

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
JULY 15, 2024

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, and Hubbard.

Absent: Councilmember Huang.

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

4. Adopt the Agenda

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

Motion carried.

5. Proclamation

5.A. Chaska Lions Club Monument

Mayor Windschitl read a Proclamation recognizing the refurbishing and relocation of the Chaska Lions Monument and presented it to Brian Dahlke, representative of the Lions Club.

Brian Dahlke provided background on the Chaska Lions Club Monument.

6. Visitor Presentation

6.A. SOUTHWEST TRANSIT PRESENTATION – Chief Executive Officer Erik Hansen

Erik Hansen, Chief Executive Officer of SouthWest Transit, introduced himself and provided some statistics. There were 446,391 riders in 2023 and overall ridership has increased in 2024. 57,443 of Prime riders started or ended their trips in Chaska in 2023.

Mr. Hansen pointed out there is a newly adopted strategic direction for the organization. The strategic priorities include financial sustainability, premium customer experience, growth and innovation, and community and people. There are plans for a system-wide expansion such as a 494 fixed route service, expansion of Prime, increased special events service, and pursuing innovation and technology.

Mr. Hansen added there is a need for sustainable revenue. Southwest Transit had \$15.8 million in revenues in 2023, 75 percent of which are motor vehicle sales tax. Minnesota

recently passed a 0.75 sales tax for transit and active transportation, but only \$9 million was carved out for suburban transit agencies; SouthWest received \$3 million.

Councilmember Hubbard noted autonomous vehicles are being used for public transportation in various states, but Chaska will be the first in the Metro area. She congratulated Mr. Hansen on his first year at SouthWest Transit and commended his work.

Councilmember Grau stated a huge opportunity for SouthWest would be continued partnership with large companies as they are facing employment shortages and pursuing green initiatives. Mr. Hansen confirmed SouthWest is planning environmentally friendly offerings. The autonomous vehicles will start with operators and determine how to become fully autonomous.

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.A. Discussion of the Schalow Property et al, v. City of Chaska lawsuit. The meeting will be closed as permitted by the attorney-client privilege, Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b)

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to enter into a Closed Session. Motion carried.

The Council held a Closed Session.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Grau to adjourn the Closed Session.

Motion carried.

8. OPEN SESSION

9. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

9.A. Approve the July 1, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2024 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

10. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Grau noted his excitement for the Ice Arena revenue. Councilmember Hubbard added the initiative includes other opportunities for advertising.

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Mayor Windschitl to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through D:

A. On-Sale Liquor License at Community Event-Walk, Bike Chaska

Motion to approve On-Sale Intoxicating License at a Community Event, Lic#TW24.8 for Chaska Downtown Business Alliance for Walk, Bike Chaska-Paseo/Tunnel Grand Opening effective Sunday, July 21, 2024.

B. Chaska Community Center - Ice Arena Advertising

Motion to approve Rinkside Advertising Network Agreement.

C. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-60 Bond Sale Reimbursement

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-60 establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

D. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-61 Approving the Final Site & Building Plan for 8 Villas, Short Course and Putting Course at Hazeltine National Golf Course/Hazeltine National Golf Course/PC #2024-11

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-61 approving the Hazeltine National Golf Course (Villas, Putting Course, Short Course, and Parking Lot Modifications) Final Site & Building Plan (PC #2024-11).

Councilmember Hubbard asked why the lights off time is 11:00 p.m. for Hazeltine while parks close at 10:00 p.m. City Administrator Podhradsky explained Hazeltine is treated like a business rather than a park. Either way, the City has lighting requirements that minimize the impact of light pollution on the surrounding area.

Motion carried.

11. Action Items

11.A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-62 Approving Preliminary Site & Building Plan for the Performance Center at Hazeltine National Golf Course/Hazeltine National Golf Course/PC #2024-10

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

Mayor Windschitl pointed out there is a possibility someone may be hit by a golf ball. Chris Zeman, Vice President of Zeman Construction representative of the applicant, explained the orientation of the building aims the shots down the fairway. The angle of the shots limits the crossover of balls being hit over the turf area of the driving range. The driving area isn't used in the winter.

Mayor Windschitl asked if nets would be allowed on the range. Ms. Hanson stated nets could be added.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Resolution No. 2024-62 approving the Hazeltine National Golf Course (Performance Center) Preliminary Site & Building Plan (PC #2024-10).

Motion carried.

12. Bills

12.A. Accounts Payable Claims Roster 15-7-2024

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hubbard to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

13. Other Business

13.A. City Administrator's Report

13.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report 15-7-2024

13.B. Financial Reports as of 31-5-2024

Councilmember Grau:

- Attended the busy Costco opening and noticed the ease of traffic due to recent construction.
- Noted Fire and Ice was a great event. He thanked all parties that supported the event.
- Thanked Public Works employees for field maintenance.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Agreed Fire and Ice went well and shared her experience with the dunk tank.
- Pointed out River City Days is August 2 through 4.
- Noted Friends of the Chaska Library book sale will be July 25 to 27.
- Added National Night Out is August 6, 2024.
- Stated on Thursday, July 25, 2024 and Wednesday, August 21, 2024 there will be an open house regarding the plans for various improvement projects.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Agreed the Costco opening was fun and a reflection of the community within Chaska.
- Noted the tunnel opening and paseo will be celebrated July 21, 2024.
- Stated Picnic with Police will be July 18, 2024.
- Stated Bark in the Park at the Farmer's Market will be July 24, 2024.
- Pointed out Coffee with a Cop will be July 17, 2024.
- Noted there will be a pop-up splash pad at Sunset Park on July 16, 2024.
- Added Highway 41 will be opening around July 22, 2024.
- Stated candidate filings open July 30, 2024.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Stated Fishing with Friends will be hosting their veteran's event will be July 16, 2024.
- Pointed out Rouge 41 is a speakeasy that will be opening soon.
- Agreed Fire and Ice was well-done.
- Noted the next City Council meeting is August 5, 2024.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Pointed out 16 people from San Francisco participated in the Fire and Ice curling event.

14. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Motion carried.