



# City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes City Council

Blaine City Hall  
10801 Town Sq Dr NE  
Blaine MN 55449

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Monday, July 19, 2021

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

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1. **CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM 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 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.

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Hovland

4. **AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**6. OPEN FORUM**

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.

**7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved by Councilmember Jeppson, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, that the following be approved: Motion adopted unanimously.**

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

**8.-1 Schedule of Bills Paid**

**Attachments:** [June 2021 P/R Checks and Wire Transfers](#)

[7/2/21 Bills Paid](#)

[7/2/21 Subset of Bills Paid](#)

[7/9/21 Bills Paid](#)

[7/9/21 Subset of Bills Paid](#)

Approved

**8.-2 Recording the official name of Marmon Street NE in Willowbrook 4th Addition**

**Attachments:** [Marmon Street Exhibit](#)

Adopted

**8.-3 Recording the official name of Old West 35W Service Drive NE**

**Attachments:**     [Old W 35W Service Drive Exhibit](#)

Adopted

8.-4

**Second Reading**

**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**

Adopted

**9.     7:30 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING AND ITEMS PUBLISHED FOR A CERTAIN TIME**

9.-1

**Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easement, Outlot E, Springbrook  
2nd Addition, Vacation No. V21-01**

**Attachments:**     [Petition for V21-01](#)  
                              [Exhibit - Outlot E](#)

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.**

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

9.-2

**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)**

Attachments:     [Attachments](#)

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.**

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

**10. DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS****10.-1****First Reading**

**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)**

Attachments:     [Code Amendment](#)  
                          [Unapproved Minutes 071321](#)

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.**

**11. ADMINISTRATION**

11.-1

**First Reading****Probationary Period Ordinance**

**Attachments:**    [Existing Ordinance](#)  
                              [Draft Policy Language](#)

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.**

**12. 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.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion adopted unanimously.**

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