

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 18, 2021

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7:01 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Grau, Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, and Mayor Windschitl

Absent: None.

Also Present: Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; Kevin Wright, Communication Director; Nate Kabat, Assistant Administrator; Kevin Ringwald, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; Jake Sofly, City Attorney; and City Engineer Matt Clark.

4. Adopt the Agenda

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

5. Visitor Presentation

None.

6. Proclamations

6.A. Proclamation in Recognition of Chaska Fire Department 150th Anniversary

Mayor Windschitl read a proclamation recognizing the Chaska Fire Departments 150th Anniversary and thanked them for their service to the City.

7. Minutes

7.A. Approve October 4th, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the minutes of the October 4th, 2021 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda

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

A. Adopt Resolution 2021-66, Approving the Lot Split for 3235 Chaska Blvd & 503 Chestnut St (Adyme Addition)/Mike Seifert/PC #2021-17

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-66, Approving the Lot Split for 3235 Chaska Blvd & 503 Chestnut St (Adyme Addition)/Mike Seifert/PC #2021-17.

B. 6th Street Bridge Easements for 2021 Downtown Project

Motion to Approve and Authorize Payment to Acquire Fee Title and Various Easement for Roadway, Sidewalk, Trail, Drainage and Utility Purposes Over Certain Property.

C. Adopt Resolution 2021-68, Accepting Gifts and Donations

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-68, Accepting Gifts and Donations.

Motion carried.

9. Action Items

9.A. Adopt Resolution 2021-69, Public Assessment Hearing: Adopt Resolution Approving the Imposition of Service Charges for the 2022 Chaska Downtown Special Services District.

Assistant Administrator Kubat presented and provided background on this item. He introduced Steve Ritz, President of the Board of Chaska Downtown Business Alliance to provide some details on this item.

Mayor Windschitl opened the Public Assessment Hearing at 7:34 p.m.

John Siegfried, 100696 Village Road – addressed the Council and stated he would like to request the Farmers Market is run by the Special Services District going forward due to the good administration and management of the events ran by the Special Services District.

Mayor Windschitl closed the Public Assessment Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Huang to Adopt Resolution 2021-69 Imposing Service Charges and Setting the 2022 Operating Budget and Plan for the Chaska Downtown Special Service District.

Motion carried.

9.B. Adopt Resolution 2021-67 and Ordinance 1001, Approving the Preliminary Plat, Sale of Excess City Land, and Rezoning for Reserve at Autumn Woods/Lennar/PC #2021-16.

Assistant Administrator Kubat introduced and provided background to the Council on this item and City Planner Hanson provided a presentation to the Council on this item.

Councilmember Hubbard asked at what lot size do you need to plan for overflow parking. City Administrator Podhradsky stated it really depends on the type of use of the lot and how much use they plan to accommodate on the lot.

Councilmember Hatfield stated she is glad to see the number of houses abutting others has decreased. She stated she doesn't understand the impact to the corner house on Butternut. City Planner Hanson stated the homeowner's concern is more the curvature of the road and that it will make their house feel more three-sided rather than two-sided. She stated the developer has

a plan to add more vegetation to the lot in that corner to help address their concern and she expects they will see this in the final plan. City Administrator Podhradsky stated there are some logistical challenges around those wetland areas but there is also a good traffic calming aspect to putting in those curved roads and narrowing it down.

Mayor Windschitl asked if anyone would like to address the Council on this item to come forward.

Josh Metzger, Lennar, addressed the Council. He stated the corner lot on Butternut is the most impacted lot by their development. He stated he has exchanged emails with the homeowner, and they have agreed to provide some nice landscaping buffer along the edge of the property. He noted they are requested one modification tonight to Condition #22 regarding the agreement with the Jonathan Association.

City Administrator Podhradsky stated the City just found out about this modification request today as well. He stated he doesn't think they should remove anything from the application tonight. He noted the City can work as a mediator between Lennar and Johnathan Association to come to an agreement.

Jeremy Byl, Jonathon Association, addressed the Council. He stated he echoes the sentiments of Mr. Podhradsky, and stated they look forward to buttoning up the details and working with Lennar.

Emily Rome Welter, 2887 Ironwood Blvd - addressed the Council. She stated after the last meeting they looked at all parts of the neighborhood to make sure everyone's specific issues were addressed. She stated they have had really good, collaborated effort and Mr. Metzger has been very helpful in this process. She stated going forward they want to continue to work on steps for traffic calming and the median on Butternut. She noted having the Jonathan Association be part of the plan is something the neighborhood has always been in favor of and hopes to see happen.

Mayor Windschitl stated this has been a great outcome and he was pleasantly surprised to see the community get so involved. The Councilmembers echoed his sentiments.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to Adopt Resolution 2021-67.
Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt Ordinance 1001, Approving the Preliminary Plat, Sale of Excess City Land, and Rezoning for Reserve at Autumn Woods/Lennar/PC #2021-16.
Motion carried.

10. Bills

10.A. Accounts Payable Council Roster 10-18-2021

Council requested further information on pages 2, 4 and 27.

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 Grau, Hatfield, Hubbard, Huang, and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

11. Other Business

11.A. City Administrator's Report

11.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report October 18, 2021

11.B. Other Meeting Minutes

11.B.i. Financial Reports – August 2021

11.C. Downtown 41 Project Update

Councilmember Grau:

- Stated he wanted to Commend the City and Mayor regarding their public decorum and respect with the School Board incidents

Councilmember Huang:

- Noted Fire and Ice Festival was great
- Stated on October 22nd is the Trail of Fun from 5:00 – 8:00pm
- Noted October 30th Fall Clean-up Day at Athletic Park
- Stated on December 4th is the Hometown Holiday and Tree Lighting Event
- Congratulated the two National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists: Alex McKeever and Riley Melville. As well as five National Merit Scholarship recipients; Lucas Bishop, Ruby Browning, Eileen Hansen, Lauren Oster and Jules
- Stated SouthWest Transit has added some new destinations and use is up to 75% of what it was pre-pandemic and stated CEO of SouthWest is retiring next year, interviews are currently underway

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Stated Fire and Ice Festival was a great event and she enjoyed the fireworks
- Noted Carver County Public Health is opening a Covid Testing site starting on October 26th
- Stated the Community Unity event this Thursday at the Chanhassen Library at 6:30pm.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Stated regarding the Retreat, it is always nice to see how much the City staff cares, she appreciates all their work
- Noted on October 29th - 30th there is Trick or Treating in downtown Chaska at some businesses
- Stated there is a Food Distribution on Thursday at 12:00 – 1:30pm
- Noted on Coffee with a Cop is on October 28th at 9:00am at the Caribou on Gateway Drive

Mayor Windschitl:

- Stated the Retreat went well, thanked everyone for their hard work and participation
- Stated on Thursday the House Representatives are coming to tour City Square West, noting it is a big deal to be put on their tour
- Stated the Walnut Street paving is underway
- Stated today they held a Remembrance for Karen Campbell at the Lodge, stated it was nice
- Noted Friday was the funeral for Toby Saxon, noting it was a tough day
- Noted the next Council meetings are on and November 1st and 15th

12. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Huang to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Motion carried.