

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS
MAY 15, 2018**

The regular 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Heidi Gunderson, Terry Nyblom, and Greg Urban.

The following member was absent: Mayor Bob Fletcher.

Also present were: City Administrator Kevin Watson, City Engineer Mark Graham; City Attorney Caroline Bell Beckman, and Jeff Melcoch, Cable Producer.

City Administrator Watson provided several other announcements.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Councilmember Urban recommending amending the May 15, 2018 Agenda to add a Consent Agenda Item #7C, Change the date of the June 5th Regular Council Meeting to June 4th.

Upon motion by Gunderson, seconded by Nyblom, it was

18-05-89 “RESOLVED, that the Consent Item #7C, Change the date of the Tuesday, June 5th Regular Council meeting to Monday, June 4th be added to the May 15, 2018 Regular Council meeting agenda as proposed.”

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

Upon motion by Nyblom, seconded by Urban, it was

18-05-90 “RESOLVED, that the agenda as amended for the May 15, 2018 Council Meeting be approved as amended.”

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 1, 2018 Workshop Meeting

Upon motion by Nyblom, seconded by Urban, it was

18-05-91 “RESOLVED, to approve the May 1, 2018 Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented.”

Ayes – 3 Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 (Johnson)

The resolution was adopted.

B. May 1, 2018 Regular Meeting

Councilmember Nyblom made a motion that the minutes be amended, bottom of page 7, remove the typo “that that”

Upon motion by Nyblom, seconded by Gunderson, it was

18-05-92 “RESOLVED, to approve the May 1, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented and amended.”

Ayes – 3 Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 (Johnson)

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Gunderson, seconded by Urban, it was

18-05-93 “RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda items for the May 15, 2018, meeting be approved as follows:

- A. Approve Claims #76077 Through #76146 and Electronic Claims #1223 Through #1228 for Payment
 - A.1. US Bank Visa Payment in the Amount of \$5,066.45
- B. Accept and Acknowledge Tree Donation by North Star Mini-Storage
- C. Change the date of the June 5th Regular Council meeting to June 4, 2018.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Proclamation for EMS Week.

City Administrator Watson read the Proclamation before the Council for approval. Melinda Hargis, Allina Health EMS, thanked the Council for issuing the Proclamation on behalf of the Alina EMS and their public safety partners.

Upon motion by Gunderson, seconded by Urban, it was

18-05-94 “RESOLVED, that the Vadnais Heights City Council formally designates May 20-26, 2018 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week in the City of Vadnais Heights.”

Ayes - 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Setting Monday, June 4, 2018 Workshop and Agenda

City Administrator Watson, noted the proposed items for the June 4, 2018 Workshop meeting as: quotes on water meters for upgrading system, contract with Lorah Palmer for the Commons Facility, and future marketing plans for the City. Councilmember Nyblom asked if staff can provide at the Workshop a list as it relates to what other cities are doing with regards to water meters. Acting Mayor Johnson asked if staff will have a quote on how much the meters will cost and also a plan for how the City may finance the purchase. City Engineer Graham replied yes.

Upon motion to approve Nyblom, seconded by Gunderson, it was

18-05-95 “RESOLVED, to set a June 4, 2018 Workshop meeting and Agenda including discussion of: upgrading the City’s water meter system; contract with Lorah Palmer for the Common’s Facility; and future marketing plans for the City with a 5:30 pm start time as discussed.”

Ayes - 4 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Engineer Graham said that he had nothing to report.

City Attorney Beckman said that she had nothing to report.

Councilmember Urban said that he had nothing to report. Urban asked for an update on the discussion on the Buerkle Road held at the last Council meeting. City Engineer Graham replied no, he has had no opportunity to meet with any contractors to get quotes. Urban said he has driven that Road a dozen times in the past week and he doesn’t see any drainage issues there. Obviously the pavement is bad, but the curbs are in good condition. He agreed that work does need to be done on that road, and perhaps it needs to be assessed, but he thinks a reclaim and pave would be a good value for everyone involved. He said that he will be interested in seeing more information on the project.

Councilmember Gunderson said that she and others from the City attended the Northeast Youth and Family Services luncheon. She asked when the flowers and flags will go up on the light poles. City Engineer Graham replied before Memorial Day.

Councilmember Nyblom said that he had a citizen call and ask when the City will be sweeping the streets. City Engineer Graham said that the Public Works Department is just completing the

hydrant flushing and are now out beginning the street sweeping. Nyblom asked if the City usually flushes the hydrants before it does the street sweeping. Graham replied yes but we've also lost several weeks of maintenance due to the long winter. Nyblom asked if the June 4th Council meeting will be taped. City Administrator Watson replied that it will definitely be taped.

Acting Mayor Johnson said that he attended a Rush Line Corridor meeting where they selected candidates for a Citizens Committee. There were four applicants from Vadnais, all four were selected. He said that there had been a fire on Westfield Lane and the City's Fire Department response was very quick. They managed to put the fire out without it damaging any neighboring homes. He said he appreciates the City's Fire Department and the good work they do.

Councilmember Urban made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 pm, and that the Council go into a Closed Session to discuss the McCullough vs. the City of Vadnais Heights litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Watson, City Administrator

ATTEST:

Bob Fletcher, Mayor