

City of North Saint Paul
April 5, 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 Wong
Mayor Furlong

Absent: Council Member Cole

Staff: City Manager John Stark, Deputy Clerk Jennie Kloos, City Engineer Morgan Dawley, Finance Director Daniel Winek, Communications Consultant Kari Erpenbach, City Attorney Soren Mattick

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Thorsen, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye, motion carried (4-0), to approve the agenda as submitted.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation – Fair Housing Month

Mayor Furlong read the proclamation dedicating the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Thorsen, with all present voting aye, motion carried (4-0), to approve consent agenda items A-Q, and all present voting aye (3-0) with Mayor Furlong abstaining, motion carried to approve consent agenda item R, Resolution No. 2022-033 consisting of:

- A. March 8, 2022 special joint workshop meeting minutes
- B. March 15, 2022 workshop meeting minutes
- C. March 15, 2022 meeting minutes
- D. March 15, 2022 closed session minutes
- E. General Claims \$2,128,359.15

- F. HRA Claims \$592.91
- G. EDA Claims \$527.00
- H. Public Works Employees, Teamsters Local 320, approval of labor contract
- I. AFSCME Council 5, Essential employees, approval of labor contract
- J. AFSCME Council 5, Non-essential employees, approval of labor contract
- K. Patrol Officers, LELS Local 211, approval of contract
- L. Supervisory Unit, IBEW Local # 160, approval of contract
- M. Non-union employee COLA and Wage Adjustment **Resolution No. 2022-034**
- N. 2022 Budget Amendment to add Police Officer and Community Development/Community Services Director to the complement of employees
- O. Purchase of 2024 Mack Plow Truck
- P. Declaration of Equipment Surplus
- Q. 2022 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (CP 22-06) – Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids **Resolution No. 2022-035**
- R. Temporary On-Sale Liquor License and Charitable Gambling Application to Church of St. Peter annual School Gala event on Saturday May 7, 2022 **Resolution No. 2022-036**

Mayor Furlong thanked city staff for their hard work on the union contracts.

VII. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

John Schmal, 2750 Chisholm Avenue, mentioned an error on the consent agenda and discussed the construction notification for Highway 36.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Proposal to Adopt a Street Reconstruction Plan and the Intent to Issue General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds

Finance Director Daniel Winek discussed the 10-year street plan. Winek stated he is providing public notice starting today and residents would need 5% of registered voters to vote against in order for it to go to a vote of the City Council. Winek stated the maximum bond amount would not exceed \$12 million but could be less. Bond funds would be available in June and have been incorporated into the budget. Winek also noted the intent is to use approximately \$10.5 million of the estimated \$12 million that is allowed.

Mayor Furlong wondered if it would be more economical to hold off this project until inflation and costs come down.

City Engineer Morgan Dawley stated although there is inflation the construction market is different and costs have only slightly increased. Bids have started to come in and the City has options moving forward. These options include not awarding a contract, offering flexibility with contractors in order for them to finish on time, or delay it until bids come down.

Mayor Furlong opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Furlong closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

On motion by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye, motion carried (4-0), to adopt Resolution No. 2022-037 adopting a Street Reconstruction Plan and Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds.

IX. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Ordinance Revision Related to Wood Boilers and Other Exterior Heating Devices

Stark explained that a retailer who sells these items inquired about this ordinance. City Attorney Soren Mattick advised that other cities do not allow such devices and noted it might be beneficial for North St. Paul to follow suit. Stark also noted these devices are better suited for structures on larger properties. Mattick stated the amount of smoke that comes from these devices could be detrimental to the health of its residents.

Council Member Thorsen wondered if this addition to the nuisance list was necessary and suggested creating setback dimensions instead. Council Member Thorsen proposed tabling this item to have additional time to look into this.

On motion by Council Member Thorsen, seconded by Council member Peterson, with all present voting aye, motion carried (4-0), to table this item to allow for more clarification.

Stark noted if Council Members have questions to email him directly.

B. Anchor Block Commons Final BMP's (CP 22-05) – Accept Quotes and Award Construction Contract

Dawley discussed this item and defined the acronym BMP, which stands for Best Management Practices and in this instance, means water quality treatment device. Dawley stated this is a requirement of the Watershed District and would cover the north side of Anchor Drive. He also mentioned they received 10 quotes and recommend Winberg Company in the amount of \$113,890.25. This was \$15,000 less than expected.

Council Member Thorsen questioned whether the debris from the apartment building construction would be picked up after this project. Dawley stated the City will look into this but stated some material currently in place may come in handy but will not know until the project is complete.

Dawley reiterated this project aims to remove particles of clay, phosphorous and nutrients. Council Member Thorsen inquired how to ensure this project does not have a negative impact on the City. Dawley stated this is highly regulated at state, local, and Water Shed district.

On motion by Council Member Wong, and seconded by Council Member Thorsen, with all present voting aye, motion carried (4-0), to approve Resolution No. 2022-038 accepting Quotes and Awarding a Construction Contract for the Anchor Block Commons Final BMPS City Project No. 2022-05

X. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

A. Special EDA Meeting on 3/23/22 to Select Preferred Developer for the Lillie Building Property

Stark provided an update on the Lillie Building and stated at the Special EDA meeting on March 23, the EDA has chose the LaValle/Tareen team as developer. The next steps would be negotiated with the family to sign the purchase agreement. The EDA would then enter into a preliminary development agreement. EDA would use the City's legal and financial specialists to help on this project. Stark also noted the developer would reimburse the City for these costs.

Stark provided an update on the 2017 employee policy manual to allow for flexible work schedules including remote work. Stark stated the City is looking to implement some of these schedule changes.

XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Wong mentioned the Planning Commission meets Thursday and Arts and Culture meets tomorrow.

Council Member Peterson mentioned a business luncheon next Tuesday with Dawley. She also noted the student-built house now has windows and started putting up sheet rock.

Council Member Thorsen mentioned the redevelopment master plan committee met last Monday, are making revisions that will go in front of Planning Commission and EDA and discussed an open house taking place of a workshop meeting.

XII. GENERAL BUSINESS

Council Member Wong noted the Food Shelf is working to renovate and move into their new space.

Council Member Peterson noted clean-up day for the public April 30th from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Public Works Department. She also noted garage sales will be held May 5-7 and will receive a sign and address posted on the website for \$10.

Council Member Thorsen noted the excessive amount of trash near Burger King and suggested code enforcement look into it. He also noted the large wall next to Public Works contained graffiti and wondered if this could be painted over to create space for a mural.

Mayor Furlong mentioned a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday at 3:00 for Our Kids Walk in Child Care. He also thanked the Rotary, Business Association and the "elves" who moved the toy shop.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Peterson, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye, motion carried (4-0), Mayor Furlong adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

/s/ Terrence J. Furlong, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ John Stark, City Manager/ Clerk