

City of North Saint Paul
July 19, 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: Interim City Manager Brian Frandle, Deputy Clerk Jennie Kloos, and City Planner Brandy Howe

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.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Thorsen, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda. Resolution No. 2022-067 consisting of:

- A. July 5, 2022 workshop minutes
- B. July 5, 2022 regular meeting minutes
- C. July 5, 2022 HRA meeting minutes
- D. General Claims \$1,454,298.89
- E. HRA Claims \$1,707.31
- F. LMCIT Waiver for the Economic Development Authority Liability Insurance
Resolution No. 2022-068
- G. Special Event – American Legion Brat and Corn Fest
- H. Application for a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License and an Application for a Charitable Gambling for Exempt Permit for the Church of St. Peter, North St. Paul, September 17 & 18, 2022 **Resolution No. 2022-069**
- I. Community Center Roof Repair
- J. Building Permit Report – June 2022

- K. Resolution Approving Acceptance of Donations Received June 2022 **Resolution No. 2022-070**
- L. Declare Surplus Property – Fire Department (2007 Chevrolet Trail Blazer) **Resolution No. 2022-071**

VI. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

John Schmahl, via Zoom, expressed concern about the water billing and the power rate increase. Mayor Furlong questioned Mr. Schmahl about the specifications of the power rate.

VII. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Redevelopment Master Plan Approval

City Planner Brandy Howe presented this item and stated the report in the packet is the final draft. A public hearing occurred and residents did not have any changes or suggestions for the plan. The Planning Commission also offered some final suggestions that are included in the packet.

Mayor Furlong commented on and appreciated the number of groups and Commissions that worked on this Plan as it details what the future of North St. Paul will look like. City Planner Howe stated the Planning Commission along with the EDA recommended approval of the Master Plan as well.

On motion by Council Member Petersen, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried approving the Redevelopment Policy Document for Downtown North St. Paul.

VIII. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

A. The Lillie Redevelopment Update

Interim City Manager Frandle updated City Council on current construction projects around the City. He also commented on the most recent power outage and how quickly the Public Works Department restored power to approximately 1,000 residents.

Mr. Frandle stated the packet included an updated picture of the Lillie building and reported he received good feedback from the neighborhood meeting. He also mentioned this will come back to City Council when more details become available.

XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Cole stated Parks and Recreation will meet July 27th in City Hall and the EDA met and recommended the Redevelopment Master Plan. Next EDA meeting will be August 9, 2022.

Council Member Wong stated the Planning Commission met July 7th to consider finishing touches to the Sign Ordinance and will hold a public hearing on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. following

the Joint Planning Commission/EDA meeting. She also noted the Arts and Culture Commission launched a call for artists for the Snowy project. Their next meeting is August 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Petersen stated she was elected president for a group called the “Women of City Government” and had attended a policy meeting on revenue disparities for League of MN Cities. She noted the student-built house is complete.

Council Member Thorsen inquired about the current tenant in the Lillie building. He questioned if there is or will be any assistance to help offset the cost of relocating the tenant. Mr. Frandle explained that City Attorney Soren Mattick reached out to this resident and is in contact with him about the situation. Mr. Frandle noted monetary assistance is not probable. Council Member Thorsen reiterated the question and Mr. Frandle stated the City will not provide monetary assistance.

XII. GENERAL BUSINESS

Council Member Cole noted Music in the Park is Thursday at Casey Lake featuring a duet group. He also expressed his appreciation for the student-built house program and the opportunity to grill for the Fire Department event.

Council Member Wong added the Fire Department grill event was a success and the Art Cart will be at Music in the Park.

Council Member Petersen stated other cities that attended the open house were impressed with the student-built house program and will look to do something similar.

Council Member Thorsen noted a resident expressed concern about car show noise. Council Member Thorsen stated he is not aware of any complaints or concerns related to the Car Show and hopes it continues to grow.

Mayor Furlong expressed his appreciation for the Fire Department picnic, mentioned the community center meeting on July 28th, Mac’s Diner’s grand opening is Monday July 25th and National Night Out will be August 2, 2022.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Council Member Wong, seconded by Council Member Cole, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Furlong recessed the regular the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

/s/ Terrence J. Furlong, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, Interim City Manager