

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
November 30, 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.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Kevin Ringwald, Community Development Director; Luke Melchert, City Attorney; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; City Engineer Matt Clark; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

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. COVID Pandemic Update

Dr. Richard Scott with Carver County Public Health provided an update on COVID-19 in the State and County.

Mayor Windschitl inquired if there is any insight into how some members of a household can test positive for COVID and be sick and others in the household can be negative and not get sick.

Dr. Scott explained the reason for that is still not known and continued his update.

Councilmember Huang asked where Carver County is with ICU bed capacity and available, qualified medical staff.

Dr. Scott explained Carver is currently within its surge capacity, but the larger concern is the availability of qualified medical staff.

Councilmember Huang also inquired if Carver County is experiencing retention challenges with medical staff.

Dr. Scott provided insight into that and how hospitals have benefited from traveler care.

Councilmember Huang referred to questions of hospitals benefiting economically by increase in case diagnosis and asked if that is true.

Dr. Scott noted that many CEOs of many major hospitals shared at the governor's conference how much money they are losing.

Councilmember Grau asked if there is any information regarding immunity.

Dr. Scott explained there is no definitive answer yet, but generally speaking the immunity at minimum would be 90 days.

Councilmember Hubbard asked if persons who have recovered from COVID will still be encouraged to receive a vaccination when they are available.

Dr. Scott stated he does not have an answer for that at this time.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired what the typical turnaround time for test results and if there is a testing method that is better than others.

Dr. Scott explained that nasal swab and saliva testing methods are used for diagnostics, but that both have false negatives and false positives. He explained the estimated result timeframes for different testing methods and sites.

Councilmember Grau noted the difficulty some residents experience with obtaining tests when they are asymptomatic but yet required to test.

Dr. Scott provided further clarity regarding the testing sites that do not prohibit testing for asymptomatic persons.

Mayor Windschitl inquired about the new quarantine period of 10 days.

Dr. Scott noted that he would have to check for certain but spoke to the 10 quarantine from onset of symptoms versus exposure quarantine.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hatfield inquired if this would change the look of 5th Street and if there is any reason work around 6th Street bridge is limited to the bridge.

City Engineer Clark stated that as far as look, 5th Street will look much like it does across from City Hall. He also provided further clarity into the funding and logistics that allow for 6th Street bridge to be done.

Mayor Windschitl inquired of timeline for Maple Street and if there is a need for correspondence.

City Engineer Clark and City Administrator Podhradsky gave further detail regarding this. Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Mayor Windschitl to approve the Consent Agenda Item A:

- A. Adopt Resolution 2020-92 2021 Downtown Reconstruction Project Feasibility Study
Motion to approve Resolution 2020-92 ordering preparation of the feasibility study for the 2021 Downtown Street/Utility Reconstruction Project.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. City Square West Preferred Developer Process

Assistant Administrator Kabat presented the item to the Council.

The Council discussed which councilmembers would sit on this interview and the logistics of the interview.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to appoint Councilmember Hatfield and Councilmember Grau to participate in the developer interviews to be held on December 9th, with the intent to identify a consensus recommendation to Council on December 21st. Motion carried.

City Podhradsky noted that there will be opportunity for involvement and that they are hopeful the proposed developer will attend the December 21, 2020 meeting.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Council Roster 11-30-2020

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 1, 5, 6, 17, 18, and 20.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau 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. Met Council Blue Ribbon Recommendations

10.B. City Administrator's Report

10.B.i. Biweekly 11-30-20

10.C. Other Meeting Minutes

10.C.i. Receive the Oct 14, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Huang:

- Noted there is a food distribution event on December 17 at the Gedney location and volunteers are needed.

- Updated the Council on the Met Council Blue Ribbon Recommendations Draft and noted it is a working document of what the Blue Ribbon Commission is thinking.
- Updated the Council on the potential merger of MBTA and SouthWest Transit. Councilmember Hatfield noted it would be important for the unique needs of the current SouthWest Transit service area are not lost to the larger MBTA. Mayor Windschitl agreed it is important that the identity factor remains.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Encouraged residents to shop small this holiday season.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Also encouraged residents to shop small and noted several specials local businesses are running.

Councilmember Grau:

- Inquired if there were any updates on the proposed development near his neighborhood. Community Development Director Ringwald gave a brief update on that timeline.
- Noted he spoke at the SouthWest Chamber Mayors Meeting and that it went well and encouraged residents to watch it and stay informed of what is going on in the area.
- Thanked the teachers and administration for their work and for how well distance learning is going.
- Thanked all the frontline healthcare and essential workers for what they are doing with the COVID pandemic and encouraged residents to continue to wear masks and social distance.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Noted the 100 Club virtual event is on Sunday.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Asked about a speed limit sign issue on Stoughton Avenue. City Engineer Clark stated they will look into it and agreed it needs changing.
- Encouraged residents to shop at local businesses and noted there will be outdoor events coming up.
- Noted the next Council meetings are December 7 and 21.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Motion carried.