.

#### AMENDMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY MAYOR KOCH, TO AUTHORIZE A GRANT FROM THE CITY'S FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FROM LAWFUL GAMBLING PROCEEDS.

Councilmember Geisler preferred to take a motion on the previous motion.

Councilmember Manning withdrew his motion. Mayor Koch withdrew his second.

Councilmember Geisler called the question.

THE MOTION PASSED 5-2 (WELLS AND MAYOR KOCH OPPOSED).

18. PC 16-9: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO GATEWAY COMMERCE CENTER PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, H&W, INC.
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This item has been postponed to the May 17, 2016 City Council meeting.

19. PC 16-10: CONSIDER RESOLUTION 16-54 GRANTING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR GATEWAY COMMERCE CENTER 4<sup>TH</sup> ADDITION, HIGHWAY 10 AND HANSON BOULEVARD; H&W FAMILY LLLP
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This item has been postponed to the May 17, 2016 City Council meeting.

20. PC 16-12: CONSIDER RESOLUTION 16-55 GRANTING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR GATEWAY COMMERCE CENTER 5<sup>TH</sup> ADDITION, HIGHWAY 10 AND HANSON BOULEVARD; H&W FAMILY LLLP
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This item has been postponed to the May 17, 2016 City Council meeting.

21. PC 16-2: PRELIMINARY PLAT – VISION 15 – 12 LOT TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT – 1005 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD EXTENSION – VISION BANK
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

1. PARK DEDICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000 (11 UNITS X \$2,000/UNIT) BE PAID PRIOR TO RELEASING THE PLAT FOR RECORDING.
2. ALL ENGINEERING COMMENTS BE ADDRESSED.
3. THE AREA ENCUMBERED BY THE HIGHWAY EASEMENT SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF LOT 12.

Councilmember Demmer reported he lived in this neighborhood. He reported the units being built were intended to be market rate and would be similar in size to the adjacent townhomes. He explained these would be high quality units and would compare nicely to the neighboring homes. He supported the proposed development.

Councilmember Klint asked if there would be berming or a fence along the railroad. Planner Harlicker reported a six foot high fence was being required along the railroad right-of-way.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

22. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MINIMUM SEATING CAPACITY FOR TAPROOMS AND COCKTAIL ROOMS AND THE HOURS FOR 3.2 MALT LIQUOR ON SUNDAYS

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch considered the Ordinance amending the minimum seating capacity for taprooms and cocktail rooms and the hours for 3.2 malt liquor on Sundays to be introduced.

23. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL GOVERNANCE REFORM

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Klint was in favor of the Council drafting a letter to its legislators regarding reform of the Met Council, noting the City wanted to see alternating terms, more input from municipalities. She believed the City could wait till a later date to make a specific recommendation.

Councilmember Geisler supported the regional planning done by the Met Council, but understood that some reform was needed. She supported Councilmember Klint's recommendation and wanted to see local cities have more input. She wanted to see terms staggered in order to create more continuity within this group.

Mayor Koch believed that if the Council were to draft a letter, no motion was necessary. City Manager Stemwedel explained staff could draft a letter and allow the Council to sign off.

Councilmember Johnson believed this would make the City look weak. He was in favor of the north metro making a firm stand against the Met Council. He supported reform in a more hardy and firm manner. He fully supported the City offering its support for the coalition principals for Met Council governance reform. He encouraged the Council not to pursue sending individual letters. He would support the matter being tabled to allow for additional conversation if needed.

Mayor Koch agreed with the Council proceeding in this manner noting he may want to amend several of the principals. He did not believe that an elected official had to sit on the Met Council, but rather the Council could appoint a qualified individual to serve in this capacity.

Councilmember Johnson agreed with this recommendation.

Councilmember Geisler stated she could support items 1, 4, 5 and 6. She feared that items 2 and 3 were too County focused. She understood that regional planning was not easy and believed that just because an individual was elected made them qualified to serve as an appointee to the Met Council.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT TO TABLE ACTION ON THIS ITEM TO A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

Councilmember Wells indicated he could fully support Option #2. He was of the understanding that items would be tweaked over time. He recommended the Council pursue this option.

Councilmember Manning agreed.

Councilmember Klint believed that additional discussion was needed prior to this item moving forward. She requested further information on Option #2. City Manager Stemwedel provided further clarification on the principals covered by Option #2.

Mayor Koch read the Resolution in full for the Council.

Councilmember Johnson had concerns with the last two whereas statements. He did not want to see the Governor maintain authority over Met Council appointments. It was his hope the reform would move away from this practice.

Councilmember Demmer continued reading the Resolution noting this was the intent of the Resolution.

Councilmember Manning asked if the Council could eliminate the whereas statement that referred to Governor appointments.

Councilmember Geisler suggested the Council change the word “a” to “final” which would allow for the final appointment of Met Council members to the cities.

Councilmember Johnson stated he could support this statement only if the final decision rested with municipalities and not the Governor.

Further discussion ensued regarding the language included within Resolution 16-60, Option #2.

Mayor Koch anticipated Met Council would be looking at the Resolution from 10,000 feet and would understand the City was interested in reform.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-60 (OPTION #2), WHICH IS AN ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION THAT ALIGNS WITH METRO CITIES' POSITION ON METROPOLITAN COUNCIL GOVERNANCE REFORM. THE MOTION PASSED 6-1 (JOHNSON OPPOSED).**

#### OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

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

The business owner at 2605 Coon Rapids Boulevard, stated she has a pine tree that is blocking her business signage. She requested the Council visit her property and assist her with removing this tree.

#### REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

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#### 24. OPEN MIC REPORT – MS. JENNIFER KOCH – 2020 127<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND MR. JERRY PIERCE – 12236 PARTRIDGE STREET

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Mayor Koch discussed Ms. Koch's and Mr. Pierce's comments made during Open Mic at the April 26, 2016 Council meeting.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

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Councilmember Manning reminded staff the ornaments along Riverdale were in need of maintenance or removal.

Councilmember Klint asked for an update on the Foley project. Public Works Director Himmer reported the project was being sent out for bid. He described the project timeline and noted work would begin at Egret Boulevard. He indicated the project would take two construction seasons to complete. He provided further comment on the proposed pond improvements.

Councilmember Klint requested an update on the improvements on Northdale Boulevard. Public Works Director Himmer described the improvements stating Redwood would be signalized, sidewalk would be added along with a full pedestrian crossing. He noted further information on this project was available on the City website each Friday. He anticipated this project would be completed mid-July.

Mayor Koch questioned if Sand Creek project would have additional other barriers to use. Public Works Director Himmer explained this park would not be programmed in 2016. He discouraged activity on Sand Creek Park fields as the City was working to establish the turf. He noted trail usage was allowed.

Mayor Koch reported WCCO/Channel 4 news would be doing a story on the value of wireless interconnected smoke detectors and residential fire sprinkler systems. He noted the story would highlight a fire that occurred at a Coon Rapids townhome association where the smoke detector offered early detection and saved the life of the occupant.

Mayor Koch stated the Department of Defense has started a program for Vietnam War Commemoration. He encouraged the City to get involved in this initiative for Vietnam Vets.

Mayor Koch encouraged the public to attend the Coon Rapids High School's upcoming production of Cinderella.

Neighborhood Coordinator DeGrande reported the Coon Rapids Home Remodeling Tour would occur on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 p.m. and would showcase six of the houses that went through the Home for Generations II program.

City Clerk Lenzmeier commented the City would be sponsoring a Rabies Clinic at Fire Stations 1, 2 and 3. Additional information was available on the City's website.

City Manager Stemwedel indicated former City Manager Bob Pulscher recently passed away. He explained Mr. Polsher served the City of Coon Rapids from 1960 to 1967 and was instrumental in getting Bunker Hills established.

Public Works Director Himmer invited everyone to attend the Public Works Open House on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Public Works Facility.

ADJOURN

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:50 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk