



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes City Council

Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Sq Dr NE
Blaine MN 55449

This meeting will be a hybrid of Zoom and in-person. The Mayor has signed a declaration allowing members of the council, staff, and the public to attend the meeting remotely via Zoom as has been done during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The council chambers will have limited seating, with audience chairs being set up at least six feet apart. There will be an overflow area where the meeting can be watched in the Cloverleaf Farms Room, also with chairs set up at least six feet apart.

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Public comments may be submitted prior to the meeting by sending an email to PublicComment@BlaineMN.gov or by calling 763-717-2782 no later than Noon on Monday February 1. Public comment will also be taken during the meeting remotely via Zoom. Members of the public can join the Zoom webinar at, <https://blainemn.zoom.us/j/95650667201>

Monday, August 17, 2020

7:30 PM Council Chambers and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, city meetings will also be held as virtual meetings

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this hybrid meeting was held both virtually and in person.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; Public Works Director Jon Haukaas; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Brian Podany; Finance Director Joe Huss; Public Services Manager/Assistant City Manager Bob Therres; Recreation Manager Nate Monahan; City Attorney Patrick Sweeney; City Engineer Dan Schluender; Communications Technician Roark Haver; Communications Manager Ben Hayle; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

Present: 4 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

5. AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS**5.-1****POLICE OFFICER/FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION**

Safety Services Manager/Police Chief Podany stated Officer Trent Bachman along with Allina EMTs Nathan Layne, Sarah Jones, and Morgan Sendelbach and SBM firefighters Maddison Zikmund, Matt Grantz, Derek Authier, Matthias Gosch and Kirk Maroushek responded to a report of a male laying by the curb/street who was not breathing. Officer Bachman assisted Allina on scene with life saving measures of Paul Delperdang, who was transported to the hospital and was breathing on his own prior to arriving at the hospital. The actions of Officer Bachman, Allina EMTs Layne, Jones, and Sendelbach, and SBM firefighters Zikmund, Grantz, Authier, Gosch and Maroushek directly saved the life of citizen Paul Delperdang. Mr. Delperdang and his wife Kathleen “Kitty” would like to publicly recognize and thank everyone involved for their life saving efforts.

Paul Delperdang thanked Martha Barker, Corrie Schuler, Officer Bachman, the SBM firefighters and all of the EMT’s who worked together to save his life. He discussed what made a great City, which included great leadership and strong governance. He thanked Mayor Ryan and Councilmember Swanson for their years of dedicated service to the City of Blaine. He explained he also appreciated Blaine’s strong vibrant business community, the respect residents had for its community resources (fire and police), and the spirit of participatory citizenship. He then described his cardiac arrest event and thanked each individual who assisted in restarting his heart. He appreciated how seamlessly and effectively each of the departments worked together to save his life. He understood that more people died from sudden cardiac arrest than from lung cancer and breast cancer each year. He indicated he was told by the doctors at Mercy Hospital that without the quick actions of these bystanders, he would have died that day. He stated he fully appreciated the second chance he has been given at life and explained he would continue to serve the community at the Salvation Army and through Meals on Wheels. He then presented each of the individuals that helped save his life with a certificate of recognition. A standing ovation and round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

Informational: no action required

5.-2**POLICE OFFICER / K9 AWARD RECOGNITION**

Police Chief Podany stated Police Officer Reginald Larson and K9 Rex were

awarded the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA), 2019 Region 12 Patrol Case of the Year. This was for an Officer Involved Shooting incident in Coon Rapids on April 18, 2019, where Officer Larson and K9 Rex were instrumental in tracking and locating a non-compliant suspect. Because of their training, dedication, courage, and bravery, they contributed to the successful outcome of this event. It was noted USPCA Region 12 represents the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba Canada. Officer Larson and his K9 Rex are also up for the USPCA 2019 National Case of the Year.

Police Officer Larson introduced himself and K9 Rex to the City Council. He explained K9 Rex has served the City of Blaine for the past eight years. He discussed the events that occurred on April 18 and described how instrumental K9 Rex was in locating the suspect. He commented on how the suspect was hidden away in a position to ambush police officers and stated K9 Rex saved his life that night and the life of his partners. He thanked the City Council for their tremendous support and commended K9 Rex for his incredible service to the community. A standing ovation and round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson thanked Officer Larson for his dedicated service to the community.

Councilmember Garvais thanked Officer Larson and his fellow officers for their tremendous service to the community each and every day.

Councilmember Robertson explained she did a ride-along with the Blaine Police Department. She stated she appreciated the amazing service the officers provided to the community.

Informational: no action required

5.-3

POLICE OFFICER SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Police Chief Podany introduced newly hired Police Officers Mohamed Muhidine, Thomas Brownell, and Caleb Link to the City Council. He reported all officers have successfully completed the Field Training Program and are currently on solo patrol. The Oath of Office was administered by City Attorney Sweeney to the newly hired officers and badges were pinned on. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson welcomed Officer Muhidine, Officer Brownell and Officer Link to the City of Blaine Police Department.

Informational: no action required

5.-4**PROCLAMATION - WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson read a proclamation in full for the record declaring Wednesday, August 26 as Women's Equality Day in the City of Blaine.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, that a "Proclamation for Women's Equality Day" be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. OPEN FORUM

Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson opened the Open Forum at 8:24 p.m.

There being no input, Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson closed the Open Forum at 8:25 p.m.

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Robertson requested the removal of agenda item 9.3.

Moved by Councilmember Hovland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, that the following be approved: A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

9.-1**SCHEDULE OF BILLS PAID**

Attachments: [July 2020 Payroll Checks and Wire Transfers](#)
[07/31/20 Bills Paid](#)
[07/31/20 Bills Paid - Subset](#)
[08/07/20 Bills Paid](#)
[08/07/20 Bills Paid - Subset](#)

Approved

9.-2

**RECEIVE PETITION AND ORDER PUBLIC HEARING
FOR VACATION OF DRAINAGE AND UTILITY
EASEMENTS ON THE WEST ONE-HALF OF LOT 19
AND THE EAST ONE-HALF OF LOT 20, CENTRAL
AVENUE ACRES, VACATION NO. V20-06**

Attachments: [Petition for Easement Vacation](#)
[Attachments Final Plat](#)

Adopted

9.-3

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO JOINT POWERS
AGREEMENT WITH ANOKA COUNTY FOR SIGNAL
CONSTRUCTION AT COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY
52 (RADISSON ROAD/101ST AVE) AND XYLITE STREET
AND FOR SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS AT CSAH 52 AND
FLANDERS STREET (SAP 002-652-007, SAP 002-652-008
AND 106-020-035), IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 19-09**

Attachments: [\(Final\) Xylite-CSAH 52 - SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO JOINT
POWERS AGREEMENT](#)

Councilmember Robertson stated she was having a difficult time supporting a joint powers agreement (JPA) with Anoka County until there was a compromise in place as the current JPA agreements were inequitable. She reported she understood the importance of the proposed project but indicated she would not be supporting this JPA.

Councilmember Garvais discussed the County's assessment policy noting a city was to pay 75% of a traffic signal while the County pays 25% even though the

County owns 50% of the signal legs. He reported the City has requested the County to amend their assessment policy but this has not happened. He stated he understood this agreement had to move forward but he would not be supporting the JPA.

Moved by Councilmember Paul, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, that Motion 20-87, "Supplemental Agreement to Joint Powers Agreement with Anoka County for Signal Construction at County State Aid Highway 52 (Radisson Road/101st Avenue) and Xylite Street and for Signal Modifications at CSAH 52 and Flanders Street (SAP 002-652-007, SAP 002-652-008 and 106-020-035)," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion failed 3-3 (Councilmembers Garvais, Paul and Robertson opposed).

Aye: 3 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland and Councilmember Jeppson

Nay: 3 - Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

Councilmember Hovland requested staff discuss why the County had a 75/25 split for their intersections. Public Works Director Haukaas explained the County has a cost share policy in place that has cities paying 100% for their legs of the intersection and the County pays for half of their legs. This meant the City was responsible for paying 75% of the share of the intersection improvements and only 25% was paid by the County. He reported if the signal was not warranted, the City would be 100% responsible for the expense. He commented further on the right-of-way acquisition that was necessary for this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson stated she fully respected the opinions regarding the inequity of this JPA. However, she explained this intersection had to be improved because cars were being totaled and someone has been killed. She indicated she was not asking people to go against their values but noted this intersection could not be delayed further.

Councilmember Robertson fully agreed this intersection had to be addressed but indicated she would still not support the JPA. She commented further on how the City would be impacted by future JPAs as the County would still only be willing to pay 25% of the expense. She did not believe the expense of these intersections should be the burden of Blaine residents given the fact they already pay taxes to Anoka County to maintain roads and reiterated this was a County road and should be Anoka County's responsibility.

Councilmember Swanson indicated he agreed with the philosophical approach but noted he could not vote against this JPA as it could potentially result in serious injury or death.

Councilmember Paul stated the cost share percentages were not fair. He indicated this was the way the project would have to be if the City wanted it to be

completed. He explained he would be changing his vote from no to yes in order to move this project forward. City Attorney Sweeney discussed the proposed amendment to the JPA noting it was in the City's favor because more burden was being placed on Anoka County.

Moved by Councilmember Garvais, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, to revote on the matter.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted 4-2 (Councilmembers Garvais and Robertson opposed).

Aye: 4 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson and Councilmember Paul

Nay: 2 - Garvais and Councilmember Robertson

Councilmember Hovland stated while the entire Council would like to see the percentages with the County amended unfortunately the City had to address this public safety issue. For this reason he would be supporting the JPA and recommended the City continue to work with the County to reach an equitable solution. He encouraged the public to contact the County and voice their opinion that the current assessment policy for signals/intersections needs to change.

Moved by Councilmember Paul, seconded by Councilmember Garvais, that Motion 20-887, "Supplemental Agreement to Joint Powers Agreement with Anoka County for Signal Construction at County State Aid Highway 52 (Radisson Road/101st Avenue) and Xylite Street and for Signal Modifications at CSAH 52 and Flanders Street (SAP 002-652-007, SAP 002-652-008 and 106-020-035)," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted 4-2 (Councilmembers Garvais and Robertson opposed).

Aye: 4 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson and Councilmember Paul

Nay: 2 - Garvais and Councilmember Robertson

10. 7:30 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING AND ITEMS PUBLISHED FOR A CERTAIN TIME

10.-1

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT TO EXPAND AN EXISTING BUSINESS INTO AN ADJACENT TENANT SPACE IN A MULTI-TENANT RETAIL BUILDING IN A B-3 (REGIONAL COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 1500 125TH AVENUE NE. ADVANCED VETERINARY CARE. (CASE FILE NO. 20-0028/LSJ)

Attachments: [Attachments](#)

Community Development Director Thorvig stated in 2014, Dr. Ross Elton opened a new veterinary clinic on the southeast corner of Aberdeen Street and 125th

Avenue after receiving approval of a conditional use permit. The site is zoned B-2 (Regional Commercial) and animal hospitals are considered conditional uses in this district. The clinic is located within a tenant space in an existing multi-tenant building. The tenant space is on the west end of the building. At this time, he has come to an agreement with the owner of the building to expand into the adjacent tenant space (1506 125th Avenue NE). This expansion requires a conditional use permit amendment. This item was not brought to the Planning Commission for their review due to the fact that this is an existing business that is proposing to expand within the same building. The surrounding neighborhood (within 350 feet) was notified of this application and the public hearing will be held by the City Council at this meeting. It was noted Dr. Elton has stated that he has no issues with abiding by the original conditional use permit conditions. There will be no boarding of dogs at this location unless medically necessary, the hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and there will be 3 employees at the clinic along with Dr. Elton.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

There being no additional public input, Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson closed the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

Dr. Elton introduced himself to the Council and stated his business was thriving in the community which meant he needed more space. He explained he was available for comments or questions regarding his plans.

Moved by Councilmember Garvais, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, that Resolution 20-113, "Granting a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to Expand an Existing Business into an Adjacent Tenant Space in a Multi-Tenant Retail Building in a B-3 (Regional Commercial) Zoning District located at 1500 125th Avenue NE," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

11. DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

11.-1

SECOND READING

GRANTING A REZONING FROM R-1AA (SINGLE FAMILY) TO DF (DEVELOPMENT FLEX) FOR APPROXIMATELY 12.75 ACRES AT THE NORTH END OF XYLITE STREET NE. NEWMARK HOMES INC. (WOODS AT QUAIL CREEK 5TH ADDITION) (CASE FILE NO. 20-0020/LSJ)

Attachments: [Attachments](#)
 [Public Comments](#)

Mr. Thorvig stated the applicant, MG Main Street Properties, is proposing to plat the 12.75 acres just north of the Woods at Quail Creek 4th Addition into 19 single family lots. The property is currently zoned R-1AA (Single Family) as this property was platted as an outlot of the Quail Creek 10th Addition to the north, which has the same zoning designation. It's always been envisioned that this plat would be brought forward and development would occur in this area. MG Main Street Properties also developed Woods at Quail Creek 4th Addition. Since this property has a different zoning designation from the other Woods at Quail Creek plats, it is necessary to process a rezoning application for this plat. The new zoning would be DF (Development Flex) so the zoning of all of the Woods at Quail Creek plats are consistent with one another. This is also the zoning district that is utilized the most for new developments.

Councilmember Robertson thanked staff for addressing the traffic concerns raised by the neighbors at the Planning Commission meeting. She stated she supported the proposed density within this development.

Moved by Councilmember Hovland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, that Ordinance No. 20-2453, "Granting a Rezoning from R-1AA (Single Family) to DF (Development Flex) for Approximately 12.75 Acres at the North End of Xylite Street NE," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

11.-2

**GRANTING PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL TO
SUBDIVIDE APPROXIMATELY 12.75 ACRES INTO 19
SINGLE FAMILY LOTS TO BE KNOWN AS WOODS AT
QUAIL CREEK 5TH ADDITION, LOCATED AT THE
NORTH END OF XYLITE STREET NE. NEWMARK
HOMES INC. (CASE FILE NO. 20-0020/LSJ)**

Mr. Thorvig stated this plat contains 19 lots and it also contains the extension of Xylite Street north to where it meets 129th Lane NE at the intersection of Alamo Court NE and then continues on to the Springbrook Addition.

Moved by Councilmember Hovland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, that Resolution No. 20-114, "Granting Preliminary Plat Approval to Subdivide Approximately 12.75 Acres into 19 Single Family Lots to be known as Woods at Quail Creek 5th Addition located at the North End of Xylite Street NE," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

11.-3

**GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO
CONSTRUCT 19 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES IN A DF
(DEVELOPMENT FLEX) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED
ON THE NORTH END OF XYLITE STREET NE.
NEWMARK HOMES INC (WOODS AT QUAIL CREEK
5TH ADDITION) (CASE FILE NO. 20-0020/LSJ)**

Mr. Thorvig reported Newmark Homes is planning to be the primary builder in this development and both ramblers and two story homes are proposed for this plat. The homes will range in size from 1,600 square feet to 4,500 square feet above grade. Floor plans and exterior elevations are included for your review. The exterior of the units will be similar to those already provided in the previous four additions of Woods at Quail Creek and the conditions regarding the exterior materials will be the same as were required in those additions. All units will be required to have a mixture of LP Smartside, stone, louvers, shakes and board and batten details.

Councilmember Hovland asked if there were any sidewalks or trails associated with this project. Mr. Thorvig stated a sidewalk would be installed on one side of the street in order to make a pedestrian connection through the neighborhood.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Garvais, that Resolution No. 20-115, "Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Construct 19 Single Family Homes in a DF (Development Flex) Zoning District located on the North End of Xylite Street NE," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

11.-4

**GRANTING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL TO SUBDIVIDE
APPROXIMATELY 13.71 ACRES INTO 40 LOTS AND
ONE OUTLOT TO BE KNOWN AS WICKLOW COVE,
LOCATED AT 860/880/910 113TH AVENUE NE. LENNAR
CORPORATION (CASE FILE NO. 20-0012/EES)**

Attachments: [Attachments](#)

Mr. Thorvig stated Lennar Corporation is proposing to develop 13.71 acres consisting of three existing lots on the south side of 113th Avenue for the purpose of constructing 40 single family homes and two outlots on this property. The city council approved the preliminary plat, rezoning and conditional use permit for this development on August 3, 2020. The development will be known as Wicklow

Cove. One outlot will be used for stormwater management, and the other, which is long strip of land on the west side of the plat, is to facilitate future development of the parcel to the west by allowing sufficiently deep lots to meet typical setbacks in this neighborhood. This plat is proposed to connect to Alexander Woods. The developments will share a street and need to coordinate for utility access. The development provides a street connection to the west for future development. A ghost plat has been provided demonstrating how the two remaining larger parcels to the west could be developed. This plan helps the city and land owners understand where street connections can and should occur. Sidewalk is required for one side of all internal streets, as well as the south side of 113th Avenue.

Councilmember Garvais requested staff monitor drainage from this project so there were no stormwater runoff concerns.

Moved by Councilmember Paul, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, that Resolution No. 20-116, "Granting Final Plat Approval to Subdivide Approximately 13.71 Acres into 40 Lots and One Outlot to be Known as Wicklow Cove located at 860/880/910 113th Avenue NE," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

11.-5

**RELEASING APRIL RIDGE 2ND ADDITION FROM
RECORDED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS
(CASE FILE NO. 20-0002/LSJ)**

Attachments: [Attachments - 2nd Addition](#)

Mr. Thorvig stated the City is requested to release specific lots from recorded development agreements on a fairly regular basis. In this instance the lots are four commercial lots at 99th Avenue and Ulysses Street. Two of the lots are currently vacant, one is a Holiday Gas Station and one is QC Dance, all of which were platted as an outlot in April Ridge 2nd Addition. All of the development agreement responsibilities for these lots have been met and the lots can be released. Please note that there are three development agreements recorded against these lots for April Ridge 2nd, 3rd and 4th Additions. The development agreement for the 4th Addition was previously released in January 2020. The 2nd and 3rd Addition releases are being processed at this meeting. This request is essentially a housekeeping matter to facilitate the sale of the lot on which Pet Suites is located.

Councilmember Hovland asked if the outlots were a part of an association. Mr. Thorvig reported the outlots were not part of an association.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, that Resolution No. 20-117, "Releasing April Ridge 2nd Addition from Recorded Development Agreements," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

11.-6

**RELEASING APRIL RIDGE 3RD ADDITION FROM
RECORDED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS
(CASE FILE NO. 20-0002/LSJ)**

Attachments: [Attachments - 3rd Addition](#)

Mr. Thorvig stated the city is requested to release specific lots from recorded development agreements on a fairly regular basis. In this instance the lots are four commercial lots at 99th Avenue and Ulysses Street. Two of the lots are currently vacant, one is a Holiday Gas Station and one is QC Dance, all of which were platted as an outlot in April Ridge 3rd Addition. All of the development agreement responsibilities for these lots have been met and the lots can be released. Please note that there are three development agreements recorded against these lots for April Ridge 2nd, 3rd and 4th Additions. The development agreement for the 4th Addition was previously released in January 2020. The 2nd and 3rd Addition releases are being processed at this meeting. This request is essentially a housekeeping matter to facilitate the sale of the lot on which Pet Suites is located.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Garvais, that Resolution No. 20-118, "Releasing April Ridge 3rd Addition from Recorded Development Agreements," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

12. ADMINISTRATION

12.-1

**SALE OF WETLAND CREDITS TO ANNANDALE CARE
CENTER**

Attachments: [Purchase Agreement](#)

Mr. Haukaas stated the City's wetland bank currently has about 8.41 acres of credits available with an additional 59 acres proposed for approval over the next few years. The City Council previously directed staff to pursue a goal of selling the city's wetland credits at a price goal of \$2.50 per s.f. The Annandale Care Center approached the city regarding the purchase of wetland credits. They have agreed to the city's set price. The revenue will go into the Open Space Development Fund.

Councilmember Swanson stated wetland credits were established for the maintenance and construction of the sanctuary and was not to be used for open space throughout the City. He explained he supported the proposed wetland credit

sale, but recommended the language be amended to address his concern. Mr. Haukaas indicated the priority would be to spend the funds from wetland credits on the BWS first but noted there would be significant revenues coming to the City from wetland credits.

Councilmember Swanson reiterated that the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary (BWS) was not to be a draw on the City and that wetland credit revenues were to cover the expenses for the BWS. Councilmember Hovland agreed.

Councilmember Garvais supported the Council reviewing the policy at a future workshop meeting. He clarified that Blaine was not selling wetland credits just so the City could over develop other areas of the community.

Councilmember Robertson stated she supported the amendment to the policy.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, amending the language to remove the whereas and keep the sentence that states: To generate revenue to offset costs to maintain the BWS spaces and trails.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

Moved by Councilmember Hovland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, that Resolution No. 20-119, "Sale of Wetland Credits to Annandale Care Center," be approved as amended.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

12.-2

ADOPT THE AMENDED 2020 - 2024 PARKS AND TRAILS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET

Attachments: [JULY 2020 Park and Trail CIP](#)
 [Current Splash Pad Water Feature](#)
 [Current Splash Pad Water Feature1](#)
 [Zip Track image](#)
 [Parks Amended Budget & Playground replacement program](#)

Recreation Manager Monahan stated a panel of staff reviewed the Five-Year Park and Trail Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the City's Parks and Trails Fund and is recommending a few amendments to the 2020 component of the CIP. The Park Board has reviewed the amendments and is recommending approval of the budget to the City Council for formal adoption. The Parks and Trails Capital Improvement

Fund is used for ongoing improvements and replacement of existing capital assets related to the City's parks and trails. The primary funding source for this fund is a general tax levy (\$350,000 for 2020). Additional revenue comes from billboard property leases (\$150,000) which the City Council approved as a funding source in December 2019. A summary of the recommended amendments was reviewed with the Council.

Moved by Councilmember Garvais, seconded by Councilmember Paul, that Resolution No. 20-120, "Adopt the Amended 2020-2024 Parks and Trails Capital Improvement Fund Budget," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

12.-3

**ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM FLAGSHIP
RECREATION FOR PRESIDENT PARK PLAYGROUND
REPLACEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.**

Attachments: [PRESIDENT PLAYGROUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL](#)
[Flagship President Playground](#)
[Flagship President Playground 1](#)
[FlagShip President Budget](#)

Mr. Monahan stated annually the City inspects all playground equipment in City Parks to ensure compliance with user safety and maintenance standards. The standard replacement schedule for playground equipment is 20 years but this can vary based on the actual usage and condition of the playground. President Park playground is 20-years old and upon inspection, it has been determined to be in need of replacement. It was noted staff received two proposals for replacement playground equipment at President Park; one from Flagship Recreation with Landscape Structures equipment and one from St. Croix Recreation with Burke equipment. The cost of the project, \$100,000, will be funded out of the Parks and Trails Capital Improvement Fund and this was included in the Draft Park Master Plan for replacement. The Park Board has reviewed the proposals and is recommending the equipment from Flagship Recreation.

Moved by Councilmember Hovland, seconded by Councilmember Garvais, that Motion 20-90, "Accepting the Proposal from Flagship Recreation for President Park Playground Replacement not to Exceed \$100,000," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

12.-4

**ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM ST CROIX
RECREATION FOR VAN BUREN PARK PLAYGROUND**

REPLACEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000

Attachments: [VAN BUREN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL](#)
 [St Croix Van Buren Playgorund](#)
 [St Croix Van Buren budget & Specs](#)

Mr. Monahan stated staff received two proposals for replacement playground equipment at Van Buren Park; one from Flagship Recreation with Landscape Structures equipment and one from St. Croix Recreation with Burke equipment. The cost of the project, \$50,000 will be funded out of the Park and Trail Capital Improvement Fund and this was included in the Draft Park Master Plan for replacement. The Park Board has reviewed the proposals and is recommending the equipment from St. Croix Recreation.

Moved by Councilmember Paul, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, that Motion 20-89, "Accepting the Proposal from St. Croix Recreation for Van Buren Park Playground Replacement Not to Exceed \$50,000," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

12.-5

**ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM FLAGSHIP
RECREATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE
BLAINE BASEBALL COMPLEX PLAYGROUND IN THE
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000**

Attachments: [BBC Playground](#)
 [BBC Playground 1](#)
 [BBC Playground 2](#)
 [BBC Layout](#)
 [BBC Playground Replacement](#)
 [BBC Playground Flagship Install](#)

Mr. Monahan stated the playground equipment at the Blaine Baseball Complex is 17 years old and upon inspection, has been determined to be in need of replacement. City Staff met with Flagship Recreation to develop a cost savings plan for the new Challenger Field and playground replacement at the Baseball Complex. The vision for the playground was to improve accessibility from both a play feature and surfacing prospective. This will give the city an inclusive playground for all ages and ability levels to enjoy together. This project was delayed for cost containment purposes during the pandemic, but staff continued to work with Flagship Recreation to provide the replacement playground for the Blaine Baseball Complex. The cost of this playground will be \$171,200.84. The funds for this playground will come from the Parks and Trails Capital Improvement Fund. Staff exercised the purchasing practice of U.S. Communities Government Alliance, which will save the

city over \$8,000 and chose the playground equipment line manufactured by Landscape Structures and supplied by Flagship Recreation. This improvement will also include concrete border, wood fiber, fabric, poured in place rubber surfacing, and benches.

Councilmember Robertson stated she was really looking forward to seeing these park improvements completed.

Moved by Councilmember Hovland, seconded by Councilmember Garvais, that Motion 20-88, "Accepting the Proposal from Flagship Recreation for the Replacement of the Blaine Baseball Complex Playground in the Amount Not to Exceed \$175,000," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul

13. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Jeppson, seconded by Councilmember Garvais, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Swanson, Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Jeppson, Garvais, Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Paul