

CITY OF ST. CLOUD CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, September 10, 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, John Libert, Dave Masters, Jeff Johnson, Steve Laraway Jeff Goerger and George Hontos

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

4. MAYOR KLEIS PRESENTS THE SEPTEMBER 2018 NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0
- 5A. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
ACTION TAKEN: LARAWAY/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0
6. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2018
ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0
7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE CITY'S PROPERTY, CASUALTY, AUTOMOBILE AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2018, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.
ACTION TAKEN: LARAWAY/MASTERS/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-132

Councilmember Laraway pulled this item for further discussion. Councilmember Laraway commented that the city should review insurance program to ensure best coverage.

8. APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FROM ST CLOUD TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2018.
ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0
9. APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE WHITNEY SENIOR CENTER FOR A TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE, FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2018.
ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0

- 10. **APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE SCSU FOUNDATION FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2018.**
ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0
- 11. **APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO SELL TOBACCO FOR ST. CLOUD TOBACCO, INC. DBA ST. CLOUD TOBACCO 3411 W. DIVISION STREET #143**
ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0
- 12. **FY 2018 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM. REQUESTED ACTION: APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH STEARNS COUNTY TO SHARE A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,773.**
ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-133

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 13. **APPLICATION FOR AN EXPANSION OF THE LIQUOR SERVICE AREA FOR JULES' BISTRO, 921 W. ST. GERMAIN.**
ACTION TAKEN: GOERGER/LARAWAY/APPROVED 7-0

City Clerk Seth Kauffman introduced this item. Jules' Bistro wishes to expand to east of current location. Does not require a new license or changes to current license. Simply need approval to allow moving into expanded portion.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

Theresa Bohnen, President of Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of expansion. Requests the Council approve expansion.

Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Goerger, seconded by Councilmember Laraway to approve. No Discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

- 14. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT TREE REMOVAL CHARGES TO THE COUNTIES FOR COLLECTION WITH TAXES PAYABLE IN 2019 ACTION**
ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/JOHNSON/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-134

Park & Recreation Director Scott Zlotnik introduced item. One delinquent account for \$467.90.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke. Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Masters, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve. No Discussion. Motion unanimously passed. Resolution adopted and assigned 2018-9-134.

15. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT WEED REMOVAL/GRASS MOWING CHARGES TO THE COUNTIES FOR COLLECTION WITH TAXES PAYABLE IN 2019.**

ACTION TAKEN: LARAWAY/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-135

Community Development Director Matt Glaesman introduced item to Council and referred to the up to date list in the packet for consideration.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke. Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Laraway, seconded by Councilmember Goerger to approve. No Discussion. Motion unanimously passed. Resolution adopted and assigned 2018-9-135.

16. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT NUISANCE ABATEMENT CHARGES TO THE COUNTIES FOR COLLECTION WITH TAXES PAYABLE IN 2019.**

ACTION TAKEN: LARAWAY/JOHNSON/TABLED 7-0

Community Development Director Matt Glaesman introduced item to Council and referred to the up to date list in the packet for consideration.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

Sandra Kjorlien, 6331 Cape West Ct, St. Cloud, MN 56303 – requested information from council on what happens in cases where home foreclosed on and sold at sheriff’s sale. Is that still a debt owed by property owners?

City Administrator Matt Staehling requested Council table item to work with former property owners.

Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. Requested motion to table. It was moved by Councilmember Laraway, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to table. Motion unanimously passed.

17. **PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION CHARGES TO THE COUNTIES FOR COLLECTION WITH TAXES PAYABLE IN 2019**
ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/JOHNSON/TABLED 7-0

Community Development Director Matt Glaesman introduced item to Council. Referred to the up to date list is in the packet for consideration.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

Brent Boerger, 1407 10th Ave N, Sartell, MN 56377 – spoke regarding property located at 222 4th Ave NE, St. Cloud. Fines assessed on rental property. Contractor scheduled to fix issues and unable to due to police activity in area. \$2,000 in fees, \$70,000 home.

Robert Youngdale, 203 14th Ave N, St. Cloud, MN 56303 – contested charges and requested a repeal.

Sandra Kjorlien, 6331 Cape West Ct, St. Cloud, MN 56303 – contests the amount of citation.

City Administrator Matthew Staehling indicated that administration with work with individuals. Council President Lewis requested motion to table. It was moved by Councilmember Masters, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to table. Motion unanimously passed.

18. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SNOW REMOVAL CHARGES TO THE COUNTIES FOR COLLECTION WITH TAXES PAYABLE IN 2019.

ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/LIBERT/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-136

Public Works Director Pat Shea introduced item to Council and referred to the up to date list in the packet for consideration. Charges total \$4,000.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke. Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Masters, seconded by Councilmember Libert to approve. No Discussion. Motion unanimously passed. Resolution adopted and assigned 2018-9-136.

19. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL 2 FOR 2017 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/LARAWAY/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-137

Public Works Director Pat Shea introduced item to Council. These are assessments for properties sold through the County's auction process.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke. Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. No Discussion. It was moved by Councilmember Laraway, seconded by Councilmember Goerger to approve. Councilmember Hontos inquired on if the city continues to not provide services until the delinquent balances are paid. Motion unanimously passed. Resolution adopted and assigned 2018-9-137.

20. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CERTAIN DELIQUENT UTILITY CHARGES TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION WITH THE PROPERTY TAXES PAYABLE IN 2019.

ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/JOHNSON/TABLED 7-0

Assistant Finance Director DeAnna Fah introduced item to Council. Annual certification of delinquent utility accounts. Referred to updated list provided. Currently 904 accounts representing approximately \$503,000 to be certified.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

Robert Youngdale, 203 14th Ave N, St. Cloud, MN 56303 – do not contest. Would like opportunity to pay prior to certification.

City Administrator Matthew Staehling indicated that another property owner came forward to request to pay balance prior to certification. Suggested the Council table the motion.

John Palmer, 832 Halliday Rd, St. Cloud, MN 56303 – call to the Council’s attention. The charge for a late fee is excessive compared to the actual amount owed compounds the problem for struggling homeowners. Requested council examine the process of assessing late fees. The system imposes substantial costs to poor people.

Sandra Kjorlien, 6331 Cape West Ct, St. Cloud, MN 56303 – requested re-consideration as this is her estranged husband’s bill.

Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Masters, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to table. Councilmember Masters inquired on if the fees are excessive compared to utility companies in the state. City Administrator Matthew Staehling commented that late fees are not assessed on balances less than \$100. He will review ordinance further. Councilmember Masters requested information from administration to provide information on how fees are assessed. Mayor Dave Kleis indicated that administration will provide the opportunity to discuss when the Enterprise Funds budget is presented. Motion unanimously passed. Item tabled.

21. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY AND BUDGET FOR THE 2019 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS.

ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/GOERGER/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-138

Mayor Kleis introduced item to Council. Budget presented on August 6, 2018 is still the budget in front of Council today. Council is adopting the preliminary levy. Adoption sets the cap. Levy may be changed in a downward way, but not in an upward way. Enterprise Budget is separate from this budget. Top issues the City should address in the budget are Public Safety, Infrastructure, and Traffic. Increase in public safety and infrastructure for 2019. No increase in tax rate. 1.01% increase in spending by capturing the growth. 36% of funds come from property taxes. 42% is allocated to public safety. Additional personnel in Police, Assessing (mandated by the state), Engineering (focus in infrastructure) and Information Technology; Additional equipment, including cameras that need to be upgraded; additional money allocated to seal coating on roads; and additional park maintenance with designated funds from Heritage Park sale.

Collaborations and partnerships in achieving results. Two interns in Mayor’s office with 50% of their time dedicated to neighborhoods. Also, Community Engagement Coordinator will focus a portion of time on neighborhoods. Also, working on sustainability with SCSU to achieve goals without hiring additional personnel.

Reviewed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) detailing the focus on transportation. City intends to spend \$18.4 million in 2019 on roads.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

John Palmer, 832 Halliday Rd, St. Cloud, MN 56303 – increasing property value is a false gain, yet homeowner must pay based on the increased property value. How much of a gain in property value should be taxed? In a community trying to attract people to come, perhaps we should look at ways to reduce the bottom line tax. Reduction in tax rates pay for themselves. There needs to be a reorientation of our thinking. Commented on the negative budget of HRA and questioned if that is appropriate.

Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Masters, seconded by Councilmember Goerger to approve. Councilmember Goerger requested clarification if the resolution is an approval of the resolution as presented - preliminary levy and budget; Council President Lewis confirmed. Councilmember Masters commented that he sees a reduction in levy. Mayor Kleis confirmed that the levy has decreased over time. Councilmember Masters commends Administration in managing the budget and reallocating to focus on roads. Councilmember Hontos commented on Community Coordinator position and requested the city reconsider. Disappointed in the approach administration is taking on helping neighborhoods. We need to make investments in our community and support neighborhoods. Councilmember Hontos commented that usually there is no change in preliminary budget and final budget. Requested a plan of action for a Community Coordinator.

Mayor Kleis suggested a Study Session on the topic. HRA is bringing on a person to work with neighborhoods. Disagrees with bringing in an additional person. Does not feel we don't just have to add people to achieve results. How do we deliver the high service to adapt to the commands of the community without adding additional employees?

Councilmember Hontos commented that his train of thought is results. Too much is being placed on the city employees. We need to be more focused on certain things. The City doesn't even maintain their own properties to the level we expect the community to maintain. The City makes a full commitment to do something for neighborhoods. Believes it would be appropriate and an important step to make our neighborhoods more livable.

Councilmember Masters commented on the need for more engagement with neighborhoods to help bring coalition and core neighborhoods together. Agrees with the idea of putting together a Study Session to look at ways in which the City can work better with neighborhoods.

Councilmember Goerger commented that he ran for the City Council to help neighborhoods. Over several years through a series of best practices meeting, significant progress has been made. Concern over Councilmember Hontos' comments about making an investment. Significant investments have been made in our neighborhoods. Housing is a separate entity and may not be the city's place to intervene. Things are better.

Motion unanimously passed. Resolution adopted and assigned 2018-9-138.

22. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019 SPECIAL LEVY FOR THE ST. CLOUD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)

ACTION TAKEN: LARAWAY/MASTERS/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-139

Economic Development Director Cathy Mehelich introduced item to Council. Highlighted the tax levy and budget request for EDA. Levy provided by State Statute and recommended by EDA board for approval. 50% of budget is focused on marketing. Currently, the demand is for labor force. New initiative is taking a stronger role in facilitating redevelopment. Proposed levy represents a flat tax rate from previous year.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

Kay Steiner, 1221 22nd St S, Apt 223, Sartell, MN – asked if Economic Development of regional government? Banks should give business development the money, not the city. Community does not need another person to help neighborhoods. Listen to the people.

Justin Lewandowski, 126 Riverside Dr NE, St. Cloud, MN – believes Economic Development is a way to develop community.

Council President closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Laraway, seconded by Councilmember Masters to approve. No discussion. Motion unanimously passed. Resolution adopted and assigned 2018-9-139.

23. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019 SPECIAL LEVY FOR THE ST. CLOUD HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HRA).

ACTION TAKEN: MASTERS/LIBERT/TABLED 7-0

Karen Rizer, Finance Director for the HRA, introduced item to Council. HRA is requesting a \$445,000 levy with an increase of \$13,000 (3%) over previous year's levy. Approved by HRA Board of Commissions on July 25th and discussed further with Council at August 8th Study Session. Tax levy is about 3% of revenues. Deficit in budget. In budget, there are one-time maintenance items. Taking funds from reserves rather than raising levy. Budget not approved until November so HRA will look at cost saving items to potentially break even.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke. Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Masters, seconded by Councilmember Libert to approve. Mayor Dave Kleis commented that HRA budget is different from other budgets presented. Concerned about deficit as it should balance. Uncomfortable with Council taking action on something that does not balance. There are ways to correct – one item is eliminating per diem allocated to board members. All other Boards and Commissions are voluntary positions. HRA is only one that is not. Mayor Kleis does not feel that it is appropriate, especially when some meetings are only five minutes in length. If budget does balance, per diems should be put into neighborhoods.

Councilmember Goerger commented that he is on the HRA Board and feel that the dollars could be better used to help balance budget with residuals to

neighborhoods. Moved to eliminate per diem from HRA budget. Council President Lewis moved to amend motion for the HRA to bring forward a balanced budget. Councilmember Goerger commented that he agrees, but also feels the per diem should be eliminated. Council President Lewis feels this should be decided by the HRA. Councilmember Laraway commented that this is merely a balance sheet item that can easily be cleaned up as it is a purchase of an asset. Councilmember Goerger commented that the HRA has not purchased assets for several years. The money dedicated to the seven members of the board could be used in a better manner. Councilmember Masters commented that the funds could be used in a better manner but believes the seven members should have the discussion first prior to council acting on it.

Councilmember Hontos requested clarification on the total HRA budget. Rizer indicated it is \$14 million. Councilmember Hontos commented that the levy is less than 10% of total HRA budget. \$13,000 is a small portion of this budget. Each year the per diem passes unanimously. This is a discussion that should be held at the HRA. HRA is fiscally prudent, provides good housing, takes care of the properties and takes care of the budget. HRA is considered a "high performer" in the state. Councilmember Goerger responded, willing to forgo the per diem if there is a better use for it. The per diem should be decided by the City Council. Councilmember Johnson requested item to be tabled until September 24, 2018 as he is uncomfortable to approve a budget that is not balanced. Council President Lewis proposed an amendment to approval, requesting that a balanced budget be brought back to Council. Mayor Kleis commented that this is the only time the Council will see this budget. HRA Finance Director Karen Rizer added that the Council does not actually approve the budget, they only approve the tax levy. The HRA board is the only body that approves the budget, which occurs in November or December. Mayor Kleis commented that this is a levy that the Council is approving and should not be approved on a non-balanced budget. Councilmember Hontos called to question. Councilmember Masters agreed that a balanced budget is needed. Rizer commented that this resolution is to adopt the tax levy. Councilmember Masters would like to allow the HRA Board to discuss. He supports removing the per diem. Rizer suggested the Council approve the levy as it stands, the HRA will reduce line item 15 by \$13,000 to balance, and the HRA Board will discuss per diem at next meeting. Mayor Kleis commented that the HRA Board did not approve the change and the Council should not approve a change that was not approved by the HRA Board. Councilmember Libert seconded Councilmember Johnson's motion to table until September 24, 2018. Motion to table approved. Councilmember Hontos commented on Mayor Kleis' comment on the HRA Board being compensated for five-minute meetings, confirming that sometimes the meetings are only five minutes, but there are other discussions outside those meetings that extend that time.

24. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM YEAR 2017 CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER).

ACTION TAKEN: LARAWAY/LIBERT/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-140

Community Development Director Matt Glaesman introduced item. This document compares prior year's approved expenditures and actual expenditures. Summary of funded amounts.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

Kay Steiner, 1221 22nd St S, Apt 223, Sartell, MN – inquired on why the Council is servicing Lutheran Social Services. It is a private church and St. Cloud should not fund their nursery.

Adam Whitten, 1061 Borgert Ave N St. Cloud, MN – Crisis Nursery Center is needed in this town. Applaud the funding.

Peter Wilson, 1108 Celebration Dr, Sartell, MN – recommend that nothing be approved. All Councilmembers should resign.

Justin Lewandowski, 126 Riverside Dr NE, St. Cloud, MN – Applauds Lutheran Social Services

Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Laraway, seconded by Councilmember Libert to approve. No discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

25. **ORDINANCE VACATING A 10' WIDE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON THE SHARED PROPERTY LINE OF THE FORMER LOT 1, BLOCK 1, HERITAGE MARKET AND LOTS 18 AND 19, BLOCK 2, FERBER PROPERTIES. (LOCATION: 2848 2ND STREET SOUTH) (VAC-2018-08)**

ACTION TAKEN: GOERGER/LARAWAY/APPROVED 7-0
ORDINANCE ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2758

Community Development Director Matt Glaesman introduced item. Development of the property has required relocation of the property line. Before council is to vacate public right. Staff recommending approval.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

Jonathan Wolf, Rinke Noonan Law Firm, – representing property owners and requested vacation of property for redevelopment.

Jim Feneis, 920 10th St NE, Sauk Rapids, MN – Owns the property to the north of line, east of Batteries Plus. No problem with vacating easement, however concerned about proposed curving and eliminating the ingress and egress to the south.

Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Goerger, seconded by Councilmember Laraway to approve. Councilmember Goerger inquired on Mr. Feneis' concern on access to properties. Will this limit their access? Glaesman commented that the concern will be addressed with property owners. Councilmember Hontos commented on Feneis' concern about access. Glaesman commented that the vacation access is unrelated to the curving and property owner access. Motion unanimously passed.

26. ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LICATED AT 2652 COUNTY ROAD 74 FROM I1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO C5, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. (DPA-2018-07)

ACTION TAKEN: GOERGER/JOHNSON/APPROVED 7-0
ORDINANCE ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2759

Community Development Director Matt Glaesman introduced item. With 2015 CIP designated land use changed to commercial. Consistent with other property rezoning in area. Staff recommending approval.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke. Council President Closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Goerger, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve. No discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

27. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNA MARIES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW FOR A SEVEN-FOOT-HIGH SOLID VINYL FENCE NEAR THE FRONT PROPERTY LINE ALONG 10TH AVENUE SOUTH. (LOCATION: 425 & 501 10TH AVENUE NORTH AND 500 & 501 11TH AVENUE NORTH) (DPA-2018-07)

ACTION TAKEN: LARAWAY/MASTERS/APPROVED 7-0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED 2018-9-141

Community Development Director Matt Glaesman introduced item. In prior actions, site plan has been approved. Before Council tonight is a question of fencing. Maximum of 6 ft. fencing allowed, requesting 7 ft. fencing. Front yard maximum of 4 ft allowed, requesting 7 ft. fencing. Considering the front yard looks to railroad and no homes surround building, Planning Commission recommends approval.

Council President Lewis opened the Public Hearing.

Charles Hempeck, Executive Director of Anna Marie's Alliance – available for questions.

Council President Lewis closed the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Laraway, seconded by Councilmember Masters to approve. Councilmember Goerger requested clarification on the address of property. Motion unanimously passed.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Hontos inquired on the timeline of 33rd Street South. Will everything be complete prior to Tech High School opening? Community Development Director Matt Glaesman commented that the plan is to complete as much as we can from Cooper Ave to County 75 this year. Will complete roundabout at Cooper Spring 2019. Construction from High School entrance to County Rd 136 will begin Spring 2019 as well. The middle section between Cooper and 136 will be completed in 2020.

Councilmember Hontos commented that a Regional Baseball Tournament was lost to St. John's because of poor turf surface at the MAC. Suggested naming rights to River's Edge and modifying components of schedule to take the time to focus on obtaining naming rights so funds may be allocated to the MAC.

Mayor Kleis commented on naming rights. The city is actively working on it right now and will bring the proposal to Council once a deal has been made.

OPEN FORUM:

Debbie Adair, 1504 16th Street South, St. Cloud, MN – commented on the economic benefits of Refugees.

Bruce Downing, 510 7th Ave N, St. Cloud, MN – City is doing a great job maintaining the streets. Requested the city takes care of crosswalks in the Winter.

Moira Walsh, St. Cloud, MN – commented on refugees and global security

Jim Parsons, 6603 Northwood Lane St. Cloud, MN – Moved to St. Cloud from Detroit, MI in the 1980s. St. Cloud has improved to an inclusive and diverse community.

Ann Cofell, 119 16th Ave N, St. Cloud, MN – commented on the importance of bike trails.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Councilmember Goerger, seconded by Councilmember Libert to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.



Carol Lewis, Council President



Seth Kauffman, Recording Secretary