

CITY OF BLAINE
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 19, 2021

7:30PM
Council Chambers
10801 Town Square Drive

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR SANDERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Mayor Sanders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Tim Sanders, Councilmembers Julie Jeppson, Chris Massoglia, Richard Paul, Jess Robertson and Jason Smith.

Adjunct Member Drew Brown.

ABSENT: Councilmember Wes Hovland.

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; City Planner Lori Johnson; Public Works Director Jon Haukaas; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Brian Podany; City Engineer Dan Schluender; City Attorney Chris Nelson; Communications Manager Ben Hayle; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Sanders opened the Open Forum at 7:31PM.

Stephen Narog, 11417 Lincoln Court, expressed concern with traffic speeds and lighting that would be put in place along Ulysses Street as a result of the three new developments in his neighborhood.

Shannon Kopf, 2401 121st Circle, stated he had concerns with the proposed Applewood Pointe development including the additional noise and traffic that would be generated by the proposed development. He shared concerns with how his property value would be adversely impacted by the proposed four story building.

There being no additional public input, Mayor Sanders closed the Open Forum at 7:37PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Jeppson, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, that the following be approved:

8.1 Motion 21-104, Schedule of Bills Paid.

8.2 Resolution No. 21-149, Recording the Official Name of Marmon Street NE in Willowbrook 4th Addition.

8.3 Resolution No. 21-150, Recording the Official Name of Old West 35W Service Drive NE.

8.4 Second Reading – Ordinance No. 21-2475, Amending Chapter 86 – Utilities, Amending Sec. 86-7. – Lawn Sprinkler Restrictions and Adding sec. 86-13. – Regulating Nonessential Water Usage Upon Critical Water Deficiency of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Blaine.

Motion adopted unanimously.

7:30PM - PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ITEMS SET FOR A CERTAIN TIME

9.1 Resolution No. 21-151, Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easement, Outlot E, Springbrook 2nd Addition, Vacation No. V21-01.

City Engineer Schluender stated the city received a petition dated April 7, 2021 from Matthew Barker, representing Springbrook Land LLC, requesting the vacation of the existing drainage and utility easement over the entire Outlot E, Springbrook 2nd Addition. The property was originally platted as an outlot, while waiting for the property to the west to develop and

extend utility services to their east property line. With the development of Woods at Quail Creek 5th addition extending the utilities, the existing outlot can be replatted and developed with two residential lots. Engineering staff has reviewed the request and is in agreement with the vacation.

Mayor Sanders opened the public hearing at 7:40PM.

There being no public input, Mayor Sanders closed the public hearing at 7:41PM.

Moved by Councilmember Paul, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that Resolution No. 21-151, "Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easement, Outlot E, Springbrook 2nd Addition," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

9.2 Resolution No. 21-152, Granting a Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendment from PI/PC (Planned Industrial/Planned Commercial) to HDR-2 (High Density Residential) for a 2 Acre Parcel at 9440 and 9460 Ulysses Street NE. Arris II Apartments (Case File No. 21-0020/EES).

City Planner Johnson stated the city council approved a land use change from PI/PC to HDR and a conditional use permit for the Arris Apartments project on May 3, 2021. Upon review of the comprehensive plan amendment, the Metropolitan Council has suggested that the property be guided HDR-2. She said no project details have changed and this is a housekeeping item.

Mayor Sanders opened the public hearing at 7:44PM.

There being no public input, Mayor Sanders closed the public hearing at 7:45PM.

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Paul, that Resolution No. 21-152, "Granting a Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendment from PI/PC (Planned Industrial/Planned Commercial) to HDR-2 (High Density Residential) for a 2 Acre Parcel at 9440 and 9460 Ulysses Street NE," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

10.1 First Reading – Ordinance No. 21-2476, Granting a Code Amendment to the RR (Regional Recreation) Zoning District to Add Maintenance Facilities and Outdoor Storage as Conditional Uses. (Case File No. 21-0051/EES).

Ms. Johnson stated a code amendment is necessary to allow for the construction of a new maintenance facility with limited outside storage on the south side of the super rink on the National Sports Center campus. Staff recommends approval of the code amendment.

Declared by Mayor Sanders that Ordinance No. 21-2476, "Granting a Code Amendment to the RR (Regional Recreation) Zoning District to Add Maintenance Facilities and Outdoor Storage as Conditional Uses," be introduced and placed on file for second reading at the August 2, 2021 Council meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

11.1 First Reading – Ordinance No. 21-2477, Probationary Period Ordinance.

City Manager Wolfe stated the existing probationary period ordinance is in need of updating and integration into the personnel handbook. For integration, the ordinance needs to be converted to a policy. The terms of the converted policy will reflect a one year probationary period for all employees in alignment with the employee evaluation program.

Declared by Mayor Sanders that Ordinance No. 21-2477, "Probationary Period Ordinance," be introduced and placed on file for second reading at the August 2, 2021 Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

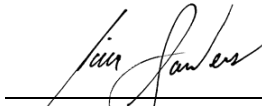
Councilmember Paul asked questions regarding the schedule of bills regarding assessments, contract payments and dental insurance payments, and how cloud storage was handled. Ms. Wolfe discussed how assessments were managed by Anoka County via contract, that employee dental insurance coverage was through Health Partners, then commented on how the city managed its data storage both onsite and in the cloud.

Councilmember Paul requested additional information regarding city maintenance mowing and contracts. Public Works Director Haukaas discussed how the city managed mowing throughout the city noting the majority of the mowing was conducted by city staff and several portions of the city were completed through a contract.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Massoglia, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53PM.

Motion adopted unanimously.



Tim Sanders, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk
Submitted by Minute Maker Secretarial