

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Grau at 7 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Absent: Mayor Windschitl.

Also Present: Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator; Elise Durbin, Assistant Administrator; Nate Kabat, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; Christophe Morschen, City Attorney; Julie Grove, Economic Development Coordinator; Matt Clark, City Engineer; and Krista Mark, Communications Coordinator.

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. Chaska Historical Society New History Book – Chaska: A Minnesota River City, 1950-2000 – Lisa Oberski

Lisa Oberski, President of Chaska Historical Society, explained the role of the Chaska Historical Society. She presented the new book of Chaska history covering 1950 to 2000. They are available for purchase at the Chaska History Center. The Center is hosting an event celebrating the book on April 20, 2024.

Ms. Oberski provided information on two upcoming events: Murder and Mayhem and Mt. Pleasant Cemetery tours. She added there are Chaska brick soaps available for purchase at the Center.

Councilmember Huang pointed out he attended the Chaska History Center's Halloween tours, and it was extremely interesting. The reenactments are well-done.

Councilmember Hatfield thanked Ms. Oberski and the Historical Society for all of their work on the book. Councilmember Hubbard noted her agreement with Councilmember Hatfield.

6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

6.A. Approve the March 4, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024 City Council meeting.
Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hubbard stated she was surprised in the variation of bids, referring to Consent Agenda Item 7.A. Adopt Resolution 2024-27 Bid Approval for Bavaria Rd/Innsbruck Retaining Wall. City Administrator Podhradsky explained there are a number of factors that contribute to a lower bid. He stated Staff feels confident in the group with the lowest bid.

Councilmember Hatfield asked how long retaining walls can last. City Engineer Matt Clark explained the walls could last from 25 to 50 years.

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

A. Adopt Resolution 2024-27 Bid Approval for Bavaria Rd/Innsbruck Retaining Wall
Motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-27 awarding the bid for the replacement wall systems at Bavaria Road and Innsbruck Drive in the amount of \$174,147.00.

B. Adopt Resolution 2024-23, Authorizing submission of an application to the 2024 MN-DNR (DNR) Natural and Scenic Area Grant and Resolution 2024-24, Authorizing submission of an application to the 2025 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) - Land Acquisition, Habitat and Recreation for acquisition of 13.5 acres of the Big Woods at 4250 Chaska Blvd

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-23, authorizing submission of an application to the 2024 MN-DNR (DNR) Natural and Scenic Area Grant

i. Resolution 2024-24

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-24, authorizing submission of an application to the 2025 Legislative – Citizen Commission on Natural Resources (LCCMR).

C. Adopt Resolution 2024-25 - Amending 2023 Fund Budgets
Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-25 Amending 2023 Fund Budgets.

D. Adopt Ordinance 2024-1044 Amending Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 20 of the Chaska City Code

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-1044 amending Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 20 of the Chaska City Code related to Transient Merchant permits.

E. Approve Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant - Good Neighbor Agreement
Motion to approve the good neighbor agreement between the City of Chaska Electric Department and the City of Chaska City Council.

F. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-29 Approving the Final Site & Building Plan and Final Plat for 3740 Chestnut Street/Audrius Asakenas/PC #2024-05

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-29 approving the Final Site & Building Plan and Final Plat for 3740 Chestnut Street (PC #2024-05).

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Public Hearing - Adopt Resolution 2024-26 Approving the City's Application to MN Department of Employment of Economic Development for the MIF Program

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council and Economic Development Coordinator Julie Grove provided a presentation on it.

(22:00) Mayor Pro Tem Grau asked what the future goals of the business are. Dale Spaeth explained Marotta Controls is growing at a 30 percent rate, and there are a lot of good sales along with good turnover. The plan is to offer sales to more locations once the Minnesota location is up and running.

Mayor Pro Tem Grau asked how many employees work for Marotta Controls. Dale Spaeth stated they have 11 employees currently and hope to hire up to 50 people. Once their lease is done, there will be an opportunity for around 100 employees.

Councilmember Huang thanked Marotta Controls for investing in Chaska.

Dale Spaeth added there will be a ribbon cutting on April 22, 2024 at noon. He invited the Council and Staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Grau opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

No one wished to address the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Grau closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adopt Resolution 2024-26 Approving the City's Application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development on behalf of Marotta Controls, Inc. to the Minnesota Investment Program.
Motion carried.

8.B. Public Hearing - Adopt Resolution 2024-30 Approving Construction Docs and Authorizes Advertisement for Bids – Bavaria Rd/Southwest Christian High School Turn Lane Improvements
City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council and City Engineer Matt Clark provided a presentation on it.

Councilmember Hubbard noted there are orange cones set up at the school's exit during dismissal. She asked why a roundabout wasn't considered. City Engineer Clark explained the requirements are not met to need a roundabout because the traffic is only during a short peak time period. Staff is continuing to work with the school to address safety concerns.

City Engineer Clark concluded the presentation by explaining the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Grau opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

No one wished to address the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Grau closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Mayor Pro Tem Grau to adopt Resolution No. 2024-30 to approve plans and specifications and authorize city staff to solicit bids for Bavaria Rd/Southwest Christian High School Turn Lane Improvements.
Motion carried.

8.C. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-31 Approving the Concept Plan for Hazeltine National Golf Club/Hazeltine National Golf Club/PC #2024-04

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

Phil Anderson, General Manager of Hazeltine National Golf Club, introduced himself and offered to answer any questions.

Councilmember Huang asked if the open green space is still being considered. Mr. Anderson explained the area in question will be used for parking instead.

Councilmember Huang asked if the updates would allow members to exchange with other clubs. Mr. Anderson stated the updates are primarily for members, and there is minimal potential for external reciprocity.

Councilmember Huang asked what the membership percentage is for people residing outside of Minnesota. Mr. Anderson stated 10 percent of the membership is national. There is potential to attract more widespread membership.

Mayor Pro Tem Grau asked if similar villas are utilized at other golf courses. Mr. Anderson pointed out destination golf has grown in popularity, and it is an impactful part of the golfing experience. The villa builds attractiveness for the course. The model works well across the country. There is one nearby course with similar amenities, and they are at 90 percent occupancy in the summer.

Councilmember Hubbard asked if there will be an analysis on the light features to minimize impacts on local residences. City Planner Hanson stated any lighting must abide by City Code.

Motion by Councilmember Huang, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt Resolution No. 2024-31 approving Concept Plan for Hazeltine National Golf Course – Northwest (PC #2024-04).

Motion carried.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Claims Roster 18-3-2024

The Council requested further information about bills on pages 27 and 28.

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, and Mayor Pro Tem Grau. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report Day-Month-2024

Councilmember Huang:

- Shared Chaska Bash is Friday, May 12, 2024.
- Pointed out May 4, 2024 is Christmas in May.
- Stated the opening of the revitalized park The Loop will be May 5, 2024.
- Noted Taste of Chaska is May 8, 2024.
- Added River City Days is July 26, 2024.
- Pointed out Office Janke was recognized in a local publication for her programming efforts within the Police Department.
- Asked for an update on the Oak Ridge Conference Center. City Administrator Podhradsky explained Staff has had meetings regarding the Center, but there hasn't been any progress.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Noted Coffee with a Cop will be on March 20, 2024.
- Stated Food Distribution is on March 21, 2024.
- Added during Spring Break there will be Cocoa with a Cop and free skating on March 25, 2024.
- Pointed out Zootopia will be shown on the Thursday of Spring Break in the afternoon.
- Stated sign ups are open for Safety Camp during the summer.
- Explained a resident contacted her about her car being towed. She asked what the signage requirements are for towing notification. City Administrator Podhradsky stated he isn't sure about requirements for private lots. Small claims court is an inexpensive way to address minor disputes.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Stated Earth Day is being celebrated on May 4, 2024.
- Suggested residents sign up for downtown construction notifications if they want regular updates on closures and projects.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Pointed out the Council and Department Head retreat will be March 21 and 22 at the Fire Station.
- Stated the local Mayors put together an editorial intended to educate the public on a Bill regarding single-family zoning. The purpose of the Bill is to create more affordable housing using a State-wide approach, but it will overrule local governance and doesn't consider the needs of suburban versus urban areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Grau:

- Explained the retreat is open to the public.
- Stated French Fries with a Firefighter will be at McDonald's on June 5, 2024.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Motion carried.