

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator; Kevin Wright, Communication Director; Elise Durbin, Assistant Administrator; Jake Saufley, City Attorney.

4. Adopt the Agenda

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

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. SouthWest Transit – Update on New Partnership with Lyft

Councilmember Huang introduced Interim CEO Maria Mancilla-Diaz. Interim CEO Maria Mancilla-Diaz thanked Chaska for their partnership with SouthWest Transit. She shared a few stories of the impact on public transportation on the area.

Tony Kuykendall, Interim COO of SouthWest Transit, summarized Prime, which is an on-demand ride service that is ADA-compliant, and their new partnership with Lyft. There have been 126 Lyft rides since the launch. The two programs fill previous gaps in public transportation.

Councilmember Huang asked for an update on the Summer Adventures. Ms. Mancilla-Diaz explained Summer Adventures is a weekly program that provides round-trip service to a number of family-friendly locations for only two dollars.

Councilmember Huang added there are transportation services for the State Fair. Mr. Kuykendall provided details on the planned transportation services and noted there is an additional service day for 2023.

Councilmember Hubbard noted her appreciation of SouthWest Transit's airport services. Mr. Kuykendall pointed out there is also a park and ride option for the airport service with inexpensive parking in Eden Prairie.

Mayor Windschitl added SouthWest Transit also provides transportation for Twins' games.

6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

6.A. Approve the April 17, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant Opportunity – Electric
Motion to approve the letter of commitment to the US Department of Energy and the continued pursuit of the IIJA Grant opportunity
- B. Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating License for Guardian Angels Church
Motion to approve Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating License TW.23.02 for Guardian Angels Church, allowing them to serve intoxicating beverages at the AngelFest Celebration, effective September 30, 2023.
- C. Approval of 2022 Interfund Transfers
Motion to approve 2022 interfund transfers to be reported as Other Financing Sources and Uses in the 2022 Annual Financial Report.
- D. Adopt Resolution 2023-41 - Accepting Gifts and Donations
Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-41 acknowledging and accepting gifts to the City of Chaska received during the period January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023.
- E. Adopt Resolution Number 2023-44 Authorizing Preparation of Construction for Creek Road Improvement Project
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-44 Authorize Preparation of Construction Documents for the 2023 Creek Road Trunk Sewer Extension Street, Utility, and Trail Improvement Project.

Motion carried.

City Administrator Podhradsky noted the application for additional dollars were already planned for, so the City is essentially saving \$1.6 million.

8. Action Items

8.A. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-42 Relating to Conduit Financing on behalf of Ridgeview Medical Center

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council and Administrative Services Director Noel Graczyk provided a presentation on it. Gordon Gablenz, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer of Ridgeview Medical Center, also provided information.

Mayor Windschitl opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

No one wished to address the Council.

Mayor Windschitl closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Resolution 2023-42 relating to approving financing on behalf of Ridgeview Medical Center.

Motion carried.

Mayor Windschitl stated Chaska received an achievement regarding finances. He congratulated Mr. Graczyk and his Staff for their efforts.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Claims Roster 1-5-2023

The Council requested further information about bills on page 14.

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. Hawk Price Recap

10.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report Day-Month-2023

Councilmember Huang:

- Asked if Chaska Town Course opened on April 25, 2023. City Administrator Podhradsky stated it opened on April 24, 2023.
- Pointed out a number of achievements by local students:
 - Speech Team qualifies 4 for State Tournament
 - DECA Qualifies 7 for Internationals
 - Junior earns title of National Speech and Debate Association Academic All-American. To qualify, a student must be an outstanding leader, earn the degree of Superior Distinction, and have a grade-point average of 3.7. Less than two percent of students across the nation get AAA honors!
 - Knowledge Bowl places 2nd in National Tournament against teams from Minnesota, Colorado and Washington
 - NHS Students made 400 sandwiches for the homeless
 - 5 CHS students selected as 2023 Minnesota Music Educators All-State Musicians
 - 2 Art Students Advance to MSHSL Visual Arts Contest
 - Chaska Golf team captains were named to the Junior PGA Minnesota Team

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Stated the Community Center Task Force recently met and discussed costs of certain projects. Councilmember Grau added it is a meaningful process to include community members in such discussions.

- Noted Parks and Recreation is doing Bike Month 2023 and has bingo cards.
- Added Rotary Club has a meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023 that requires preregistration.

Councilmember Grau:

- Pointed out Coach Seifert is stepping down after 16 seasons.
- Shouted out Asian American and Hispanic Heritage Month and explained the reason May was selected to represent that culture.
- Thanked Staff for their communications efforts with the public.
- Noted some cities have designated parking areas for folks to meet for Facebook Marketplace exchanges. City Administrator Podhradsky explained the option is being discussed for the new Public Safety Facility.
- Added the Chaska Classic Baseball Tournament is May 12-14, 2023.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Stated food distribution is in two weeks on Thursday.
- Encouraged community members to not drive so quickly in construction areas or on residential roads.
- Pointed out the bridge on Hwy 41 closed, but the County Road 11 is open again.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Noted Christmas in May is at St. John's this year instead of Guardian Angels.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Stated Student Human Rights Commissioner Sienna White will be attending Johns Hopkins University to study Neuroscience and Spanish. City Administrator Podhradsky added she is very involved in the community.
- Pointed out May 20, 2023 is Armed Forces Day, May 15-21, 2023 is National Police Week, May 4, 2023 is International Firefighter Day, April 30-May 6, 2023 is Municipal Clerk's Week, National Teacher's Appreciation Week is the first full week of May, and National Nurse's Week is May 6-12, 2023.
- Added Dunn Brother's Coffee is closing.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Motion carried.