

CITY OF ST. CLOUD CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Monday, January 8, 2018

6:00 pm

City Council Chambers

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

- 3. ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers Present: Carol Lewis, Jeff Johnson, George Hontos, John Libert, Dave Masters, Steve Laraway

Councilmember Absent: Jeff Goerger

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: LIBERT/LARAWAY/APPROVED 6-0

5. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2017 AND DECEMBER 18, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: LIBERT/LARAWAY/APPROVED 6-0

6. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LETTER OF INTENT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF ST. CLOUD TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND DISTRICT 742 MEDIA CENTER

ACTION TAKEN: HONTOS/MASTERS/APPROVED 6-0

RESOLUTION ADOPTED & ASSIGNED 2018-1-1

Councilmember George Hontos pulled this item for further discussion. Supports taking the property over from District 742 but questioned the letter of intent. Mayor Dave Kleis indicated that the letter of intent is simply stating intention of district and city to just start the process. Process will start upon approval of letter and end by end of summer 2018. District 742 approved letter of intent on December 21, 2017. Councilmember Hontos inquired on if the city will hire a consultant to help city develop an RFP. Mayor Kleis corrected him, stating that the consultant will prepare a plan before requests for RFPs are made. Councilmember Hontos questioned cost of consultant. Community Development Director answered, stating approximately \$25,000. Councilmember Hontos questioned when the city will take over the sites. Mayor Kleis stated that it could potentially be in two parts. The media center by the end of summer, and the high school upon the school's vacation of the building which is fall of 2019. Councilmember Hontos inquired on the costs to maintain buildings, including maintenance and insurance upon acquisition. Mayor Kleis indicated that the goal is to have a development in place prior to vacation of building. Anticipating a smooth process. Councilmember Hontos would like an estimation on potential holding costs. Mayor Kleis intends the process to be very transparent before any action is taken. Councilmember Masters commented on the exhibits provided and inquired on if three separate properties exist. City Administrator Matthew Staehling confirmed. Councilmember Laraway inquired on the next steps in the process and the eventual timeline. Mayor Kleis commented that the first stage is to start the visionary process. Legal aspect and costs will be brought to council after visionary process. Council President Lewis inquired on the fiber optics. School district's responsibility. Councilmember Libert indicated that there are already fiber optics located at new building. Councilmember Johnson inquired on if inspection needed or purchase as is. Mayor Kleis confirmed purchase as is. Councilmember Johnson requested full disclosure to avoid any unknown surprises. Councilmember Masters inquired on two parcels not on exhibits – land where the James J. Hill Statue stands and the existing parking lot between the media center and the high school. Mayor Kleis and Community Development Director that both parcels are owned by the city.

7. APPROVAL OF A NEW MASSAGE FACILITY LICENSE FOR RACHEL J. NIEWIND DBA: HANDS OF LIFE
ACTION TAKEN: LIBERT/LARAWAY/APPROVED 6-0

8. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING THE STIPULATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD AND VARIOUS LIQUOR LICENSE ESTABLISHMENTS REGARDING INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 810 OF THE 2007 ST. CLOUD CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CHAPTER 340A.503 OF MINNESOTA STATUTES.

ACTION TAKEN: HONTOS/MASTERS/APPROVED 6-0
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED & ASSIGNED 2018-1-2; 2018-1-3; 2018-1-4; 2018-1-5;
& 2018-1-6

9. SERVICE AGREEMENT TO REBUILD TURBINE #1 AT THE HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY
ACTION TAKEN: LIBERT/LARAWAY/APPROVED 6-0

10. APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SPECIAL PARKING ZONE PERMITS FOR 2018.
ACTION TAKEN: LIBERT/LARAWAY/APPROVED 6-0

11. RESOLUTION RECEIVING CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 22, 2018 TO CONSIDER SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN EXTENSION ALONG CSAH 74 TO SERVICE TECH HIGH SCHOOL.

ACTION TAKEN: HONTOS/MASTERS/APPROVED 6-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED & ASSIGNED 2018-1-7

Councilmember Hontos pulled this item for further discussion. Councilmember Hontos inquired on if a subdivision agreement is in place and if the standard assessment policy will be used. City Engineer Steve Foss responded that there is not an actual subdivision. Assessments are roughly \$1 million. No additional properties will be assessed at this time but open to additional development. District 742 will be assessed per our standard policy.

12. RESOLUTION AFFIRMING PRIOR VACATION OF PART OF THE ALLEY WITHIN BLOCK 3 OF COLONIAL GARDENTS ADDITION AND AVOIDED VARIANCE 1990-07.

ACTION TAKEN: HONTOS/MASTERS/APPROVED 6-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED & ASSIGNED 2018-1-8

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

13. ORDINANCE VACATING A 10' WIDE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT CENTERED ON THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE BETWEEN LOTS 8 & 9, BLOCK 3, FAIRWAYS 4TH ADDITION (LOCATION: 491 & 503 53RD AVENUE SE) (VAC-2017-17)

ACTION TAKEN: PUBLIC HEARING OPENED/NO ONE SPOKE/PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED
LIBERT/JOHNSON/APPROVED 6-0
ORDINANCE ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2737

Community Development Director Matt Glaesman introduced this item. 1 parcel being combined with another parcel. Vacation of easement. Staff recommending approval.

14. ORDINANCE VACATING A 10' WIDE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS ALONG THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN LOTS 10 & 11, AND LOTS 11 & 12, BLOCK 5, SOMMERSBY PLAT 2 (VAC-2017-16)

ACTION TAKEN: PUBLIC HEARING OPENED/NO ONE SPOKE/PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED
MASTERS/LARAWAY/APPROVED 6-0
ORDINANCE ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2738

Community Development Director Matt Glaesman introduced this item. 4 platted lots transitioned to 3 platted lots. Staff recommending approval.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Councilmember Laraway discussed the St. Cloud Brand and recruiting for Centracare. Perception of St. Cloud – high crime rate compared to other cities. Data compared to similar communities with universities, our crime rates low. Need to try to get rid of misconception. Council President Lewis agreed. Councilmember Johnson commented on the unreported crimes. There is no easy answer.

OPEN FORUM

John Palmer, 832 Halladay Rd, St. Cloud, MN 56301 – Commented on retail in St. Cloud and the future of malls in the United States. City dependent on retail sales and the city needs to examine dependence. In real estate comparisons – the City gets an F in crime and an F in school systems.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/LIBERT/APPROVED 6-0
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:51 PM


Council President Carol Lewis

Respectfully submitted by


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Recording Council Secretary