

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS
MARCH 4, 2020**

The meeting of the Council of the City of Vadnais Heights was held on the above date and called to order by Acting Mayor Johnson at 7:03 p.m.

Everyone present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Council Members: Craig Johnson, Bob Morse, Patricia Youker and Greg Urban.

The following members were absent: Mayor Heidi Gunderson.

Also present were: Kevin Watson, City Administrator, Tim Sandvik, Assistant City Administrator, Nolan Wall, Planning/Community Development Director, Jesse Farrell, Public Works Director, Bob Sundberg, Finance Director, Caroline Bell Beckman, City Attorney and Peggy Aho, Deputy City Clerk.

City Administrator Watson provided several announcements.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Administrator Watson suggested that Agenda Item #10A be amended to remove the action to amend Division 7 of the City Code because current License Holders need to be notified prior to any action being taken.

Upon motion by Urban, seconded by Morse, it was

20-03-040 “RESOLVED that the March 4, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.”

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 18, 2020 Regular Workshop Meeting

Upon motion by Morse, seconded by Urban, it was

20-03-041 “RESOLVED, to approve the February 18, 2020 Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented.”

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

B. February 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Upon motion by Urban, seconded by Morse, it was

20-03-042 “RESOLVED, to approve the February 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.”

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Youker, seconded by Morse, it was

20-03-043 “RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda Items #7A-7F for the February 18, 2020 meeting be approved as follows:

- A. Consider Approving Claims #78961 Through #79014 and Electronic Claims #1471 Through #1475 for Payment
- B. Consider Authorizing Staff to Advertise for the Fire Chief Position
- C. Consider Authorizing Staff to Advertise for the Building Official Position
- D. Consider Authorizing the Purchase of a Utility Truck
- E. Consider Approval of a Development Agreement Amendment with Ramsey County for the Indoor Turf Facility
- F. Consider Approval of Dark Fiber Lease with Comcast.”

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Acting Mayor Johnson opened the floor to the public at 7:07 p.m. There being no one that wished to speak, Johnson closed the floor at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENTATION(S): None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance No. 738 – Amendment to the 2020 Fee Schedule and Amendment to City Code, Division 7, Tobacco

City Administrator Watson noted that the proposed amendment to the 2020 Fee Schedule requires a public hearing be held. Watson noted that the amendment reflects the

discussion at a Workshop earlier this year to adjust the Park Dedication Fee for multi-family dwellings and the Fire Suppression and Fire Extinguisher Equipment, Fire Alarm, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Plumbing Fees which were inadvertently changed in the version adopted by the Council at its January 7th meeting.

Acting Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 pm. There being no one that wished to speak, Johnson closed the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Upon motion by Urban, seconded by Youker, it was

20-03-044 “RESOLVED, that the Council approve the amendment to the 2020 Fee Schedule as presented. “

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Case 20-001: The Luther Group, LLLP – Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Rezoning, Planned Unit Development Amendment

Planning/Community Development Director Wall gave an overview of the applicant’s request for a comp plan amendment and rezoning and a PUD amendment. Wall noted that all three requests will bring the site into conformance. He said that the Planning Commission recommends approval by the Council.

Sean Murphy, Landform, said that Luther is very excited about the project.

Upon motion by Urban, seconded by Morse, it was

20-03-045 “RESOLVED, that the Council adopts an ordinance amending the official zoning map for the unaddressed property located at the northeast corner of the Willow Lake Boulevard/International Drive intersection, from Industrial (I) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.”

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

Upon motion by Urban, seconded by Youker, it was

20-03-046 “RESOLVED, that the Council adopts a resolution approving a Comprehensive Plan Amendment from Industrial to Highway Commercial and a Planned Unit Development Amendment for the unaddressed property located at the northeast corner of the Willow Lake Boulevard/International Drive intersection.”

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

B. Labor Agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 49 (April 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022)

Assistant City Administrator Sandvik noted that the item before the Council is a Labor Agreement with Local No. 49, AFL-CIO. He noted that the Labor Agreement will be in effect through 2022. He said that there is a modest increase over the current Agreement and this increase will keep the City competitive with others. Council Member Johnson asked about the ‘me too clause’ and if it is in affect for all the years of the Agreement. Sandvik replied that it is, and that the language was inadvertently left out of the Agenda Item.

Upon motion by Morse, seconded by Urban, it was

20-02-047 “RESOLVED, that the Council approves the Labor Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 49 as presented and authorizes the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.”

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

C. Consider Setting Tuesday, March 17, 2020 Workshop and Agenda

City Administrator Watson noted that the March 17, 2020 Workshop agenda may include a closed session to discuss the Staehli property and the potential sale of the property. He said that the agenda may also include an update on the Council’s goals that were adopted by the Council in 2019 and a discussion on the franchise fees and potentially a discussion about the Fire Department and/or communications staffer.

COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Sandvik noted the Parks and Rec Commission is seeking input from the public about the Kohler Meadows playground. He noted that an open house has been scheduled for March 19. Staff hope to have the Council act on the playground design at a meeting in April. Sandvik stated that Spring/Summer proگرامing registration opens this week. He said that the Heritage Days Committee continues to meet and is still looking for volunteers. A variety of summer seasonal positions at the City will be posted on the City’s website this month.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Farrell reported that hot mix is now available and the street crews have identified area streets that need patching.

Planning/Community Development Director Wall said that the two active apartment construction sites are reactivating and that staff will be checking on erosion control in the construction areas.

Council Member Morse noted that he had met with Julia Wolfe from Ramsey County and some of the local senior services. They met with the consortium of community resources regarding collaboration on what can be done for seniors in the area. He said that 43% of the City's population are baby boomers age or above. He said that the City is moving towards being an age friendly community.

City Administrator Watson said that City staff are keeping updated on the Corona Virus. They plan on having a meeting with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office to talk about what the City's response would be if there and when there was an incident in town or in the area. Staff is trying to make sure staff are prepared.

There being no further business, Council Member Urban made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Watson, City Administrator