

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
February 1, 2021

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; Liz Hanson, City Planner; 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 Hatfield to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. Senator Julia Coleman

Senator Coleman introduced herself and provided an update on what work she has going at the Capital.

Mayor Windschitl inquired if there have been any discussions at the State level regarding loss revenues for cities.

Senator Coleman noted that she has heard conversations regarding this but has not seen any legislation at this point. She encouraged cities to reach out to their legislative leaders.

Councilmember Huang thanked Senator Coleman for attending the SouthWest Transit meeting in December and noted that having her support in transportation will be beneficial.

City Administrator Podhradsky referred to the proposed improvements on 82nd Street and Highway 5 and noted he will send her information regarding discussions from the work sessions and other updates with this corridor work.

Councilmember Hubbard asked if the goal of not having applicants pay taxes on the PVP loans will be realized with the new round.

Senator Coleman stated that would be the end goal.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Huang to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through D:

- A. Adopt Ordinance 989, Adopt Amendment to Transient Accommodations Ordinance
Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-989 to amend Chapter 5.20 Transient Accommodations.
- B. Massage Therapy Registration
Motion to approve Massage Therapy Registration No. MTL 21-04 to allow Jamie Reinbold to practice Therapeutic Thai Massage out of Natural Point Wellness at 546 Bavaria Lane, Chaska.
- C. Adopt Ordinance 990, Establish and Amend Ordinance 984 2021 Utility Rates
Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-990 establishing 2021 Electric Utility Rates,
Motion to adopt an amendment to Ordinance No. 2020-984 establishing 2021 Water and Sewer Utility Rates.
- D. Adopt Ordinance 991, Convenience Fee for Governmental Fees and Charges Paid at City Hall
Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-991 to establish a Convince Fee on all Debit and Credit Merchant Card payments for governmental fees and charges at Chaska City Hall.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Commissioner Appointments

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to appoint Jason Branch, Dave Downs, and Jalen Destin (youth member) to the Park and Rec Board for the term February 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hubbard noted she would abstain from voting for the Human Rights Commission. She noted that she did not find out her husband was applying to the Commission until the application was submitted.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to appoint Celine Haga, Sarah Carlson, Eder Castillo, Martin Hubbard, Hanna Sandison, Lisa White (Alternate 1), and Dante Hughes (Alternate 2) to the Human Rights Commission for the term February 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

Mayor Windschitl noted he forgot to add Sienna White to the list as the youth member.

City Administrator Podhradsky noted that Staff will bring back language for adding the youth position to the Human Rights Commission to the ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to amend the main motion to add Sienna White (youth member) to the list of appointees. With all members voting in favor and Councilmember Hubbard abstaining, the motion carried.

Councilmember Grau noted that representation matters and that this is one of the more diverse groups that has stepped forward to serve in commissions.

Councilmember Huang inquired where the two openings for Planning Commission came from.

City Administrator Podhradsky stated it was Susan Cross and Misty Bowe.

The Council and Staff briefly discussed the process for approving the Vice Chair for Planning Commission.

Mayor Windschitl also thanked everyone who came forward and applied for these commission positions.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Council Roster 02-01-2021

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 2, and 4.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield 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.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report 02-01-2021

10.B. Other Reports

10.B.i. 4th-Qtr. 2020 Investment Report dated February 1, 2021

Councilmember Huang:

- Noted the Stuff the Bus Drive is cancelled.
- Noted there are food distribution events on February 11 and March 11 from 12-1:30 at the old Gedney factory.
- Inquired what is going on with the KFC building. City Administrator Podhradsky gave a brief update on that site.

Councilmember Grau:

- Noted the Ice Gardens event was awesome and encouraged residents to get out to see it. Councilmember Huang inquired if these will be lit at night. Assistant Administrator Kabat stated that there will be.

- Inquired after the timing for filling the police officer position and for the recruitment strategy. City Administrator Podhradsky clarified that there are two upcoming positions and detailed that timeline and noted Staff are having recruitment strategy discussions. He noted he will discuss with Staff the short- and long-term strategies with this.
- Wished his son Happy Birthday this coming Saturday.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for what is provided for residents even in the winter.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Recognized the Downtown Business Alliance's role in putting together the Ice Gardens.
- Noted it is Black History Month and stated she looks forward to seeing inclusion grow in the community and encouraged residents to seek out sources to learn more about black history.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Noted the next Council Meeting is February 22, 2021 and the meeting will be live, in-person at the Community Center.
- Thanked Staff for all their work in putting on ZOOM meetings over the past couple of months. The Council and Staff commented on the benefits of ZOOM meetings.
- Commented that the Ice Garden event was amazing and well done. He thanked everyone who was involved in putting this event on and preparing the park.
- Noted the sign on Stoughton Avenue was removed.
- Reported there will be a "Find the Gnome" event put on by Parks and Recreation and encouraged residents to participate in that.
- Noted the use of Fireman's Clayhole for skating has been incredible this winter. City Administrator Podhradsky briefly spoke about ideas for a future warming house and for ice skate rentals.
- Thanked Chris Goodman, a resident that lives near Lion's Park, who has offered to go turn the lights on the hockey rink on and off each night.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Motion carried.