

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 15, 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; Nate Kabat, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; and Jake Saufley, City Attorney.

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. Legislative Update – Representative Nash

This item was not addressed.

5.B. Maria's Voice – Sara Silva

Lissa Weimelt explained the founding and purpose of Maria's Voice Prevention Network. She stated 8 million days of paid work are lost in the United States each year due to domestic violence. Police face numerous calls and shelters are overwhelmed. Maria's Voice aims to educate community members on the signs of domestic violence.

City Administrator Matt Podhradsky noted Maria's Voice Prevention Network has worked with Maple Grove to start their work. There is an opportunity for City employees to carry a "shoe card" with resources and information to provide to community members.

Councilmember Hubbard thanked the presenter for sharing her story and the work of the organization.

Mayor Windschitl asked if Maria's Voice provides the training directly to City employees. City Administrator Podhradsky stated there is a digital training available for any City employees. It is a part of the wellness incentive program, which was completed by 88 percent of employees in 2022.

Councilmember Huang asked if the Police Department has similar resources available to victims. City Administrator Podhradsky stated it is oftentimes too late by the time law enforcement is involved.

City Administrator Podhradsky added the purpose of Maria's Voice is prevention and teaching about the signs of abuse. Chaska works with the Sexual Violence Center to do intervention efforts.

Mayor Windschitl noted it takes a lot of courage to share one's personal story to promote change. He thanked Ms. Weimelt for her presentation.

5.C. National Gun Violence Awareness Day – Jenna Cruz

Jenna Cruz, Moms Demand Action Volunteer, introduced herself and explained the purpose of Moms Demand Action. She noted firearms are the number one cause of death of children in the United States. Every day 120 Americans are killed with guns. Gun violence costs Minnesota \$6.6 billion each year. Cities and States with the strictest gun laws have the lowest rates of gun violence.

Ms. Cruz stated Wear Orange Weekend is June 2-3, 2023. It stated after a young girl was killed while on a playground in Chicago. She asked for the City to sign a proclamation declaring the First Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, for the City to light up Fireman's Park in Orange throughout the June 2-3, 2023 weekend, and for the City to promote efforts for crime prevention through environmental design.

City Administrator Podhradsky noted crime prevention through environmental design is a more long-term ask, but it is something the City will continue to be cognizant of. He added the next City Council meeting is after the June 2-3, 2023 event.

Mayor Windschitl pointed out Neighborhood Watch has also been impactful in promoting safety in Chaska.

Councilmember Huang thanked Ms. Cruz for her work regarding gun violence.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt a proclamation declaring the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Mayor Windschitl stated the park would be lighted orange June 2-3, 2023.

Motion carried.

6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

6.A. Approve the May 1, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Huang asked if there will be additional signage for the work done on Consent Agenda Item H. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-49 Approving the Final Plat for Rivertown Heights 2nd Addition/DR Horton/PC #2023-12. Staff confirmed there would be additional signage.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through I:

- A. Approve Resolution No. 2023-45 MnDot Grant Agreement for Bridge Bond Funding - Replacement of City Bridge 10J51 Along Creek Road

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-45, Approving Grant Agreement to State Transportation Fun Local Bridge Replacement Program Terms and Conditions for Replacement of Bridge 10J51.

- B. Approve Resolution No. 2023-46 Authorizing Plans for Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail - Chaska Connection

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-46 to Approving Proposal for Professional Services Agreement with Bolton and Menk, and Authorize plans and specifications for the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail – Chaska Connection

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

Accept public improvements in Chaska Bluffs 1st Addition as municipal facilities and adjust letter of credit accordingly.

- D. Approve Resolution No. 2023-47 to Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release in the Quiet Title Action Filed by Patrick and Stephanie Poppler in Carver County District Court

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-47 to Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release in the Quiet Title Action Filed by Patrick and Stephanie Poppler in Carver County District Court.

- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-48 Granting Preliminary Approval to a Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond Financing on behalf of Chaska Brickstone II, LLC

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-48 granting preliminary approval to a multifamily housing revenue bond financing of behalf of Chaska Brickstone II, LLC.

- F. Approve 2023-2024 Liquor License Renewals

Motion to approve liquor license renewals as itemized on Schedule A attached, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with contingencies as noted.

- G. Approve Costs Associated with Construction of a New Clubhouse and Maintenance Building for The Loop

Motion to approve the following costs associated with construction of a new clubhouse and maintenance building at The Loop.

- H. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-49 Approving the Final Plat for Rivertown Heights 2nd Addition/DR Horton/PC #2023-12

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-49 approving the final plat for Rivertown Heights 2nd Addition (PC#2023-12).

- I. Resolution 2023-51 Approving the Construction Documents for the North Water Treatment Plant and Authorizing Solicitation of Public Bids

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-51- Approving the Construction Documents for the North Water Treatment Plant, and Authorizing the Solicitation of Public Bids.

Motion carried.

Mayor Windschitl asked for details about Consent Agenda Item G. Approve Costs Associated with Construction of a New Clubhouse and Maintenance Building for The Loop.

John Kellin, Head Golf Professional at Chaska Town Course, stated they hope to have everything with the clubhouse completed by Labor Day. The opening day of the Loop is still up in the air.

8. Action Items

8.A. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-50 and Ordinance No. 1034 Approving the Preliminary Site & Building Plan, Preliminary Plat and Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) for Structures, Inc./Jeremy Banken/PC #2023-13

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council and City Planner Elizabeth Hanson provided a presentation on it.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt Resolution No. 2023-50 approving the Preliminary Site & Building Plan and Preliminary Plat for Structures, Inc. (PC #2023-13).

Motion carried.

8.A.i Ordinance

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Ordinance No. 1034 approving the Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) to PID-9.

Motion carried.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Claims Roster 15-5-2023

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 3, 5, 8, 17, and 27.

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard 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 15-5-2023

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Noted Taste of Chaska was a great event.
- Stated May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting an open forum on mental health on May 18, 2023 at the Community Center.
- Pointed out Coffee with a Cop will be held on Thursday at 9:00 am at the north Caribou Coffee.
- Stated May 19, 2023 is the Minnesota law enforcement fundraiser for Special Olympics at Dunkin'.
- Food distribution will be on Thursday at noon.

- Added Chaska Safety Camp is coming up July 5-6.
- Attended a Downtown Business Alliance meeting recently. There are still parking concerns.
- Stated *The Herald* has a scavenger hunt around the downtown area.
- Noted OrangeBall Creative is working with local businesses to provide social media support.
- Encouraged community members to sign up for email updates regarding construction.
- Reminded folks that the downtown streets are residential and drivers must be aware of pedestrians, children, and pets.

Councilmember Grau:

- Noted Lion's Park shelter is nearing completion and it looks nice.
- Stated there was a book released regarding Phillip the Pheasant which was inspired by a pheasant in Chaska.

Councilmember Huang:

- Pointed out there were some issues with weather for Christmas in May, but there was still some progress.
- Stated Taste of Chaska was a well-attended event.
- Stated there was a recent fundraising event for the schools called Chaska Bash.
- Stated there will be a Memorial Day event at Veteran's Park at 10:00 a.m.
- Noted the Farmer's Market will start June 21, 2023.
- Added Fire and Ice is July 14-15, 2023.
- Noted Southwest Transit hired a CEO named Erik Hansen. He has worked in local government and on large transit projects.
- Thanked Staff and Councilmember Hatfield for the work done on the Hwy 41 project.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Shared her experience being a small business owner experiencing construction in another community.
- Attended Carver County elected leaders meeting recently. They discussed road construction.
- Wished a Happy Memorial Day to those who have served.

Assistant Administrator Elise Durbin:

- Stated Bremer Bank provided the letter needed to close on the site previously discussed by the EDA.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Stated there will be visits to all cemeteries on Memorial Day by the Clubs, weather-permitting.
- Encouraged community members to attend the Memorial Day event.
- Pointed out today, May 15, 2023 is National Police Memorial Day.
- Stated he and other local leaders met the new Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Director Andrew Gapinski.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Motion carried.