

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 5, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilmembers Hatfield and Hubbard.

Also Present: Kevin Wright, Communication Director; Elise Durbin, Assistant Administrator; Ryan Seibert, Police Chief; and Jake Saufley, City Attorney;.

4. Adopt the Agenda

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

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. Growth Through Opportunity Swearing in Ceremony

Police Chief Seibert explained the program gives young people the opportunity to intern around their city and gain valuable job skills. He introduced Christian Meyer and Wesley Parker to the Council.

Jordan Moore, former Growth Through Opportunity participant, said a few words to encourage the new recruits.

Mayor Windschitl swore in Wesley Parker and Christian Meyer.

Assistant Administrator Elise Durbin noted two students were present at the meeting. The students spent the day with City Administrator Matt Podhradsky to learn about the City.

Jackson Sperry and Abigail Oseyan introduced themselves. They stated their day shadowing at Chaska has impacted their future plans.

6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

6.A. Approve the May 15, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Huang, to approve the Consent Agenda Item A:

A. Human Rights Commission Resignation and Appointments

Motion to accept the resignation of Oana Zayic from the Chaska Human Rights Commission.

Motion to appoint Maryam Ali-Daar to fill the vacancy left Oana Zayic with a first term ending December 31, 2024.

Motion to appoint Rehen LeSueur as First Alternate with a first term ending December 31, 2025.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

None.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Claims Roster 5-6-2023

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 3 and 24.

Assistant City Administrator Durbin 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 Huang and Grau and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report 5-6-2023

Councilmember Huang:

- Attended the Memorial Day Service, which had a great turnout.
- Attended Donuts with a Cop.
- Pointed out Food Distribution will be June 15, 2023.
- Noted July 14-15, 2023 is Fire and Ice.
- Stated July 19-20, 2023 is River City Days.
- Noted Farmers Markets starting June 21, 2023 on Wednesdays at Fireman's Park.
- Added he attended a field trip with his fifth grader at Junior Achievement BizTown which was an extremely impressive program about how to be a functioning citizen.
- Stated the ribbon cutting for the SouthWest Transit Station was May 31, 2023. He provided an update on funding SouthWest Transit will receive from recent legislative efforts.
- Congratulated the Class of 2023.

Councilmember Grau:

- Pointed out the upcoming Juneteenth holiday and summarized its purpose.
- Wished the community a Happy Pride Month.
- Noted Saturday, June 17, 2023 will be Chaska's Pride Picnic.

Assistant Administrator Durbin:

- Stated the June 19, 2023 meeting will be moved to June 26, 2023 in light of the Juneteenth holiday.
- Noted the Community Engagement Manager position has been filled by Kevin Wright, and they are backfilling the Communications Coordinator role.
- Provided an update on City Square Park.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Stated the July Council meetings will be July 17, 2023 and July 31, 2023 due to the Independence Day holiday.
- Pointed out the construction has been moving very quickly.
- Provided an update on funding received through recent legislation.
- Noted Farmers Markets starting June 21, 2023 on Wednesdays at Fireman's Park.
- Attended a retirement ceremony at the VFW.
- Thanked the Lions Club and Rotary for planting trees all throughout Chaska's parks.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Huang to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion carried.