

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
September 30, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Huang at 7 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Grau, and Mayor Pro Tem Huang. Absent: Mayor Windschitl.

Also Present: Luke Melchert, City Attorney; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. School District Referendum

Gwen Michael, 7100 Gunflint Trail, Chanhassen, presented questions regarding the School District Referendum and handed a document to the Council and Staff regarding information from District 112. She asked the Council to not compose a letter in support of this referendum.

Julie Peplinski, 2470 Marsh View Ct, Victoria, stated she supports Ms. Michael's statements.

Julie Slater, 8225 Kelzer Pond Dr, Victoria, explained she has concerns with the equity training staff in School District 112 received and that tax dollars are used to implement the equity program. She asked the Council not to endorse the referendum.

Tiffany Williams, 2460 Marsh View Ct, Victoria, stated she supports Ms. Slater's statements.

William Mcneely, 9940 Deerbrook Dr, Chanhassen, also explained he supports Ms. Slater's statements.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Grau asked for clarification on the item.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further detail regarding the Park Naming Policy Revision.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the Consent Agenda Item A:

- A. Chaska Parks and Recreation-Park Naming Policy Revision
Motion to approve revised Park Naming Policy.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Adopt Resolution 2019-103, Resolution Establishing a Maximum Preliminary City Tax Levy for Payable 2020

City Administrator Podhradsky presented the item to the Council.

Councilmember Grau noted that the Council has seen much of this information in various open work sessions and that this is the formal presentation to the Council for approval.

Ms. Michael inquired if the City and School District use similar tools to calculate population projections.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further detail regarding projection calculations and the differing demographics between the City and School District.

The Council discussed the importance of the tax levy and upkeep of the City.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt a Resolution 2019-103 establishing a proposed payable 2020 maximum property tax levy. Motion carried.

8.B. Adopt Resolution 2019-104, Resolution in Support of School District Referendum

City Administrator Podhradsky presented the item to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang noted he would recuse himself from voting on the resolution.

The Council shared their thoughts regarding the referendum.

Ms. Michael inquired about the growth projections from the past five years not reaching the estimated projections at Eastern Carver County and whether that was concerning.

City Administrator Podhradsky explained to the Council that the projections in their reports are from the School District and they have a different demographic than the City for projection calculations.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired where the information for the spreadsheet Ms. Michael handed out earlier originated.

Ms. Michael stated that it was provided by Eastern Carver County School District.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further clarity regarding how the School District looks at capacity.

Ms. Michael asked what the plan is if the district over-builds.

City Administrator Podhradsky commented that Western Carver County is projected to increase in population.

The Council discussed the importance of the proposed elementary school being situated where the growth in population is happening.

Ms. Peplinski stated that she doesn't see the need to rush into approving the referendum. She explained that she wants to feel good about supporting the referendum but does not at this point with questions left unanswered.

Elizabeth Provinzino, 1947 Creek View Court, Chanhassen, asked if future residents of Carver will be benefiting from the new school without having to pay for it, and stated that in voting for the referendum, all pieces of it will be approved, not just bus garages and school construction.

Jennifer Palmquist, 9961 Deerbrook Drive, Chanhassen, asked if the Council has investigated equity plans in any of the other districts and if the potential for a 30% reduction in enrollment has been considered.

Jared Slater, 8225 Kelzer Pond, Victoria, thanked the Council for doing their research and stated there is not a rush for this referendum. He asked that they look at the numbers further and provide answers for many of the questions the residents have.

Ms. Michael referred to a memo handed out from the School District and compared it to the information that is on the referendum website. She stated there is conflicting numbers and that residents want clarification.

The Council shared their thoughts regarding the referendum.

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt resolution 2019-104 supporting Independent School District 112 November 2019 Referendum. Motion carried.

9. Bills

Accounts Payable Council Roster 9-30-19

Mayor Pro Tem Huang inquired about bills on pages 2, 5, 7, 8, and 22.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Grau and Mayor Pro Tem Huang. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.B. Administrator's Bi-Weekly Report 9/30/2019

10.C. Other Meeting Minutes

10.C.i. Receive the Draft Minutes of the September 11, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting.

10.C.ii. Receive the Draft Minutes of the August 22, 2019 Human Rights Commission.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Commented that the Council retreat was amazing.
- Noted that she heard wonderful feedback regarding the Oktoberfest festivities.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Agreed that the Council retreat was very helpful.

Councilmember Grau:

- Also agreed the retreat went well.
- Stated the Oktoberfest event was well done.
- Asked when Dunkin Donuts is opening and what other businesses are going in at that site. City Administrator Podhradsky provided more information regarding those tenants.
- Noted the Chaska Par 30 is picking up State and National recognition.
- Stated that he has heard positive feedback about the ninja warrior park nearby and that neighbors of his would love something like that in their area.
- Reminded the Council the Trail of Fun is on October 18, 2019 at Athletic Park.

Assistant City Administrator Kabat:

- Noted the Southwest Metro Manufacturing Forum is Friday, October 4th from 11am-2pm.
- Stated FormaCoat will be celebrating their grand opening on October 12 from 11am-2pm.
- Noted the Human Rights Commission is hosting a three-part series called Race: The Power of Illusion on October 10, 24 and November 7 from 6-8pm at the Community Center.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Stated a work session will be scheduled for the department heads to highlight their departments.

Mayor Pro Tem Huang:

- Agreed that Oktoberfest was successful, and it looked like a big turnout at Schram's.

- Noted that he forwarded the FCC newsletter to City Administrator Podhradsky and thought it might be useful to distribute it.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Motion carried.