

**CITY OF ST. CLOUD COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday, March 22, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Virtual Meeting**

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
2. **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES.**
3. **ROLL CALL:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT JEFF GOERGER PRESENT IN CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM #1. **COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT BY TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:** PAUL BRANDMIRE, MIKE CONWAY, GEORGE HONTOS, STEVE LARAWAY, CAROL LEWIS, AND DAVE MASTERS.

4. **COVID-19 UPDATE.**

ERIN TUFTE, STEARNS COUNTY/CITY OF ST. CLOUD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANAGER, PROVIDED A SLIDE PRESENTATION UPDATE ON COVID 19. SHE REVIEWED THE CURRENT NUMBERS OF CASES FOR ALL THREE COUNTIES (STEARNS, BENTON, AND SHERBURNE). SHE SPOKE TO THE VACCINE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN THE THREE COUNTY AREA. SHE REVIEWED THE "VACCINE CONNECTOR" ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPTION, WHERE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE AT THE RIVER'S EDGE CONVENTION CENTER. RIVER'S EDGE RECENTLY BECAME ONE OF FIVE PERMANENT VACCIINE SITES IN MINNESOTA. MS. TUFTE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021, VACCINE WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO ALL IN MINNESOTA.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.** ACTION TAKEN: IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY, TO APPROVE ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 11 PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS. MOTION CARRIED BY A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE. COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS ASKED TO COMMENT UNDER OPEN DISCUSSION.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 8, 2021.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
7. **REAPPOINTMENT OF TARA LOPEZ TO THE ST. CLOUD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A NEW FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV FOR \$37,402.56 AND APPROXIMATELY \$5,545.30 IN NEW**

**VEHICLE EQUIPMENT.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED. ADOPTED RESOLUTION ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-31.

9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL FUNDS RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (CRRSA) ACT FUNDING FOR THE ST. CLOUD REGIONAL AIRPORT.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED. ADOPTED RESOLUTION ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-32.
10. **RESOLUTION RECEIVING CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 12, 2021, TO CONSIDER 2021 BITUMINOUS STREET RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED. ADOPTED RESOLUTION ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-33.
11. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED POOL CAPACITY AGREEMENT.** ACTION TAKEN: COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS REMOVED ITEM FOR DISCUSSION, COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS MOVED, AND COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AMENDED POOL CAPACITY AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. TRACY HODEL, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR, SPOKE TO THE CITY OF FOLEY'S REQUEST TO CONNECT TO ST. CLOUD'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY SYSTEM. THE CITY OF FOLEY RECEIVED STATE BONDING MONIES TO BE USED TOWARDS THE CONNECTION. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL-CALL VOTE OF 7-0. ADOPTED RESOLUTION ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-34.
12. **RESOLUTION OF REPAYMENT FOR A LOW INTEREST PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY LOAN FOR THE WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED. ADOPTED RESOLUTION ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-35.
13. **FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT FOR GROVE AND MEADOWS PLAT 4.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

14. **APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF AN ON-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES FROM EMEX, INC. DBA THE NEW BRAVO BURRITOS, 68 33<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE SOUTH TO MAS FOODS, LLC DBA BRAVO BURRITOS, 68 33<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE SOUTH.** ACTION TAKEN: CITY CLERK SETH KAUFFMAN REPORTED A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BUSINESS WITH NO CHANGES TO THE BUILDING OR DAILY OPERATIONS. COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. NO ONE SPOKE. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER APPLICATION AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.
15. **APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF AN ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES FROM WHITEHORSE ST. GERMAIN, INC. DBA THE WHITE HORSE, 809 WEST ST.**

**GERMAIN STREET TO WHITEHORSE ST. GERMAIN, INC. DBA THE WHITE HORSE, 809 WEST SAINT GERMAIN STREET.** ACTION TAKEN: CITY CLERK SETH KAUFFMAN REPORTED THE CHANGE FROM CURRENT JOINT OWNERSHIP TO SINGLE OWNERSHIP WITH NO CHANGES TO DAILY OPERATIONS. COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. NO ONE SPOKE. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER APPLICATION. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

- 16. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM YEAR 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.** ACTION TAKEN: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MATT GLAESMAN INTRODUCED THE ITEM. THE 2021 CDBG FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE JULY 2021 AND CAN BE EXPENDED THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF 2022. HE REPORTED THAT THE TOTAL ENTITLEMENT IS \$644,800 OF WHICH \$100,000 IS ALLOCATED FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED A 73% AWARD FOR ALL THE CAPITAL PROJECTS WITH NO AWARDS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICES CATEGORY AS MANY OF THOSE APPLICANTS ALREADY RECEIVED FUNDING THROUGH THE CDBG CORONAVIRUS ALLOCATION. COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SPOKE:

- **PAUL SOENNEKER, ST. CLOUD HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HRA);** SPOKE AS THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM WHICH BEGAN IN 1976. THE NON-PROFIT PROGRAM HAS OFFERED 586 LOANS TO DATE. HE EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT AND THANKS FOR THE FUNDING ALLOCATION.
- **RUTH HUNSTIGER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF ST. CLOUD;** SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE INSTALLATION ON AN ONSITE, COMMERCIAL/PALLET FREEZER TO INCREASE FREEZER CAPACITY AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING AT 157 ROOSEVELT ROAD.
- **BRADY DEGAGNE, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM AND FACILITIES, BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CENTRAL MINNESOTA;** SPOKE TO THE NEEDS TO REPLACE FURNACES AND AC EQUIPMENT AT THE ROOSEVELT CLUB LOCATION AND THE REPLACEMENT OF AN ORIGINAL BOILER AT THE SOUTHSIDE CLUB LOCATION.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN FOR YEAR TWO USE OF FUNDS DURING CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2021. COUNCIL DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER SPOKE TO FUNDING THE HRA REQUEST IN THE FULL AMOUNT OF \$300,000 AND TO HONOR THE CITY'S TWO REQUESTS FOR THE PARK DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$50,000 AND \$20,000,

AND THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR \$50,000. HE ADVISED THAT THOSE REQUESTS MEET THE CRITERIA/GOALS AND WOULD BENEFIT ALL CITY TAXPAYERS. THE REMAINING SIX APPLICANTS WOULD STILL RECEIVE PARTIAL ALLOCATIONS. COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY CONCURRED. COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS SPOKE TO MORE ALLOCATION FOR THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES FREEZER REQUEST. COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS SPOKE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING THE ALLOCATION FOR HRA SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM. COUNCILMEMBERS LARAWAY AND LEWIS SUPPORTED HONORING THE ALLOCATIONS BROUGHT FORWARD BY STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 4-3 WITH COUNCILMEMBERS CONWAY, HONTOS, AND PRESIDENT GOERGER VOTING AGAINST. THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-36.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

17. **(A) RESOLUTION AWARDING BIDS FOR DEMOLITION, ABATEMENT, AND RENOVATION OF FORMER TECH HIGH SCHOOL AS CITY HALL.** ACTION TAKEN: MAYOR DAVE KLEIS INTRODUCED THE ITEM. HE STATED THAT DUE TO THE CO-VID 19 PANDEMIC THE CITY HALL PROJECT HAD BEEN PLACED ON HOLD. THE PROJECT WAS NOW REBID IN EARLY MARCH. HE SPOKE FAVORABLY OF PROCEEDING WITH THE PROJECT AND PLANS OF BEING MOVED INTO THE NEW CITY HALL SITE BY YEAR END. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID TO LANDWEHR CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR DEMOLITION, ABATEMENT, AND RENOVATION OF THE FORMER TECH HIGH SCHOOL. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0. THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-37.

**(B) RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA, TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY.** ACTION TAKEN: IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0. THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-38.

**OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS REQUESTED THAT CITY STAFF ATTEMPT TO ALIGN ALL CITY COUNCIL PACKET DOCUMENTS IN PORTRAIT FORMAT.

COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS REMARKED THAT THE OLD PRESS BAR PROPERTY REMAINS A BLEMISH TO OUR DOWNTOWN AREA. COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS CONCURRED. MAYOR KLEIS REPORTED THAT THE CITY IS IN PROCESS OF MOVING FORWARD ON CLEANUP. THE LARGE HOLE ON SITE WILL BE FILLED AND THE FENCE REMOVED FOR SAFETY, SECURITY, AND ESTHETICS REASONS. THE CITY WILL CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITES FOR THE AREA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:15 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0.

THERE WAS NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE TO SPEAK THE OPEN FORUM.



Seth Kaufman, City Clerk



Jeff Goerger, Council President