

CITY OF ST. CLOUD COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, March 8, 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.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR MATTHEW STAEHLING GAVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE LATEST MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INFORMATION. HE REPORTED THAT MINNESOTA IS PREPARING FOR A POSSIBLE 4TH SURGE WITH THE NEW CORONAVIRUS B117 STRAIN. THE RIVER'S EDGE CONVENTION CENTER REMAINS A REGIONAL COVID TESTING SITE. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BE CONDUCTED REMOTELY FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEW MONTHS TO ALLOW TIME FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION TO ALL CITY STAFF.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** ACTION TAKEN: IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY, TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 10. AND ITEM. 18. DISCUSSION ITEMS ADDED: PARKING TICKETS (HONTOS) AND PARKING METERS (LEWIS).
6. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 201 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
7. **APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER 2021-1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEAD & HUNT, INC., AND THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE TAXIWAY RECONFIGURATIONS PROJECT AT THE ST. CLOUD REGIONAL AIRPORT, CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
8. **APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER 2021-2 RELATED TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEAD & HUNT, INC., AND THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD TO DEVELOP AN EXHIBIT A PROPERTY MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR THE ST. CLOUD REGIONAL AIRPORT.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.

9. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A \$22,550 GRANT FUNDED BY THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S (DPS) OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) TO PROVIDE A CONCENTRATED ENFORCEMENT EFFORT TOWARD SPEED AND AGRRESSIVE DRIVING COMPLIANCE IN THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD.** ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-25.
10. **RESOLUTION APPROVING A REGIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE WHITNEY REGIONAL PARK BRIDGE RESTORATION PROJECT.** ACTION TAKEN: ITEM PULLED BY COUNCLMEMBER LEWIS FOR CLARIFICATON REGARDING THE FORMER DAM. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR SCOTT ZLOTNIK CLARIFIED THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE CITY DID A STREAM BANK AND WING DAM REMOVAL PROJECT. IT WAS PART OF THE DNR'S CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY PROGRAM. THE REQUESTED ACTION AT THIS POINT IS TO RESTORE OLD BRIDGE DECKING WITH NEW DECKING. COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY COMMENDED THE RESTORATION PROJECT TO DATE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0. RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-26.
11. **APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MAHOWALD INSURANCE AGENCY.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
12. **APPLICATION FOR A TOBACCO LICENSE FROM PARK CITY AGENCY, LLC. DBA PARK CITY AGENCY, 123 E. GERMAIN STREET.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
13. **APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF AN ON-SALE INTOICATING LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES FROM EMEX, INC. DBA THE NEW BRAVO BURRITOS, 68 33RD AVENUE SOUTH TO MAS FOODS, LLC DBA BRAVO BURRITOS, 68 33RD AVENUE SOUTH.** ACTION TAKEN: A PUBLIC HEARING WAS SET FOR MARCH 22, 2021.
14. **APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF AN ON-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES FROM WHITEHORSE ST. GERMAIN, INC. DBA THE WHITE HORSE, 809 WEST SAINT GERMAIN STREET, TO WHITEHOUSE ST. GERMAIN, INC. DBA THE WHITE HORSE, 809 WEST SAINT GERMAIN STREET.** ACTION TAKEN: A PUBLIC HEARING WAS SET FOR MARCH 22, 2021.
15. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION 2021 RELICENSING REQUIREMENTS AT THE HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION FACILIITY.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
16. **APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL PARKING ZONE PERMIT AT 513 – 16TH AVENUE NORTH.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.

17. **HADRIAN ROAD-GRANITE CITY CROSSINGS AND LENZMEIER ADDITION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, CONTRACT 2021-03.**
(A) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS FOR HADRIAN ROAD-GRANITE CITY CROSSINGS AND LENZMEIER ADDITION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, CONTRACT 2021-03. ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-27.
(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, CONTRACT 2021-03. ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-28.
18. **RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EXCHANGE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR STATE AID FUNDS.** ACTION TAKEN: ITEM PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS ASKED ABOUT FEDERAL FUNDS BEING ALLOCATED FOR THE 2022 COOPER AVENUE SOUTH PROJECT BEFORE COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIFIC PROJECT HAS BEEN CONTROVERSIAL. CITY ENGINEER STEVE FOSS RESPONDED THAT THE CITY SEEKS THE FEDERAL FUNDING FIRST AND THEN FOLLOWS THE STANDARD PROCESS OF CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0. THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-29.

PUBLIC HEARING:

19. **ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 327 4TH AVENUE SOUTH AND 332 5TH AVENUE SOUTH FROM R7, HIGH RISE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND C4, FRINGE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C6, SOUTHSIDE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. (REZ-2021-01)** COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS WOULD BE RECUSED FROM DISCUSSION AND VOTE. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MATT GLAESMAN INTRODUCED THE ITEM AS INITIATED BY THE CITY PLANNING OFFICE TO ESTABLISH ZONING CONSISTANCY FOR THE TWO STAND - ALONE PARCELS. THE PARCELS ARE CURRENTLY ZONED R7 AND C4 AND WOULD BE REZONED TO C6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GLAESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE TWO PARCELS WOULD REMAIN IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT. THE C6 ZONING ALLOWS AN APPROPRIATE DESIGN STANDARD FOR THE CORRIDOR. COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED. COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER ANNOUNCED THAT AN EMAIL FROM JULIANA ELCHERT HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS MOVED, AND COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 327 4TH AVENUE SOUTH AND 332 5TH AVENUE SOUTH FROM R7, HIGH RISE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND C4, FRINGE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C6, SOUTHSIDE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE

OF 6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS RECORDED AS A RECUSAL. THE ADOPTED ORDINANCE WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2833.

OLD BUSINESS:

20. **RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE MAYOR'S LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION.** COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS MOVED, AND COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0. THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-03-30.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ABOUT A LETTER A RESIDENT RECEIVED STATING THAT NON-COMPLIANCE OF PAYMENT OF A \$20 PARKING TICKET FOR ILLEGAL PARKING ON LAWN/GRASS NEAR HIS ALLEY COULD RESULT IN A \$750 CITATION. BOTH CITY ADMINISTRATOR STAEHLING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR GLAESMAN RESPONDED THAT THIS KIND OF CITATION IS ISSUED BY THE CITY'S HEALTH & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT. NON-COMPLIANCE OF PAYMENT AND RECEIPT OF MULTIPLE ILLEGAL PARKING VIOLATIONS COULD RESULT IN A COSTLY CITATION.

DUE TO THE CO-VID 19 PANDEMIC, COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS REQUESTED CITY SUPPORT FOR LOCAL RESTAURANTS BY CHANGING OUR PARKING METER SYSTEM HOURS. PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR TRACY HODEL REPORTED THAT STAFF IS ALREADY IN PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A PILOT TO SUPPORT DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES.


COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS ASKED ABOUT FUTURE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL MEMBERS. COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER REQUESTED THE MEMBERS CONTINUE IN THEIR CURRENT COMMITTEE ROLES UNTIL FURTHER NOTIFICATION.

ADJOURNMENT:

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:51 P.M., COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0.

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


Seth Kauffman, City Clerk


Jeff Goerger, Council President