

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
April 19, 2021

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 5:30 pm.

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; Marshall Grange, Parks and Recreation Director; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

2. CLOSED SESSION - City Administrator's Annual Review 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Under Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05 Subdivision 3(a) the City Council has the authority to conduct a closed session for the review of any employee under our direct supervision. The only topic of the discussion in this closed session will be the performance review of City Administrator Matt Podhradsky. The meeting will be taped, and the recording kept for three years, as required by the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. As is required by State Statute, a summary of conclusions regarding the evaluation will be given at the next open session of the Chaska City Council.

3. OPEN SESSION

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to reopen the meeting. Motion carried.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Adopt the Agenda

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

6. Visitor Presentation

6.A. Recognition of the Chaska Hawks Girls' Basketball Team State Championship

Jon Summer, Chaska Athletic Director, recognized the recent state championship win by the Chaska Girls' Basketball Team and thanked the community for their support.

Coach Tara Siefert spoke about the hard work the team put forth throughout the year and thanked the community for their support. Co-captains Kelsey Willems, Kaylee Van Eps, and Mallory Heyer also thanked the community for their support.

The Council congratulated the captains and team on their championship.

6.B. Review of Last Year's EOC Operations

Fire Chief Tim Weibe provided an update of the EOC operations over the past year.

Parks and Recreation Director Grange shared an update on the Chaska Cares initiative.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired where the logo came from for Chaska CARES.

Parks and Recreation Director Grange shared how that came about.

The Council and Staff shared their thoughts on how the City came together during COVID.

7. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Grau noted he is excited about the Cricket Pitch at McKnight Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Grange provided further detail regarding the Cricket club and incoming pitch.

Mayor Windschitl inquired about the chain link fence restrictions from the ordinance in item 8.D.

City Administrator Podhradsky gave explanation to those changes.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through H:

- A. Adopt Resolution 2021-21, Approval of State Premises Gambling Permit to Chaska Lions

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-21 approving the Chaska Lions request to conduct lawful gambling at the Crooked Pint Ale House, Chaska.

- B. Wetland Replacement Plan for Harvest West 3rd Addition

Motion to approve the wetland replacement plan for the Harvest West 3rd Addition.

- C. Accept the Public Improvements in Chaska Bluffs 1st Addition

Motion to accept the public improvements in Chaska Bluffs 1st Addition as municipal facilities and adjust the letter of credit accordingly.

- D. Adopt Ordinance 996, Approving the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 9.20 for Fences/City of Chaska/PC #2021-04

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 996 approving the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 9.20 of the Zoning Ordinance (Fences) for decorative fences and fences enclosing swimming pools.

- E. Adopt Resolution 2021-23, Bond Sale Reimbursement

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-23 relating to financing certain proposed projects and establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.

- F. Installation of Cricket Pitch at McKnight Park

Motion to Approve the Park Board's Recommendation to have Public Works Install the Subsurface of a Cricket Pitch at McKnight Park.

- G. Site Assessment Agreement Amendment regarding Lot Split/Consolidation for 3919 Bavaria Road (Bavaria Downs)

Motion to approve amendment to Bavaria Downs Site Assessment Agreement.

- H. Adopt Resolution 2021-24, Resolution in Support of a Pre-Development Grant Application to the Carver County CDA

Motion to approve resolution in support of a pre-development grant application to the Carver County CDA.

Motion carried.

9. Action Items

9.A. Adopt Resolution 2021-22, Approving the Concept Plan for Cantissimo of Chaska/Anasazi Holdings, LLC/PC #2021-03

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

City Planner Hanson presented the item to the Council.

Mayor Windschitl asked for clarification regarding current setback requirements.

City Planner Hanson stated it is 125 feet and that the applicant wants to go to 100 feet.

Mayor Windschitl inquired if there is a chance Pioneer Trail could be widened in the future and therefore cause issue with this.

City Planner Hanson stated there is not concern and Carver County would have provided comment if there were concern and continued her presentation of the item.

Councilmember Grau asked if there are other solutions to align the roads due to the association's previous traffic concerns.

The Council and Staff discussed alignment options and issues, and City Planner Hanson finalized her presentation of the item.

The Council shared their thoughts on the concept plan.

Jennifer Thorson, applicant, shared further information regarding their policy and procedure with CPR.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt Resolution No. 2021-22 approving the Concept Plan for Cantissimo of Chaska (PC #2021-03). Motion carried.

10. Bills

10.A. Accounts Payable Council Roster 4-19-2021

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.

11. Other Business

11.A. City Administrator's Report

11.B. Bi-Weekly Report 4-19-2021

11.C. Other Reports

11.C.i. Financial Reports – February 2021

Councilmember Huang:

- Noted the average grade point average for the Chaska Girls Basketball Team was 3.78.
- Reported that the Chaska Knowledge Bowl finished third in State.
- Reported 5 Chaska students made the All-State Honor Band.
- Noted last week was Severe Weather Awareness Week and encouraged residents to make sure they have adequate supplies for severe weather.
- Thanked Larry Harris, City Attorney, for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.
- Noted May 2-8 is teacher appreciation week and encouraged residents to reach out and thank teachers for their work.
- Reported the loop at the former Chaska Par 30 is coming along. City Administrator Podhradsky noted the grading will be done by mid-July and seeding will happen in the fall. He noted the goal is to start the Club House this fall.
- Provided SouthWest Transit updates.
- Shared his thoughts regarding the death of Daunte Wright and encouraged the residents of Chaska to do what they can to prevent this from happening again.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Gave an update regarding the Steering Committee's meeting for Bicycle-Friendly Community Master Plan.
- Shared her thoughts regarding racism in light of the recent death of Daunte Wright.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Noted this Thursday, April 22 is Coffee with a Cop at Dunkin Donuts.
- Noted Saturday, April 24 is National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day from 10am-2pm at Carver County Sheriff's Office.
- Noted the ZOOM Open House for the Hwy 41 construction project is on May 6 from 5-7pm and sign-ups are on the Hwy 41 project website.
- Thanked J & Ts Chaska Cleaning for their work.
- Shared her thoughts regarding holding law enforcement officers accountable to the highest standard.

Councilmember Grau:

- Reported he helped clean up Community Park and thanked City Staff for their help.

- Asked if there is a new concept plan for Founder's Ridge. Assistant Administrator Kabat gave a brief update regarding that plan.
- Noted the cement chunk referred to in a previous meeting is still sitting out. City Administrator Podhradsky provided more information regarding why it is there.
- Echoed the thoughts of the other Councilmembers and encouraged residents to be patient and to listen to each other and to be kind.
- Noted Jonathan Carver Parkway is under construction and is making it really difficult for school drop off and encouraged residents to plan for more time with drop offs/pick-ups due to the construction. City Administrator Podhradsky noted that the number of parents dropping off and picking up has increased this year and added to the traffic.

Assistant Administrator Kabat:

- Noted the Downtown Business Alliance will be at the next Council Meeting presenting their strategic plan.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Noted the City Spring Cleanup day is May 1 from 8am-2pm and that items should be taken to Athletic Park.
- Noted the Shredding Event put on by the Chaska Rotary is May 1 from 10am-1pm and pre-registration is required.
- Noted Christmas is May will be September 18.
- Asked how the Easter Egg hand-out went. Councilmember Hatfield stated it went well and gave a brief update.
- Noted the Council will meet on May 3 and May 17. The Council chatted about what Memorial Day events will occur.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Motion carried.