



City of Blaine
Anoka County, Minnesota
Minutes
City Council

Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Sq Dr NE
Blaine MN 55449

Monday, October 17, 2022

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM by Mayor Sanders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Tim Sanders, Councilmembers Wes Hovland, Julie Jeppson, Chris Massoglia, Tom Newland, Richard Paul, and Jess Robertson.

ABSENT: None.

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; City Planner Sheila Sellman; Safety Services Director/Police Chief Brian Podany; Finance Director Joe Huss; City Engineer Dan Schluender; Community Standards Director Bob Fiske; City Attorney Chris Nelson; Communications Manager Ben Hayle; Deputy Finance Director Alison Bong; Park & Recreation Senior Manager Jerome Krieger; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

Present: 6 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Massoglia and Mayor Sanders

4. AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

4.-1 AAA Traffic Safety Grant Check Presentation

Safety Services Director/Police Chief Podany stated the police department was awarded a \$1,000 Traffic Safety Grant from AAA to be applied to the cost of purchasing electronic school zone speed limit signs. He explained Sergeant Nate Hatanpa from the police department applied for the AAA Traffic Safety Grant to off-set the cost of the school zone speed limit signs and was awarded a \$1,000 Grant. It was noted

this grant would be used to purchase electronic speed zone signs for the three schools along 125th Avenue.

Meredith Mitz, AAA representative, explained AAA runs a school zone traffic safety program with the goal to encourage safety within the community. She commended the Blaine Police Department for their great work on behalf of the community and presented a check to Police Chief Podany and Sergeant Hatanpa.

Mayor Sanders thanked Sergeant Hatanpa for his efforts on the grant and thanked AAA for awarding the Blaine Police Department with funding that will improve safety in the community.

Informational: no action required

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Sanders commented on the federal congressional delegation visit that would be held on Tuesday, October 18. He noted this visit would provide the congressional delegates with information about the traffic impacts and needs for the TH65 corridor.

6. OPEN FORUM

Mayor Sanders opened the Open Forum at 7:48PM.

Mary Sauter, 10826 Austin Street-Unit 213 (Legends of Blaine), expressed concern regarding the lack of availability for medical appointments by Metro Mobility. She explained she has been told by Metro Mobility that Blaine was too far from the metro area to adequately cover transportation requests. She noted she has had 12 requests denied. She reported this was a huge concern for her and for her neighbors who need transportation through Metro Mobility.

Mayor Sanders reported staff would contact the Metro Mobility and Met Council regarding action steps and would follow up with Ms. Sauter.

Patrick Miller, 2572 123rd Court NE, shared concerns regarding the loss of trees when the City conducted stormwater pond maintenance on the pond in his backyard. He reported no silt fence was installed when this work was completed, and this should have been required. He explained he lost his daughter earlier this year and discussed how he appreciated how the community had come together to raise \$25,000 for the Children's Hospital. He stated his family was grieving and he encouraged the City to visit his property to reconsider how they left his property.

There being no further input, Mayor Sanders closed the Open Forum at 7:58PM.

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Newland explained he would be abstaining from voting on Item 8.1, Schedule of Bills Paid.

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

Motion adopted 6-0-1 (Councilmember Newland abstained).

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Massoglia and Mayor Sanders

8.-1

Schedule of Bills Paid

Attachments: [September 30, 2022 Bills Paid](#)
 [September 30, 2022 Subset of Bills Paid](#)
 [October 7, 2022 Bills Paid](#)
 [October 7, 2022 Subset of Bills Paid](#)
 [September 2022 P/R Checks and Wire Transfers](#)

CM Newland abstained from bills pay

Approved

8.-2

Approval of Minutes

Attachments: [10-03-22 City Council Minutes](#)
 [10-03-22 Workshop Minutes](#)
 [10-07-22 and 10-08-22 Workshop Council Retreat](#)

Approved

8.-3

Authorize a Professional Services Contract with WSB & Associates, Inc. to Provide Acquisition Services for Right-of-Way Services of 99th Ave and Baltimore Street Intersection Improvements

Attachments: [WSB Agreement Right-of-Way Services](#)

Approved

8.-4 Renew SCORE funds agreement with Anoka County

Attachments: [Score Grant Agreement](#)

Approved

8.-5 Authorizing Financial Commitment to the TH65 Project

Attachments: [Blaine Mega Grant Commitment](#)

Approved

8.-6 Releasing Lot 5, Block 1, Of The Lakes of Radisson Thirtieth Addition from Recorded Development Agreement (Case File No. 22-0065/SAS)

Attachments: [Zoning and Location Map](#)

[Release Document](#)

Adopted

8.-7 Authorizing Execution of a Limited Use Permit for Trunk Highway No. 65 and 89th Avenue NE

Attachments: [Attachments](#)

Adopted

9. 7:30 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING AND ITEMS PUBLISHED FOR A CERTAIN TIME**9.-1 Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easement, Naples Street Warehouse II, Vacation No. V22-08**

Attachments: [Petition](#)

[10119 Easement Vacation Exhibit](#)

City Engineer Schluender stated the City received a petition dated September 7, 2022, from Capital Partners, requesting the vacation of all the drainage and utility easements as described in Doc. No. 1526102, and all the perpetual ponding and flowage easements as described in Doc. No. 1604851 and Doc. No. 1998956.001, according to the recorded plat thereof, Anoka County, Minnesota.

Mayor Sanders opened the public hearing at 8:00PM.

There being no additional public input, Mayor Sanders closed the public hearing at 8:01PM.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Jeppson, that Resolution No. 22-163, "Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easement, Naples

Street Warehouse II,” be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Massoglia and Mayor Sanders

10. DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

10.-1 Granting a 150 Square Foot Variance from the 1,200 Square Foot Maximum Garage and Accessory Building Space Allowed with a Conditional Use Permit at 12352 Radisson Road NE. Lon Fiedler (Case File No. 22-0060/EES)

Attachments: [Attachments](#)
 [Unapproved PC Minutes 091322](#)

City Planner Sellman stated the applicant is requesting a variance to retain an existing shed that was to be removed with the building permit for the home which exceed the allowable square footage allowed in an R-1 (Single Family) zoning district. At the October 3 City Council meeting the Council directed staff to prepare findings to approve the request.

Moved by Councilmember Massoglia, seconded by Councilmember Paul, that Resolution No. 22-164, “Granting a 150 Square Foot Variance from the 1,200 Square Foot Maximum Garage and Accessory Building Space Allowed with a Conditional Use Permit at 12352 Radisson Road NE,” be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Massoglia and Mayor Sanders

10.-2 Granting a Conditional Use Permit for 1,350 Square Feet of Garage and Accessory Building Space in an R-1 (Single Family) Zoning District at 12352 Radisson Road NE. Lon Fiedler (Case File No. 22-0052)

Attachments: [Attachments](#)
 [Unapproved PC Minutes 081022](#)

Ms. Sellman stated the applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to have 1,350 square feet of garage and shed space, rather than the 1,000 square feet otherwise allowed in the R-1 (Single Family Residential) zoning district. The applicant was granted a variance to exceed the 1,200 square foot limit that is allowed through a CUP. At the October 3 City Council meeting the Council directed staff to prepare findings to approve the request.

Moved by Councilmember Massoglia, seconded by Mayor Sanders, that

Resolution No. 22-157, "Granting a Conditional Use Permit for 1,350 Square Feet of Garage and Accessory Building Space in an R-1 (Single Family) Zoning District at 12352 Radisson Road NE," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Massoglia and Mayor Sanders

10.-3

A Resolution Adopting a Written Statement of Denial for the Rezoning from R-1 (Single Family) and R-3B (Medium Density Multifamily) to DF (Development Flex) at 111 99th Avenue NE. Blaine Apartments, LLC (Case File No. 22-0048/EES)

Ms. Sellman stated the developer requested to rezone property at 111 99th Avenue from R-1 (Single Family) and R-3B (Medium Density Multi-Family) to DF (Development Flex) for a 111-unit apartment building. The first reading was on September 7, 2022, and second reading on September 19, 2022, where the item was tabled to October. The City Council considered the rezoning on October 3, 2022, and voted to not approve the request and directed staff to prepare findings for denial to be considered at the October 17, 2022, meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Massoglia, that Resolution No. 22-165, "A Resolution Adopting a Written Statement of Denial for the Rezoning from R-1 (Single Family) and R-3B (Medium Density Multifamily) to DF (Development Flex) at 111 99th Avenue NE," be approved.

Motion adopted 4-3 (Councilmembers Jeppson, Hovland and Mayor Sanders opposed).

Aye: 3 - Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul and Councilmember Massoglia

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson and Mayor Sanders

10.-4

A Resolution Adopting a Written Statement of Denial for the Conditional Use Permit Application of Blaine Apartments LLC to Construct a 111-Unit Apartment Building at 111 99th Avenue NE. (Case File No. 22-0048/EES)

Ms. Sellman stated the developer requested to rezone property at 111 99th Avenue from R-1 (Single Family) and R-3B (Medium Density Multi-Family) to DF (Development Flex) and a CUP for a 111-unit apartment building. The CUP was considered at the September 19, 2022, meeting where the item was tabled to October. The City Council considered the CUP on October 3, 2022, and voted not to approve the request, and directed staff to prepare findings for denial to be considered at the October 17, 2022, meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Paul, that Resolution No. 22-166, "A Resolution Adopting a Written Statement of Denial

for the Conditional Use Permit Application of Blaine Apartments LLC to Construct a 111-Unit Apartment Building at 111 99th Avenue NE," be approved.

Motion adopted 4-3 (Councilmembers Jeppson, Hovland and Mayor Sanders opposed).

Aye: 3 - Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul and Councilmember Massoglia

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson and Mayor Sanders

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.-1 Approve 2022 Community Standards Capital Equipment Purchase

Community Standards Director Fiske stated community standards is seeking approval to purchase of the fire inspection vehicle which was approved in the 2022 Capital Equipment budget. He explained when staff tried to order this vehicle at the beginning of 2022, staff was informed by Ford that they were no longer taking orders. He discussed how the cost for the vehicle had increased and reported staff would like to get this vehicle ordered for 2023.

Councilmember Hovland stated he was shocked by how much the price for the vehicle had increased. Mr. Fiske explained the original cost estimates were from 2021 and now the City was looking to purchase the vehicle in 2023.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Jeppson, that Motion 22-172, "Approve 2022 Community Standards Capital Equipment Purchase," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Massoglia and Mayor Sanders

11.-2 Approve the 2023 Capital Budget Purchase and Funding of a Police Armored Rescue Vehicle

Police Chief Podany stated the police department is seeking approval to purchase an armored rescue vehicle as part of the 2023 General Capital Equipment Budget. The department is seeking early approval due to the extended lead time for delivery of the vehicle, which is a minimum of 12 months. The purchase will be funded using both general fund unrestricted reserves and police forfeiture funds, where payment is remitted upon receipt of the vehicle, which will likely be 2023.

Councilmember Paul asked if costs would continue to increase over the next year. Police Chief Podany stated the price would be locked in once the vehicle was ordered.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Jeppson, that Motion 22-173, "Approve the 2023 Capital Budget Purchase and Funding of a Police Armored Rescue Vehicle," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Massoglia and Mayor Sanders

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Jeppson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13PM.

Motion adopted unanimously.