

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
April 20, 2020

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, Grau, And Mayor Windschitl. *(Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, and Grau participated remotely per State Statute 13D.021).*

Absent: None.

Also Present: Luke Melchert, City Attorney; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator. *(Kevin Ringwald, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; City Engineer Matt Clark; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator participated remotely).*

4. Adopt the Agenda

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

Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. Overview of COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Dr. Richard Scott, Carver County Health & Humans Services Deputy Division Director and COVID-19 Unified Command, Incident Co-Commander, provided an overview of the pandemic response.

Councilmember Grau inquired if the seasonal flu that was hard hitting early in the year is done.

Dr. Scott explained that due to social distancing, influenza cases have radically decreased.

Councilmember Huang inquired if the pace of the COVID-19 serology-based testing is known and how that would look for testing across a population.

Dr. Scott provided further detail regarding the benefits of this type of testing and the challenges that exist with it.

Mayor Windschitl asked for further clarity regarding mass testing and whether someone is immune to COVID-19 once having it.

Dr. Scott gave additional information about mass testing and potential immunity.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired if those who contracted COVID-19 a second time had it less severe than the first time.

Dr. Scott stated he has not read the research on that but would suspect it would be the case.

Councilmember Hubbard also asked what resources are available to businesses to put best practices in place if they are allowed to reopen.

Dr. Scott referred to prepared reopening documents and stated the goal is preserve the health and safety of stakeholders and implementing practices that do this are important. He stated the MN Department of Health will be working closely with the Governor to outline these strategies.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired when the proper PPE supply is anticipated.

Dr. Scott stated that is hard to know but flattening the curve allows time for those supplies to catch up with the need.

5.B. Overview of COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Tim Wiebe, EOC Director, provided an update on the City's COVID-19 pandemic response.

Mayor Windschitl and City Administrator Podhradsky shared their thoughts on how the City has responded to the pandemic.

Mayor Windschitl spoke briefly about some light-hearted actions happening in Chaska during this time and along with City Administrator Podhradsky, provided an update on Chaska Cares.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through F:

- A. Approve Resolution 2020-25, Approving Parking Restrictions on Stoughton Ave and Beech Street
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-25, Prohibiting Parking on Stoughton Avenue from Fifth to Sixth Street and the East side of Beech Street between Fourth Street and Fifth Street.
- B. Adopt Resolution 2020-26, Accepting Gifts and Donations
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-26, acknowledging and accepting gifts to the City of Chaska received during the period January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020.
- C. Adopt Resolution 2020-27, Approve Bond Sale Reimbursement
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-27 relating to financing certain proposed projects and establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.

- D. Approve Transient Accommodations Renewals
Motion to approve all 2020-2021 transient accommodation licenses effective May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- E. Adopt Resolution 2020-28, Approving the Final Site & Building Plan for QualiTech, Inc. at 150 Jonathan Blvd N/Omar Haque/PC #2020-09
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-28 approving the Final Site & Building Plan for QualiTech, Inc. (PC# 2020-09).
- F. Adopt the Chaska ADA Transition Plan for Public Right of Way
Motion to Adopt the Chaska ADA Transition Plan for Public Right of Way.

Motion carried.

A representative from QualiTech thanked the Council.

8. Action Items

8.A. Approve McKnight Wetland Bank Application

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

City Engineer Clark presented the item to the Council.

Mayor Windschitl inquired about how this project commenced.

City Administrator Podhradsky and City Engineer Clark explained the history of the project.

Mayor Windschitl asked if this project will be hired out.

City Engineer Clark stated what can be done in-house will be, and the rest will be hired out.

Councilmember Huang looked for more explanation regarding the need to replace wetland if this project does not to occur.

City Engineer Clark gave further detail into the steps from Wetland Conservation Act.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to Approve the McKnight Wetland Bank Application. Motion carried.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Council Roster 4-20-2020

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 6, 8, 12, 24, 27, 36, 48, 68, 69, 78, 104, and also about Rotary Club dues and Webex fees.

City Administrator Podhradsky, Assistant Administrator Kabat, and City Engineer Clark provided further information regarding those bills.

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

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.B. Bi-Weekly – April 20, 2020

10.C. Other Meeting Minutes

10.C.i. Receive the Minutes of the March 11th Planning Commission Meeting.

10.C.ii. Receive the Draft Minutes of the 02-27-2020 Human Rights Commission Meeting.

10.C.iii. Receive the Draft Minutes of the April 11th Planning Commission Meeting.

Councilmember Grau:

- Reported he had a constituent asking about raising chickens in the City. City Administrator Podhradsky offered to present the former power point presentation that had been done regarding this topic. Mayor Windschitl commented that this is a difficult topic but there has not been much City-wide interest in the past.
- Commended the residents of Chaska in their response to COVID-19.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Reported the Auxiliary Easter Bunny Parade went well and was a fun and thanked Chaska Cares for partnering with them.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Welcomed the new police chief Ryan Seibert.
- Noted the Highway 10 corridor study is happening, and residents can go onto the Carver County website for information and for public input.
- Reminded residents to input their information for the 2020 Census. City Attorney Melchert also noted that entering census data is critical and the data entry process is quite easy.
- Reported she is sitting on a call tomorrow with Representative Nash, Senator Jensen, and Beacon Interfaith.

Councilmember Huang:

- Noted the input now from residents directly affects the funding for the Highway 10 corridor project. City Administrator Podhradsky reported that this will be an item at the next work session.
- Noted Representative Phillips is having a ZOOM conference call hosted by the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce on Thursday at 2:30 pm.
- Updated the Council on SouthWest Transit status and funding possibilities through the CARES Act.
- Also commended the residents for making the most of this hard time.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Noted Christmas in May will occur this year, albeit in a different format.

- Reported the Chaska Clean-up Day is May 2, 2020 from 8am to 2pm.
- Noted there is a Carver County Foundation that has money that is able to be given out to different 501.C3s and stated Chaska is looking to start a fund locally.
- Welcomed Chief Seibert.
- Noted the next Council Meeting is May 4th via ZOOM, and that the meeting on May 18th, if occurring in person, will be at the Community Center.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm.

Motion carried.