

City of North Saint Paul
May 3, 2022
Approved Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Furlong called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Thorsen
Council Member Petersen
Council Member Cole
Council Member Wong
Mayor Furlong

Staff: City Manager John Stark, Deputy Clerk Jennie Kloos, City Attorney Soren Mattick, City Planner Brandy Howe, Communications Staff Kari Erpenbach

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Petersen, seconded by Council Member Cole, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

V. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda, Resolution No. 2022-041 consisting of:

- A. April 19, 2022 workshop minutes
- B. April 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes
- C. General Claims \$734,030.36
- D. HRA Claims \$9,285.48
- E. EDA Claims \$10,811.75
- F. Supplemental Agreement Between the City of North St. Paul and MN Teamsters Local No. 320
- G. Approve Off-Sale Liquor License Application for Merwin Liquors NSP, LLC
Resolution No. 2022-044
- H. Approval On-Sale and Sunday Liquor License for NSP Hospitality, Inc./DBA Mac's Diner – (subject to meeting the 6-foot fencing requirement) **Resolution No. 2022-043**

- I. Resolution Supporting Statewide Policies and Resources for Public Safety Mental and Physical Injury Education, Prevention and Treatment **Resolution No. 2022-042**
- J. Purchase of 1/0 Underground 10KV Wire
- K. Purchase of Decorative Street Light Poles
- L. Purchase of Wood Utility Poles
- M. Approve Cameron Muhic's Application for a Position on the Planning Commission

VII. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Brandon Bramscher updated the Council and stated on June 24, 2022 the keys will be turned over to him. Mayor Furlong welcomed him and stated he is looking forward to the opening

John Schmahl, expressed his disappointment regarding the City's information on the proposed sidewalk. City Manager John Stark stated it is on the website and city staff would contact him to help provide the appropriate data. Mayor Furlong stated there was a public hearing for this also.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Seppala Boulevard Right-of-Way Vacation

City Planner Brandy Howe presented some background information stating this item received a petition from the property owner who is on 3 sides of the right-of-way. Staff is recommending approval of this vacation. Letters were sent to residents with no concerns and the request met all the requirements for a vacation.

Mayor Furlong opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor Furlong closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

On motion by Council Member Thorsen, second by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 2022-045 Vacating a Portion of Seppala Boulevard.

IX. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approve 2022 Park Improvement Plan

City Manager Stark stated the improvement plan was presented at the last meeting. The discussion focused around the titles of two properties. Mr. Stark noted Parks and Recreation will research both properties to determine how they should be labeled.

Mayor Furlong questioned the requirements for labeling property a park. City Attorney Mattick advised that the title work must be completed first. Mayor Furlong suggested staff look at the title work.

Mr. Stark mentioned prioritizing the budget to include this work. When the Parks and Recreation budget is finished, staff will look at park improvement plan, the proposed funding, and find priorities to fit it within the budget.

Mr. Grachek suggested deferred maintenance in order to save money for continued Park maintenance or equipment.

On motion by Council Member Cole, second by Council Member Petersen, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the 2022 Park Improvement Plan.

X. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

There were no reports of City Manager and Departments.

XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Cole reported the Parks and Recreation meeting will be May 27, 2022. Discussion on Rotary Park will be on a City Council agenda soon. The next EDA meeting is May 10, 2022.

Council Member Wong stated the Arts and Culture Commission meets this Wednesday. The Planning Commission meets this Thursday and will take a final look at the patio furniture item.

Council Member Petersen stated the business association luncheon is next Tuesday at noon and will have a speaker from Anchorview. She also mentioned the student-built house continues to progress with a completed date around the first part of July.

XII. GENERAL BUSINESS

Council Member Petersen stated the city-wide garage sale has 27 residents signed up.

Council Member Cole noted the Fire Appreciation event was a great event and the City-wide cleanup on Saturday was well attended.

Mayor Furlong thanked Public Works for the City-wide clean up and commented on the Fire Appreciation event.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Wong, seconded by Council Member Cole, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Furlong adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

/s/ Terrence J. Furlong, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ John Stark, City Manager/ Clerk