

UNAPPROVED

CITY OF BLAINE
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 5, 2016

7:30 P.M.
Council Chambers
10801 Town Square Drive

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR RYAN

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Ryan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tom Ryan, Councilmembers Mike Bourke, Dave Clark (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Wes Hovland, Jason King, and Dick Swanson.

ABSENT: Councilmember Russ Herbst.

Quorum present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Clark Arneson; City Attorney Patrick Sweeney; Planning and Community Development Director Bryan Schafer; Finance Director Joe Huss; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Chris Olson; City Engineer Jean Keely; Recreation Manager Nate Monahan; Senior Engineering Technician Al Thorp; City Clerk Catherine Sorensen; and Recording Secretary Linda Dahlquist.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Workshop Meeting – April 14, 2016

Workshop Meeting – April 21, 2016

Regular Meeting – April 21, 2016 as amended.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember King, that the Workshop Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2016; the Workshop Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2016 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2016, be approved.

Motion adopted 4-0-1.

Councilmember Bourke abstained from the Workshop Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2016; and the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2016, due to his absence.

AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Councilmember Clark arrived at 7:38 p.m.

5.1 Proclamation 16-03, Proclamation for National Police Week 2016.

Mayor Ryan proclaimed May 15-21, 2016 as National Police Week.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Ryan opened the Open Forum at 7:40 p.m.

Mike Moroz, Chief Executive Officer, Walters Recycling and Refuse, stated recycling in Blaine has improved over 18% for the first quarter over the same time period last year. He stated Walters purchased the trash cans from the previous company and deployed new recycling carts. He noted that Walters has a cart cleaning truck that will be in the neighborhoods for the next few weeks and cart relabeling will be done on collection days in June. He stated if residents have extra carts they do not want; Walters will be picking them up.

Councilmember Hovland thanked the residents for increasing recycling. He noted that recycling saves the City money.

Councilmember Clark asked about the cart washing. Mr. Moroz stated this is a onetime free service for this year. He noted next year Walters will offer cart washing for a fee to residents.

There being no input, Mayor Ryan closed the Open Forum at 7:47 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

~~9.1 Resolution 16-070, Order Improvement and Order Preparation of and Approve Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for Reconstruction of 91st Avenue from Jefferson Street to Polk Street. Improvement Project No. 15-20.~~

~~9.2 Resolution 16-071, Order Improvement, Order Preparation of and Approve Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for the Reconstruction of Hastings Street from 85th Avenue to Cul de sac. Improvement Project No. 15-22.~~

Moved on the agenda to follow the agenda item 11.1.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

10.1 Motion 16-048, Schedule of Bills Paid 4/15/16 and 4/22/16.

10.2 Motion 16-049, Approval of Carnival License for Gopher State Expositions at Northtown Mall, 100 Northtown Drive NE.

10.3 Motion 16-050, approve a Name Change for the Ice House, DBA Fogerty Arena, Inc., from Gabe's Rinkside Bar and Grill to Sticks & Stones, 9250 Lincoln Street NE.

10.4 Motion 16-051, Approve Contract with Civicplus for Website Redesign and Management.

10.5 Resolution 16-052, Authorize Payment for 36 Computers for City Staff.

Motion adopted unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

11.1 Resolution 16-072, Granting a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to allow for Expansion of Parking Areas, Lighting of Certain Parking Areas, Changes to Bus Circulation for Safer Student Pick-up, Additional Play and Recreation Facilities, and other Minor Site Changes at 4707 North Road. Centennial School District No. 12. (Case File No. 16-0010/BKS).

Moved by Councilmember Bourke, seconded by Councilmember King, that Resolution 16-072, "Granting a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to allow for Expansion of Parking Areas, Lighting of Certain Parking Areas, Changes to Bus Circulation for Safer Student Pick-up, Additional Play and Recreation Facilities, and other Minor Site Changes at 4707 North Road. Centennial School District No. 12," be approved.

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated Centennial School has a large campus containing an elementary school, middle school and high school, athletic fields, field house and performing art center. He stated the school is proposing several large scale changes to their site plan that include modifying bus circulation; expanding parking; new turf athletic field; storm water improvements; lighting; and landscaping.

Brett Syverlette, Nexus Solutions, 11188 Zealand Avenue N, Champlin, stated the project consists of moving the bus parking, bus pick up and drop off, changing and improving ball fields, student parking, new second turf field, additional parking around the campus.

Councilmember Swanson stated the residents on 103rd are concerned about parking on the street. City Engineer Keely replied the Planning Commission suggested a neighborhood meeting after the parking lot is complete.

Mayor Ryan stated there is an issue with students walking by the exit on Sunset Avenue. Mr. Syverlette replied the traffic will have two ways to leave the parking lot.

Councilmember Hovland asked if traffic studies have been done with the new parking and the increased traffic on Lever, 103rd and Sunset. Mr. Syverlette replied no study has been conducted.

Councilmember Hovland asked if the new parking lot will eliminate on street parking.

Brian Dietz, Centennial Schools Superintendent, stated the new parking areas will help to separate passenger vehicles, buses and pedestrians. He stated the traffic will be controlled on campus.

Councilmember Bourke asked if the school was successful in acquiring residential properties. Mr. Dietz stated the school was successful in acquiring the necessary properties and will work with the homeowners when they do decide to sell.

Councilmember Swanson asked about traffic control and if an officer could be stationed on 103rd.

Tom Breuning, Principal, Centennial High School, stated there are issues with having non-police officers controlling traffic on the roads. He stated the school is able to control traffic on campus.

Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Olson stated the school police liaison can assist with traffic control on campus and he will work with the school for the first month. Mr. Breuning stated the SRO is vital to the school.

Councilmember Swanson requested a workshop to discuss a plan for Centennial School's traffic control.

Mayor Ryan noted that Sunset Road will be resurfaced.

Motion adopted unanimously.

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

9.1 Resolution 16-070, Order Improvement and Order Preparation of and Approve Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for Reconstruction of 91st Avenue from Jefferson Street to Polk Street. Improvement Project No. 15-20.

Mayor Ryan opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

City Engineer Keely stated the project will reconstruct 91st Avenue from Jefferson Street to Polk Street. She stated the proposed improvements include installing concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements, asphalt surface, replacement of existing water main, and appurtenant construction. She noted the project does not include sidewalks. She stated the proposed improvements will be paid by assessments to benefitting properties over a 10-year period and by the Pavement Management Program fund. She noted the replacement of existing sanitary sewer structure castings/rings, sanitary manhole, and existing water main is proposed to be paid from the Public Utility Fund.

Diane Shallue, 9040 Jackson Street NE, stated she and her husband walk on 91st frequently and she had hoped the road would be made wider in order to not have a sidewalk. She stated she initiated a petition for a wider street. She stated a wider street would require a larger assessment. She stated she spoke to 28 homeowners who live on 91st. She suggested the street be striped wider on one side of the road instead of striping on both sides of the road. She stated the neighborhood has turned over and more of the homes have small children. She noted if the road is narrower the buses will not be able to swing around.

Ron Clark, 733 91st Avenue NE, stated he supports the project, but he has an issue with the project cost and the high curb. He stated the project will cost \$4,000 and noted that the school district just passed a large levy. He stated he did not see in the feasibility report what happens to the residents' driveways. City Engineer Keely replied the area will be replaced with what is in place today either concrete or bituminous.

Laura Thurston, 9069 Tyler Street NE, stated the road is used as a main walkway for children to navigate to school. She stated the current road is narrow. She is requesting a postponement to research the safety issues. She noted sidewalks provide 88% more safety.

Mayor Ryan stated if the neighborhood wants a sidewalk it could be petitioned and it would be a special assessment. He noted federal grants may be available.

Charles George, 9103 Van Buren Street NE, stated he had suggested restriping the street on one side of the street. He stated a narrow street is safer because traffic is slower than on a wide street. He suggested having patrol officers monitor the street for speeders. He stated he observed speeders and distracted drivers this week. He stated the buses on 91st do not do the speed limit. He stated accidents increase on wide streets.

City Engineer Keely stated the buses will be rerouted to Jefferson Street.

Tom Lamberson, 664 91st Avenue NE, stated the curb work that was done on 91st Lane has caused an issue with people that use wheelchairs. He stated walkways are needed on both sides of the street. He suggested installing speed bumps on 91st Avenue or making the road a non-thoroughfare.

Mayor Ryan stated the City conducted a test with portable speed humps and it failed.

Steven Kreidermacker, 758 91st Avenue, stated he lives on Jackson and 91st Avenue. He suggested taking out the stop signs and add more signs to slow down when children are present. He inquired on where the buses will access the school. He stated the water main does not need to be replaced.

City Engineer Keely stated the drive will be placed in between the trail and tennis courts. She stated the current water main is cast iron and as it ages it gets brittle. She noted the heavy equipment may cause fractures to the cast iron.

Mr. Kreidermacker suggested the surrounding streets be reconstructed. Councilmember Swanson replied these two streets are the oldest in the City and need reconstruction.

Denise LaValle, 746 91st Avenue, stated the road is in terrible shape and the project as planned is fine. She stated the road needs to be striped. She likes that the buses are being rerouted.

John Stroebel, 911 92nd Avenue NE, stated he has an issue with narrowing the street. He stated he is concerned for student safety with children walking on the street. He stated a walkway is needed in the area. He asked if the project would be done before the start of school in the fall.

City Engineer Keely stated a contractor could start in June and finished before school is in session.

Cheryl Clark, 733 91st NE, stated she counted 19 children walking to school. She stated the buses are not stopping at the stop sign coming out of school. She stated the school has a person directing traffic so they do not stop at the stop sign. She suggested an officer monitor the traffic. She noted even the teachers are speeding on the road.

Nancy Hall, 648 91st Avenue NE, stated she and her neighbors have lived there a long time. She stated she walks her dog and does not feel a sidewalk is necessary. She stated more slow down signs are needed.

Councilmember Swanson stated the Council decided to remove sidewalks from the project at the neighborhood's request and it is up to the neighborhood to decide if a sidewalk is needed.

Mayor Ryan closed the public hearing at 9:01 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Swanson, that Resolution 16-070, "Order Improvement and Order Preparation of and Approve Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for Reconstruction of 91st Avenue from Jefferson Street to Polk Street," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

9.2 Resolution 16-071, Order Improvement, Order Preparation of and Approve Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for the Reconstruction of Hastings Street from 85th Avenue to Cul-de-sac. Improvement Project No. 15-22.

Councilmember Swanson left the meeting at 9:02 p.m. in order to abstain from voting on this item.

Moved by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Mayor Ryan, that Resolution 16-067, "Order Improvement, Order Preparation of and Approve Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for the Reconstruction of Hastings Street from 85th Avenue to Cul-de-sac," be approved.

City Engineer Keely stated the project will reconstruct Hastings Street from 85th Avenue to the cul-de-sac. She stated the proposed improvements will include installing concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements, asphalt surface, replacement of existing water main, and appurtenant construction. She stated infiltration will be installed at the north end of the road where there is existing right-of-way. She stated the proposed improvements will be paid by assessments to benefitting properties over a 10-year period and by the Pavement Management Program fund. She noted the replacement of existing sanitary sewer structure castings/rings and existing water main is proposed to be paid from the Public Utility Fund.

Mayor Ryan opened the public hearing at 9:07 p.m.

Susan Laute, 8826 Hastings Street NE, stated the residents are assessed 25% and the townhomes 50% and wanted to know where the remaining 25% will come. City Engineer Keely stated the Pavement Management Program funds cover 25% of the cost.

Ms. Laute asked if there will be any danger with disrupting the cast iron water main. City Engineer Keely stated the new pipe is installed on the other side of the street and the old pipe is abandoned.

Ms. Laute noted that there are large vehicles that park on the street that blocks visibility.

Tom Sands, 8808 Hastings Street NE, stated he is aware of the Pavement Management Program and sees why the road needs to be done. He noted that funds are being wasted on a dog park or possibly a community center and suggested more funds go to the Pavement Management Program. He noted the streets should be a priority.

Mayor Ryan stated the money for the dog park came from a special fund for parks.

Councilmember Bourke stated park funds are used only for the parks.

Councilmember Hovland commented assessments are lower because of the Pavement Management Program.

Mayor Ryan closed the public hearing at 9:19 p.m.

Motion adopted 6-0-1, Councilmember Swanson abstaining.

Councilmember Swanson returned to the meeting.

DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS (continued)

11.2 Resolution 16-073, Granting Final Plat Approval to Subdivide 21.59 Acres into One (1) Lot and Two (2) Outlots to be known as CSM Lexington Fourth Addition, located at 3640 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE. CSM Equities, LLC. (Case File No. 16-0015/LSJ).

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that Resolution 16-073, "Granting Final Plat Approval to Subdivide 21.59 Acres into One (1) Lot and Two (2) Outlots to be known as CSM Lexington Fourth Addition, located at 3640 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE. CSM Equities, LLC," be approved.

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the proposed final plat consists of one lot and two outlots with a new building proposed on Lot 1A and Lot 1B which is 8.74 acres. He noted the two outlots could be replatted and developed in the future. He stated CSM is responsible for extending Pheasant Ridge Drive and building a cul-de-sac that will serve as an access for the lot and any future outlots.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11.3 Resolution 16-074, Granting Final Plat Approval to Subdivide 36.36 Acres into 31 Lots and Three Outlots to be known as Parkside North 6th Addition, located at Lever Street and 123rd Court. Paxmar, LLC. (Case File No. 16-0021).

Moved by Councilmember King, seconded by Mayor Ryan, that Resolution 16-074, "Granting Final Plat Approval to Subdivide 36.36 Acres into 31 Lots and Three Outlots to be known as Parkside North 6th Addition, located at Lever Street and 123rd Court. Paxmar, LLC," be approved.

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the final plat will consist of 31 single family lots on 123rd Court NE and Lever Street NE. He stated the proposed lots are consistent with the approved pre-plat. He stated the development plan shall indicate all structures will be protected from flooding. He noted a supporting geotechnical investigation report, soil boring logs, and hydrology report are to be submitted for City approval. He stated a permit from the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) will be required before work can start.

Councilmember Swanson asked for an update on the Lever Street planning and meeting with Anoka County. City Engineer Keely stated a meeting was held with Anoka County. She stated the road improvements would be done in 2017.

Councilmember Bourke stated he wants the work expedited and requested a project timeframe. City Manager Arneson stated the project would start this fall.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11.4 Resolution 16-075, Granting Final Plat Approval to Subdivide 1.92 Acres into Six (6) Single Family Lots to be known as St. Clair Park 7th Addition, located at 9336 Flanders Street NE. Boulder Contracting, LLC. (Case File No. 10-0035/SLK).

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that Resolution 16-075, “Granting Final Plat Approval to Subdivide 1.92 Acres into Six (6) Single Family Lots to be known as St. Clair Park 7th Addition, located at 9336 Flanders Street NE. Boulder Contracting, LLC,” be approved.

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant received final plat approval but did not record the plat, the Council is being asked to re-issue final plat approval. He stated the applicant owns two parcels that are approximately 1.92 acres and proposes to subdivide the parcel into six single-family lots which is consistent with R-1 (Single Family) zoning district standards.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11.5 Resolution 16-081, Granting a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to allow up to 1,675 Square Feet of Garage Space by Constructing a 907 Square Foot Addition onto the Existing 768 Square Foot Attached Garage at 11453 Meadow Lane NE. Daniel Waibel and Janet Lovejoy. (Case File No. 16-0014/SLK).

Moved by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that Ordinance 16-2351, “Granting a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to allow up to 1,675 Square Feet of Garage Space by Constructing a 907 Square Foot Addition onto the Existing 768 Square Foot Attached Garage at 11453 Meadow Lane NE. Daniel Waibel and Janet Lovejoy,” be approved.

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant is requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) amendment to construct a 907 square foot addition to an existing 768 square foot attached garage. He stated the CUP is required for accessory building space in excess of 1,200 square feet. He noted the addition to the existing garage would result in a total accessory building square footage of 1,675 square feet.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11.6 Resolution 16-076,

Moved by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Swanson, that Resolution 16-076, “Granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow for Construction and Operation of a Brewer Taproom as part of an 8,474 Square Foot Brewery located in an I-2 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District, located at 2025 105th Avenue NE. Invictus Brewing Company,” be approved.

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant is requesting approval to construct a brewer taproom as part of an 8,474 square foot brewery on a property he will be purchasing from the Blaine EDA. He stated the property is zoned I-2 (Heavy Industrial) and a conditional use permit is required. He stated the proposed taproom/brewery operations will consist of a production brewery on site and off site sales, a taproom, and a kitchen for onsite food sales. He noted the onsite sales will be for consumption in the taproom and 64 oz. growlers to be consumed off site.

Previn Solberg, Invictus Brewery, stated he is waiting for SBA loan approval but expects ground breaking at the end of June.

Councilmember Hovland asked about the food truck limitation and said they actually may complement a taproom. City Manager Arneson said that was decided based on Council direction to support the restaurants already in the City that pay taxes on brick and mortar buildings.

Mr. Solberg stated he is speaking with Tasty Pizza on partnering for food with the taproom but said he had objected to not allowing food trucks in the beginning.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11.7 Resolution 16-077, Granting a Variance to the 30-Foot Front Yard Parking Setback along Springbrook Drive for a Proposed Drive Through (Panera Bread) at 8601 Springbrook Drive NW. Core States Group. (Case File No. 16-0016/SLK).

Moved by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Mayor Ryan, that Resolution 16-077, "Granting a Variance to the 30-Foot Front Yard Parking Setback along Springbrook Drive for a Proposed Drive Through (Panera Bread) at 8601 Springbrook Drive NW. Core States Group," be approved.

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated Panera Bread is requesting the approval of a 19-foot variance to the 30-foot front yard parking setback to allow for a drive through to be constructed adjacent to Springbrook Drive NW. He stated the construction of the drive through requires the removal of a couple parking stalls, but Panera will replace the stalls.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11.8 Resolution 16-078,

Moved by Councilmember King, seconded by Councilmember Hovland, that Resolution 16-078, "Granting Preliminary Plat Approval to Subdivide Approximately 25.75 Acres into 18 Single Family Lots and Three (3) Outlots to be known as Woods at Quail Creek 4th Addition, located at Main Street and Xylite Street NE. MG Main Street Properties," be approved.

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant is proposing to plat the 25.75 acres north of the Woods at Quail Creek 3rd Addition currently zoned DF (Development Flex) into 18 single family lots. He noted the property is platted as outlots of the other Woods at Quail Creek plats.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11.9 Resolution 16-079, Granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow for Construction of 18 Single Family Homes in a DF (Development Flex) Zoning District, located at Main Street and Xylite Street NE. MG Main Street Properties. (Case File No. 15-0058/LSJ).

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that Resolution 16-079, "Granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow for Construction of 18 Single Family Homes in a DF (Development Flex) Zoning District, located at Main Street and Xylite Street NE. MG Main Street Properties," be approved. Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant is proposing to plat the 25.75 acres just north of the Woods at Quail Creek 3rd Addition currently zoned DF (Development Flex) into 18 single family lots.

Motion adopted unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

12.1 Resolution 16-080, Initiate Project, Order Preparation of Feasibility Report and Approve Joint Powers Agreement with the City Of Lexington for the Reconstruction of Restwood Road and Flowerfield Road from Naples Street to North Highway Drive. Improvement Project No. 16-12.

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Hovland, that Resolution 16-080, "Initiate Project, Order Preparation of Feasibility Report and Approve Joint Powers Agreement with the City Of Lexington for the Reconstruction of Restwood Road and Flowerfield Road from Naples Street to North Highway Drive," be approved.

City Engineer Keely stated the City of Lexington is requesting a joint project with the City of Blaine to reconstruct Restwood Road and Flowerfield Road from Naples Street to North Highway Drive. She stated both roads would be reconstructed with concrete curb and gutter, and storm sewer. She stated a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the City of Blaine and the City of Lexington has been prepared to clarify the division of cost, design, contract administration responsibilities and miscellaneous details.

Motion adopted unanimously.

12.2 Ordinance 16-2350, Ordinance Amending Chapter 70 - Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places Article II. - Special Events of the Municipal Code of the City of Blaine.

City Clerk Sorensen stated an increase in special and large events at Aquatore Park, the Lexington Athletic Complex, and the National Sports Center has prompted proposed amendments to better define special events and include some additional requirements of liability insurance and traffic management.

Declared by Mayor Ryan that Ordinance 16-2350, "Ordinance Amending Chapter 70 - Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places Article II. - Special Events of the Municipal Code of the City of Blaine" be introduced and placed on file for second reading at the May 19, 2016, Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember King stated a crosswalk was removed in Lakeside Commons but noted pedestrians still cross in that area. He requested a workshop in June to discuss installing a new crosswalk.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember King, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Tom Ryan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Catherine Sorensen, City Clerk

Submitted by TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.