

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
February 22, 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 Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. Update on Recruitment Efforts

Police Chief Seibert provided the Council with an update on recruitment efforts.

City Administrator Podhradsky spoke further regarding recruitment.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired after the relationship between the City and instructors at feeder schools.

Police Chief Seibert stated that it could be improved.

Councilmember Huang asked how wide geographically the recruitment net is cast.

Police Chief Seibert provided detail regarding the geographic recruitment area and stated that improvements can be made.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired what percentage of CSO's and Police Explorer participants become sworn officers.

Police Chief Seibert estimated that percentage.

Councilmember Grau shared his thoughts regarding recruitment efforts.

City Administrator Podhradsky also provided comment regarding efforts to increase the recruitment pool.

5.B. Local Education Advocacy Group - Team 112

Zach Saueressing with Team 112 provided an update on the goals and plans of Team 112.

Mayor Windschitl shared thoughts on the 2019 referendum and noted that conflicting information in the proposed referendum is confusing.

The Council Meeting lost audio for six minutes.

Mr. Saueressing and the Council continued discussions regarding the local public schools.

Councilmember Grau thanked Mr. Saueressing and Team 112 for their work.

Councilmember Hatfield asked if the connection series discussions will be posted.

Mr. Saueressing stated that highlights would be posted to the website after editing and noted these were meant to be town hall meetings, but with the pandemic have had to become virtual events.

5.C. A.C.T. United Community Awareness to Action Conference

Jessica Bartholomew, Executive Director with ACT United, provided an update regarding current issues with youth in relation to sexual exploitation. She invited the Council, Staff, and residents to attend the webinar series this week for the 7th Annual Community Awareness to Action Conference and provided details regarding the conference.

The Council thanked Ms. Bartholomew and ACT United for their efforts in the community.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Hubbard noted a typo in the meeting minutes regarding PPP Loans. City Administrator Podhradsky stated that would be corrected.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Adopt Ordinance 992, Amending Chapter 2, Section 2.24 Human Rights Commission
Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-992 amending Chapter 2, Section 2.24 Human Rights Commission to allow for youth member between the age of 16 and 20 to a 1-year term and approve the updated Commission handbook to reflect the change and other updates needed.

- B. 2021 Full and Part-time Pay Classification
Motion to approve the 2021 Pay Classification Plan.
- C. Authorize Engagement for Audit of 2020 Fiscal Year
Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign an audit engagement letter with MMKR for audit of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 and authorize the Administrative Services Director / Treasure to sign a Non-Attest Service Documentation Form for the 2020 Audit.
- D. Adopt Resolution 2021-8, Support for the Arboretum Area Transportation Plan
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-8, supporting the Arboretum Area Transportation Plan.
- E. Adopt Resolution 2021-9, Support for the Highway 10 Corridor Plan
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-9, supporting the Highway 10 Corridor Plan.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. 2021 Union Contracts

City Administrator Podhradsky presented the item to the Council.

Councilmember Huang asked what the requirements are for using cellphones for personal items.

City Administrator Podhradsky explained staff will go back to having a phone for City-use and can use their own personal cell phone for personal use.

Councilmember Hubbard asked for further clarification for Article 7 under the grievance process.

City Administrator Podhradsky detailed the change in that language in the sergeant contract.

Councilmember Grau inquired how the uniform allowance works with the retroactive nature of the contract.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further clarity regarding that situation.

Councilmember Grau asked if the compensation for uniform allowance is taxable.

City Administrator Podhradsky stated it is.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt Resolution No. 2021-7 approving employment contracts for 2021 between the City of Chaska and Teamsters Local 320, LELS Local 210, LELS Local 447 and LELS Local 385, with these agreements becoming effective January 1, 2021. Motion carried.

8.B. Adopt Resolution 2021-7, Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on the Establishment of TIF District No. 24 Chaska Creek Industrial

Assistant Administrator Kabat presented the item to the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Huang to adopt resolution calling for a public hearing on the establishment of TIF District No. 24 Chaska Creek Industrial. Motion carried.

Jay Moore with Oppidan thanked the Council for moving this project along.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Council Roster 2-22-2021

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 4, 24, and 32.

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. City Administrator's Report

10.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report 2-22-2021

Councilmember Grau:

- Congratulated the Chaska girls' basketball team for being seen by ESPN as an "also considered" team for the top 25 teams in the nation.

Councilmember Huang:

- Thanked those who volunteered at the food distribution event on the 18th.
- Noted there is a food distribution event on March 11, 2021 at the old Gedney factory.
- Noted there is a Fair for All food event on February 25, 2021 at Crown of Glory.
- Reported that Guardian Angels is closing and noted that he is sad to see that happen.
- Commented that the healthcare company used by the City is a great company.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Noted she attended the food distribution event on the 18th and that it was well attended.
- Updated the Council regarding the 21 Day Racial Equity Challenge that she participated in this month.
- Noted she was invited to listen to a racial justice event with speaker Brian Stevenson that was very interesting.
- Noted her sorrow at the passing of Barb Colhapp and offered her condolences to her family and friends. The Council also noted that Barb will be missed.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Provided an update regarding the Federal stimulus package that is going through and how the City will benefit.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Noted the Council has a work session on Monday, February 1.
- Recognized the work that Staff did to secure vaccinations for a portion of the senior population in Chaska. City Administrator Podhradsky updated the Council regarding Ridgeview's plan to secure a percentage of vaccines for those residents that have difficulty with technology and rides.
- Noted the great strides made in the train siding issue that was brought up earlier this year. City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding discussions for silent crossings.
- Noted Fire and Ice is slated to happen in October, which would coincide with 150th Anniversary of the Chaska Fire Department.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Motion carried.