



City of Blaine
Anoka County, Minnesota
Minutes - Final
City Council

10801 Town Square Dr.
Blaine MN 55449

Thursday, November 21, 2013

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Meeting Number 13-59

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Quorum present.

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Schafer, Planning Director; Bob Therres, Public Services Manager; Joe Huss, Finance Director; Chris Olson, Police Chief/Safety Services Manager; Roark Haver, Communications Technician; Al Thorp, Senior Engineering Technician; and Recording Secretary Linda Dahlquist.

Present: 7 - Mayor Ryan, Mayor Pro Tem Hovland, Mayor Pro Tem Swanson, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Kolb and Councilmember Herbst

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.-1 [MIN 13-27](#)

CLOSED WORKSHOP MINUTES - 11/07/13
WORKSHOP MINUTES - 11/07/13
REGULAR MINUTES - 11/07/13

Sponsors: Cross

Attachments: [Workshop Minutes 11/07/13](#)
[Council Minutes 11/07/13](#)
[Closed Labor Negotiation 11/07/13](#)

Councilmember Clark abstained from the Closed Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2013; Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2013; and the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2013 due to his absence.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Swanson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hovland, that this Minutes be Approved. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

5. AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Bill Hammes, Metro Liaison and Coordinator for the Toward Zero Project, recognized the Blaine Police Department for its participation in the Toward Zero Project.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Ryan welcomed Big Lots to the City of Blaine.

Mayor Ryan welcomed Buffalo Wild Wings to the City of Blaine.

7. OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Ryan opened the Open Forum at 7:44 p.m.

Jennifer Repp, 2810 Aspen Lake Drive, stated she is speaking on behalf of the neighborhood. She stated 116th was not a through street in 2005. She stated there has been an 80% increase in traffic on Aspen Lake Drive. She stated Aspen has more traffic than the main controlled intersection. She stated she drove the residential roads that were noted to have comparable traffic to Aspen. She noted some of those roads are MSA and county roads. She stated the County has given recommendations on how to fix the problem. She gave an overview of the handout she distributed. She stated the closure the neighborhood wants to see is an offset closure that allows only emergency vehicles access. She stated three signs and two construction blockades would complete the closure for a low cost. She suggested a six month trial be conducted.

Councilmember Herbst asked if the neighborhood has considered speed humps on 116th Street. Ms. Repp stated she researched streets with speed humps and found speeds were not affected.

Councilmember Herbst asked if the neighborhood will complete a petition for speed humps on 116th. Ms. Repp stated she already has a petition.

Mayor Ryan requested staff develop alternatives and costs for the Council to consider.

There being no further input, Mayor Ryan closed the Open Forum at 8:01 p.m.

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilmember Clark requested agenda item 12.8 to be moved to after the Consent Agenda.

9. 8:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING AND ITEMS SET FOR A CERTAIN TIME

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

10.-1 [MO 13-141](#)

SCHEDULE OF BILLS PAID

Sponsors: Huss

Attachments: [October 2013 Payroll Checks and Wire Transfers](#)

[11/01/13 Bills Paid](#)

[11/08/13 Bills Paid](#)

Councilmember Bourke requested information on the forfeiture vehicles and asked if the City recoups the cost. City Manager Arneson replied staff will forward detail information to the Council.

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hovland, that this Motion be Approved. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

11. DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

None.

12. ADMINISTRATION

12.-8 [MO 13-146](#)

DISCUSSION ON FOGERTY SIGNAGE IN CITY RIGHT OF WAY

Sponsors: Therres

Attachments: [SKMBT_C65213110717090](#)

Moved by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that Motion 13-146, "Discussion on Fogerty Signage in City Right of Way," be postponed to the Council meeting on December 5, 2013.

12.-1 [RES 13-187](#)

**GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PER
SECTION 33.05 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF BLAINE FOR A LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT
TO DEPOSIT FILL AT THE SOUTHWEST QUADRANT OF
LEXINGTON AVENUE AND 109TH AVENUE**

Sponsors: Keely

Attachments: [Location-Grading Map](#)

Planning Director Schafer stated the applicant is preparing development plans for this 80 acre site which needs approximately 350,000 cubic yards of fill to raise the level of the property to make it buildable. He stated the applicant is proposing to create two stockpiles approximately 24 feet in height along with two berms along Lexington Avenue at a height of approximately 12 feet. He stated the applicant has designed the fill to avoid existing wetlands and is obtaining permits from the Rice Creek Watershed District and the Anoka County Highway Department. He noted a cash bond will be required as surety for stabilization of the project.

Councilmember Hovland asked if the fill is clean. Planning Director Schafer replied the fill has been tested and is clean.

Councilmember Hovland asked if there are residential areas close by that will be affected. Planning Director Schafer replied there is a development to the north of the property, but it is a good distance away.

Councilmember Clark asked about the timeframe of the hauling of fill to the site and the length of time the fill will sit. Planning Director Schafer replied until approval of the development of the site from 2014 to 2015. He stated Allina is working on a concept plan for the site development.

Councilmember Clark questioned the escrow account. Planning Director Schafer replied the escrow will be used by the City for Engineering's time to monitor.

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Herbst, that this Resolution be Adopted. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

12.-2 [RES 13-188](#)

**CERTIFY 2013 DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND
INVOICES TO ANOKA COUNTY**

Sponsors: Huss

Attachments: [2013 Utilities Certification List](#)

Finance Director Huss stated annually the Council certifies delinquent utilities and unpaid invoices for mowing, false alarms, and meter repairs to Anoka County for collection with the following year's property taxes. He stated notice has been sent to all affected property owners and if payment is not received before the deadline for remittance to Anoka County, this resolution authorizes staff to certify the amount due to the Ramsey County Auditor for collection with the 2014 property taxes.

Mayor Ryan asked if the accounts on the list are reoccurring. Finance Director Huss replied yes.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Swanson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hovland, that this Resolution be Adopted. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

12.-3 [RES 13-189](#)

**CERTIFY DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS TO
RAMSEY COUNTY**

Sponsors: Huss

Finance Director Huss stated annually the Council certifies delinquent utilities and unpaid invoices for mowing, false alarms, and meter repairs to Ramsey County for collection with the following year's property taxes. He stated notice has been sent to all affected property owners and if payment is not received before the deadline for remittance to Ramsey County, this resolution authorizes staff to certify the amount due to the Anoka County Auditor for collection with the 2014 property taxes.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that this Resolution be Adopted. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

12.-4 [MO 13-142](#)

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND MAYOR TO
ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE
METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION (MAC) FOR
PROPERTY KNOWN AS AIRPORT PARK**

Sponsors: City Manager Arneson

Attachments: [Athletic field lease MAC](#)

City Manager Arneson stated the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and the City of Blaine have partnered to provide recreational facilities at Airport Park located on 49 acres of MAC land on the corner of Radisson road and 105th Avenue. He stated Airport Park has 15 soccer fields and 4 baseball fields.

Moved by Councilmember Kolb, seconded by Mayor Ryan, that this Motion be Approved. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

12.-5 [MO 13-143](#)

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER AND MAYOR TO
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION FOR FIRE
PROTECTION SERVICES**

Sponsors: City Manager Arneson

Attachments: [MAC Fire contract](#)

City Manager Arneson stated the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and the City of Blaine approved a contract for fire protection services, reconstruction of Xylite Street, sewer and water maintenance, athletic field property, and future development.

Moved by Councilmember Kolb, seconded by Councilmember Herbst, that this Motion be Approved. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

12.-6 [MO 13-144](#)

**ADOPT AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT TO FURNISH
FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO THE CITIES OF
BLAINE, MOUNDSVIEW AND SPRING LAKE PARK**

Sponsors: City Manager Arneson

Attachments: [Amend fire protect contract](#)

City Manager Arneson stated the Fire Department provides fire protection services within the geographic limits for the cities of Blaine, Mounds View and Spring Lake Park; although not including the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) property that is located in Blaine. He stated if Council approves the contract, an addendum to the Joint Powers Agreement must be adopted along with this amendment.

Moved by Councilmember Bourke, seconded by Councilmember Herbst, that this Motion be Approved. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

12.-7 [MO 13-145](#)

**ADOPT THE ADDENDUM TO THE JOINT POWERS
AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE
PROTECTION SERVICES**

Sponsors: City Manager Arneson

Attachments: [Addendum to JPA fire protect](#)

Fire Chief Zikmund stated if Council approves the contract with the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) for Fire Protection Services, an addendum to the JPA must be adopted along with an Amendment to the Contract. He noted that the cities of Mounds View and Spring Lake Park will be considering these amendments at their meetings in early December.

Moved by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hovland, that this Motion be Approved. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Herbst stated the Old Piper has an issue with parking and would like parking on the road on Saturdays and Sundays. City Manager Arneson replied an ordinance amendment is needed to allow parking on that road for Saturday and Sunday.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.