

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2014

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on January 21, 2014 at 7:05 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers. Mayor Weir presided.

I. ROLL CALL

Members present: Anderson, Pederson, Martin, and Weir.

Members absent: Martinson.

Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, City Attorney Ron Batty, City Engineer Tom Kellogg, City Planner Dusty Finke, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Public Safety Director Ed Belland, and Recording Secretary Amanda Staple.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (7:05 p.m.)

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (7:05 p.m.)

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7:05 p.m.)

A. Approval of the January 7, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

It was noted on page eight, line 20, it should state, "Family Homes proposed two types of housing in the mixed use zoning ordinance." On page eight, line 36, it should state, "...and then do not come in with more..." On page nine, line 23, it should state, "...the Planning Park Commission..."

*Moved by Pederson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the January 7, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.***

V. CONSENT AGENDA (7:08 p.m.)

A. Approve Raffle Permit to North Memorial Foundation on February 7, 2014 at 500 Highway 55

B. Resolution No. 2014-06 Accepting Resignation of Janet White from the Park Commission

C. Resolution No. 2014-07 Approving a Mixed Use Stage I Plan for D.R. Horton, Inc. – Minnesota

D. Resolution 2014-08 Approving a Preliminary Plat for a Subdivision to be known as "Fawn Meadows"

E. Ordinance No. 559 Amending the Official Zoning Map to Rezone the Property Being Subdivided as "Fawn Meadows"

F. Resolution No. 2014-09 Authorizing Publication of Ordinance No. 559 Amending the Official Zoning Map to Rezone the Property Being Subdivided as "Fawn Meadows" by Title and Summary

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Pederson, to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passed unanimously.***

VI. COMMENTS (7:09 p.m.)

A. Comments from Citizens on Items not on the Agenda

Jerry Hertaus, State Representative, introduced himself to the Council. He stated that the legislature will be convening again on February 25th and asked that any issues of concern from the City or residents be forwarded to him. He noted that interested individuals can register for email updates via the House of Representatives website. He highlighted recent legislative activity and issues that will come before the legislature in this next session. He reviewed the Committees on which he serves and recent tax changes.

Weir stated that she is somewhat concerned with the growing interest in e-cigarettes and the possible link to young people.

Hertaus stated that he has heard that there is a bill, which may come forward to treat e-cigarettes as cigarettes, meaning that they would be prohibited in the same manner, but he was unsure that the bill would come forward from the Committee.

Weir also expressed concern with road funding.

Hertaus stated that he does not sit on the Transportation Committee but is working with Senator Osmeck to bring focus to the issue of improving roadways in this area, including Highway 55 and 494.

Weir thanked Hertaus for attending the meeting.

B. Park Commission

Scherer had nothing to report at this time.

C. Planning Commission

Finke reported that the Planning Commission did not meet the following week, but will consider the Dominion Concept Plan at their February meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Chase Anderson, Wayzata Public Schools Superintendent – Discuss February 25th Referendum (7:23 p.m.)

Jim Westrom, Executive Director of Finance for the Wayzata School District, stated that the School District has called for an election to take place on February 25th to consider two referendum questions. The first would be whether to expand Wayzata High School and construct a new elementary school and the second question would be whether to renew the existing technology levy. He played a short video, which provided additional information on the School District, the anticipated growth and the needs for the future. He stated that the School District has been in contact with each of the cities it serves and noted that Medina, Plymouth, Corcoran, and Maple Grove are anticipating significant growth in the next ten years. He stated that the District is very confident with the information presented and advised that additional information can be found on the District website. He explained that there is also a calculator found on the website, which can provide the exact tax impact for homes within the District, should the referendums pass. He confirmed that voting locations can be found on the School District website and advised that a mailing was also sent to those within the District with their voting location. He advised that absentee ballots are also allowed for those who are not able to attend on February 25th. He advised that 36 acres of land was purchased from the Elm

Creek Golf Course in order to accommodate the high school expansion. He stated that there are plans to seek out an additional 20 to 30 acres to accommodate the new elementary school.

Martin asked for additional information in regard to the class sizes and the link between a large amount of students and the likelihood that there may not be enough spots available for students to participate in extracurricular activities.

Westrom provided information on the class sizes for the different ranks of schools and reported that in high school 84 percent of the students participate in extracurricular activities, explaining that there are multiple teams available for each sport.

The Council thanked Westrom for his presentation and encouraged residents to vote on February 25th.

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (7:36 p.m.)

A. Commuter Bus Survey

Johnson advised that a copy of the revised survey was included in the Council packet and thanked Sarah Hellekson of the Plymouth staff that worked with him and Weir to draft the survey language. He asked for any input or questions from the Council.

Martin commented that the survey was very well done and provided minor grammatical suggestions.

Weir stated that after speaking with Plymouth staff she learned that the timeline from the bus stop nearest to Medina to downtown Minneapolis would be approximately 40 minutes, but that would depend on the bus stop and the route the bus would take. She stated that she will attempt to gain more specific information on the length of the bus ride. She confirmed that this item could be mentioned in the City newsletter. She also believed that Johnson should speak with the owners of the Medina Entertainment Center to determine their level of interest.

Martin stated that a general statement could be included that would a general assumption could be included to the effect that the buses were to pick-up at the Medina Entertainment Center with a ride time of approximately 45 minutes to reach downtown Minneapolis and question how likely residents would be to participate.

B. Reschedule City Goal Setting Session – Originally Scheduled for February 25th

Johnson noted that the School District referendum is scheduled for February 25th and therefore the Council meeting would need to be rescheduled. He suggested February 26th as the date for the goals session.

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Martin, to reschedule the City Goal Setting Session, originally scheduled for February 25th, to February 26th at 6:00 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.***

IX. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (7:44 p.m.)

Pederson commented on the success of the volunteer recognition event and the lifesaving awards that were issued to members of the Police Department. He noted that he also attended the Uptown Hamel meeting earlier today.

Anderson echoed the comments made by Pederson in regard to the volunteer recognition event.

Weir reported on her recent attendance at the Regional Mayors meeting.

Johnson reported that the new Public Works and Police facility open house will occur the following day from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and welcomed members of the public.

X. APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS (7:47 p.m.)

*Moved by Pederson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the bills, EFT 002429E-002447E for \$42,445.93, and order check numbers 040700-040794 for \$432,296.63, payroll EFT 505426-505450 for \$46,772.24 and payroll check number 020417 for \$578.38. **Motion passed unanimously.***

XI. ADJOURN

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Pederson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Elizabeth Weir, Mayor

Attest:

Scott Johnson, City Administrator