

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

AGENDA ITEM

August 7, 2017

1. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Minnesota, was held on August 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

2. A Moment of Silence was held for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

3. Councilmembers present: Goerger, Johnson, Hontos, Laraway, Lewis, Libert and Masters.

4. INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BUDGET. Mayor Dave Kleis presented the 2018 Budget which reflects the City's priorities. As a City, our core responsibility is to provide Public Safety and Infrastructure. This portion of the budget is property tax supported. As it pertains to spending, in inflation-adjusted dollars, the budget proposed for 2018 is less than 2008 spending. In 2001, the city received over \$1,000,000 more in government aid than for 2018, not adjusted for inflation. The budget shows an increase in the City's Local Government Aid, allocated to Public Safety. March 2017's survey results show the public rating of city services is high. Survey results also list the top issues the city should address – public safety, road conditions, and traffic congestion. Public input is key in determining how the city allocates the budget dollars. Beyond the survey, the City also went through a process of gaining public input through town hall meetings, informational meetings, Council meetings, the comprehensive plan, and the Park & Recreation Master plan. Property taxes incurred have increased as reflected in the tax base growth from previous years. The City's policy is to capture the growth without adding additional burden to the property tax payer. The City saw a 53% increase in building permits, an indication of growth and vitality. The property tax proposal in 2018 reflects no increase in the property tax rate. The overall 2018 Governmental Funds Budget predominately shows an increase in debt service as capital projects attain completion. Additional expenditures proposed are three additional personnel – one in Police, one in Park & Recreation, and one in Information Technology. The Information Technology position will be a 100% grant funded position. Also proposed: additional vehicles in Police, Fire, Parks, and Public Works; Road Maintenance; Parks maintenance; and Police Department Reorganization with a focus on a Community Impact Team to ensure people feel safe in our community. Also, a "Clean Team" is being created to clean specific areas, on a weekly basis, in an effort to keep our city clean. It is important to be fiscally responsible. The city's bond rating has been reaffirmed at an AA+. The use of the fund balance will return to zero in 2018. There will be no reliance on fund balance. Another indication of health is the decrease in delinquent property taxes, which are now at 0.7% (vs. 3.1% in 2010). Fund reserve balance is \$19,700,000 (approximately 44%). A healthy reserve balance should be between 35-50%. The budget process will include public meetings in August, adopting and certifying a preliminary budget & tax levy in September, mailing preliminary property tax statements in November, and holding a public hearing with adoption of the final budget & tax level in December. The other piece of the budget that is part of the overall budget and attained through various fees - the Enterprise Funds. There will be no increase in any fees for 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Action Taken: Approved.
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 24, 2017 COUNCIL MINUTES, AS AMENDED.** Action Taken: Approved.
- 7. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 10, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.** Action Taken: Approved.
- 8. MAYOR KLEIS' APPOINTMENT TO THE WHITNEY SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD.** Action Taken: Approved.
- 9. MAYOR KLEIS' APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.** Action Taken: Approved.
- 10. UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION – COMMANDER.** Action Taken: Approved.
- 11. UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION – ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE.** Action Taken: Councilmember Johnson pulled this item for further discussion. It was moved by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Masters to approve. Councilmember Johnson questioned the 'Selection Standards.' Does the police have a rating form or some type of process to quantify the results with candidates? How does the police define and measure these standards? Police Chief Anderson stated that the police collaborate with Human Resources to perform a verbal inquiry, rather than written exam, into how candidates will perform in the position. Motion passed unanimously. Approved.
- 12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2017 JEEP WRANGLER FOR PARKING CONTROL FROM NELSON AUTO CENTER, FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA AND EQUIPMENT FROM KEEPERS TO OUTFIT THE PARKING CONTROL JEEP FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$32,847.52.** Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-138.
- 13. RESOLUTION TO LEASE NEW AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOMS FROM MARCO IN ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA.** Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-103.
- 14. APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER #31 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MEAD & HUNT, INC. AND THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TAXIWAY RECONFIGURATION PROJECT AT THE ST. CLOUD REGIONAL AIRPORT, CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING.** Action Taken: Approved.
- 15. WHITNEY CENTER RE-ROOFING PROJECT – ADDITIONAL WORK REQUEST #1** Action Taken: Approved.
- 16. SET READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON NORTHERN STATES POWER, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, FOR PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE IN THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD.**

Action Taken: Councilmember Hontos pulled this item for further discussion. It was moved by Councilmember Hontos, seconded by Councilmember Laraway to approve. In preparation for the upcoming Public Hearing, Councilmember Hontos inquired on what revenue will be generated annually from the difference between the 3% to 4% over the seven years? What are Xcel's costs to relocate the substation? What are the costs to remove the utilities on the east side? Councilmember Hontos requested this information be provided at the Public Hearing. Mayor Dave Kleis confirmed the answers will be provided accordingly. Motion passed unanimously. Public Hearing set for August 21, 2017.

17. SET READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON CONNEXUS ENERGY FOR PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD. Action Taken: Public Hearing set for August 21, 2017.

18. APPROVAL OF A NEW MASSAGE FACILITY FOR LISA ANN REGINEK DBA: INTUITION SALON, LLC. Action Taken: Approved.

19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A POINT SOURCE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE NUTRIENT RECOVERY AND REUSE PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY. Action Taken: Council President Lewis pulled this item for further discussion. It was moved by Council President Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Masters to approve. Council President Lewis requested that Public Services Director Pat Shea highlight some of the projects associated with the \$6.5 million grant. Shea indicated this project is first of its kind in the State. The city will be "harvesting" phosphorus salt as a round pellet and collaborating with a private company to sell the product. Councilmember Goerger congratulated Shea on the Grant. Councilmember Hontos requested that as this project continues, a cost savings calculation be completed to provide to citizens. Motion passed unanimously. Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-104.

20. MAIN LIFTSTATION REHABILITATION PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER #2. Action Taken: Approved.

21. THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY FLOW TRAIN III EXPANSION PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER #5. Action Taken: Approved.

22. RIVER'S EDGE EAST PARKING RAMP REPAIRS. Action Taken: Approved.

23. ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3135 COUNTY ROAD 136 FROM AG, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD). (REZ-2017-07) Action Taken: Public Hearing set for August 21, 2017.

24. RESOLUTION AMENDING PUD 97 TO ALLOW BREWERIES AND TAPROOMS AS PERMITTED USES (LOCATION: 408 37TH AVENUE NORTH) (DPA-2017-04). Action Taken: Public Hearing set for August 21, 2017.

25. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NORTHWAY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) TO ALLOW A NEW 21,000 SQUARE FOOT GROCERY STORE AT 1530 NORTHWAY DRIVE. (DPA-2017-05) Action Taken: Approved. Public Hearing set for August 21, 2017.

26. RESOLUTION RECEIVING CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER 33RD STREET SOUTH FROM SOUTHWAY DRIVE TO HERITAGE DRIVE

IMPROVEMENTS. Action Taken: Council President Lewis pulled this item as a separate motion. It was moved by Councilmember Masters, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve. Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-105. Public Hearing set for August 21, 2017.

27. RESOLUTIONS DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTIES THAT ARE NEEDED TO BE ACQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PROPOSED 33RD STREET SOUTH FROM SOUTHWAY DRIVE TO HERITAGE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS: Action taken: Council President Lewis pulled this item as a separate motion. It was moved by Councilmember Hontos, seconded by Councilmember Libert to approve.

A. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2203 HERITAGE DRIVE. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-106.

B. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3246 COOPER AVENUE SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-107.

C. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5 NAVAJO TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-108.

D. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8 NAVAJO TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-109.

E. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3267 SANTE FE TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-110.

F. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3264 SANTE FE TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-111.

G. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1715 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-112.

H. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1710 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-113.

I. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1651 – 33RD STREET SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-114.

J. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1599 – 33RD STREET SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-115.

K. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3229 – 15TH AVENUE SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-116.

L. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3234 – 15TH AVENUE SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-117.

M. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1407 – 33RD STREET SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-118.

N. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1301 – 33RD STREET SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-119.

O. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1219 – 33RD STREET SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-120.

P. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3242 COOPER AVENUE SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-121.

Q. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1222 – 33RD STREET SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-122.

R. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1610 – 33RD STREET SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-123.

S. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1615 SOUTHWOOD TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-124.

T. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1651 SOUTHWOOD TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-125.

U. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1802 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-126.

V. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1801 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-127.

W. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1807 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-128.

X. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1811 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-129.

Y. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1817 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-130.

Z. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1825 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-131.

AA. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1831 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-132.

BB. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1837 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-133.

CC. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1841 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-134.

DD. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1845 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-135.

EE. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1849 RED RIVER TRAIL. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-136.

FF. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3305 COOPER AVENUE SOUTH. Action Taken: Approved. Resolution adopted and assigned 2017-8-137.

OPEN FORUM:

Troy Dan Durand, 2563 43rd Ave S, Saint Cloud, MN 56301 – requested that the Council place on their next meeting agenda a discussion and approval of an economic impact study and analysis of the refugee resettlement program. Requests thorough and transparent impact study which shall include costs and benefits of resettlement of refugee and secondary migration. Lutheran Social Services and Catholic Charities refuse to answer questions or allow taxpayers to attend meetings. Local taxpaying citizens are left in the dark.

Margaret Starry, 1223 – 3rd St S, Sartell, MN 56377 – Main concern allowing voluntary agencies such as Lutheran Social Services and Catholic Charities with no transparency or accountability while refugee resettlement creates an impact on the area. Refuse to answer questions or allow taxpayers to attend meetings. Concerns stated over separation of state and religion as 92% of the funding of these agencies comes from Federal government. Are these agencies a business or a charity? Grandchildren are being intimidated and terrorized at city parks. July 4th an incident occurred. Some shopping areas are not welcome or safe. Crime rate higher than national average. How many refugees are arriving and where from are they arriving? What is the city's plan to accommodate these refugees?

Kathleen Virnig, 2004 Charter Oaks Ct, St. Cloud, MN 56303 – Ask questions that she has not been able to get answers to. From New York when towers went down in 2001. Family affected. Somalis practicing soccer in park nearby. She wonders if any of them in the jihadi form. Concern for safety and security of people who live here. Should we be supporting a culture that allows for multiple wives or performing FGMs? How many Somalis are living here? Agencies place them in St. Cloud and then left alone to isolate themselves without assimilation. Faribault incident occurred two weeks ago similar to the Crossroads Mall incident. Problem needs to be addressed.

Mary Mitchell, 1029 25th Ave N, St. Cloud, MN 56303 – Great-grandparents immigrated to St. Cloud in the 1850s. German descendants. Spoke German in the home and English in the community. Became contributing members of the community. Somalis are operating as a group with little choosing to speak English. We need to work with the Somali community to create partnerships to present safe water activities. Spoken with individuals leaving St. Cloud due to concern of immigrant population. Tech High School ranked 7th lowest in the State of Minnesota. 216 Somalis will be arriving in St. Cloud each year for the next 10 years. We need to be proactive to work with the community.

Gary Morgenroth, 1125 Cherrywood Ct, Waite Park, MN 56387 – Concerned citizen. 17 years ago last April. Did business with a Somali man. This man wanted to visit with him regarding being Christian. The man requested the bible be removed in Mr. Morgenroth's waiting room. The man has been in numerous

photos and publications in the city of St. Cloud, including a picture from the Crossroads Mall incident and a picture at handgun firearm training with the St. Cloud Police. How much influence does this man on the Council? This person carries a lot of weight. Council needs to fess up to who these people are; and who is influencing them.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Libert provided an update on Governor's Fishing Opener. Statistics include 130 media personnel representing 60 outlets, over 200 media interviews, coverage generated 688 online and printed placements, 374 broadcast radio and TV mentions, 2,623 social media posts. Represents \$1.324 million dollars of marketing St. Cloud received. 732 million possibilities of media impressions. Successful opener and a positive influence for St. Cloud.

Councilmember Hontos mentioned discussions the Council has had on immigrant and diversity issue in Study Sessions in the past year. Administration was to provide Council with a collection of data from non-profits. Report showing various activities of the various non-profits. A report has not been provided. Mayor Dave Kleis responded indicating that he has worked with the CreateCommunity board to obtain this information and he received only once response about housing and that he will continue to work with CreateCommunity in collecting the information. Hontos suggested the discussion be continued. Motion to reconvene topic discussion. Council President interrupted and suggested the discussion be held at the Council Retreat. Hontos choose to continue with his motion. One discussion should be held every six months regarding this topic. It was moved by Councilmember Hontos to add a discussion on immigrant and diversity issues at a Study Session in next 30-60 days. Councilmember Johnson seconded Councilmember Hontos' motion, voicing his concern over speaking about the topic at Retreats. Councilmember Laraway recalled that the Council was to just create a clearinghouse of information and gather data from what is available. Under the City Charter, the City doesn't have authority. It is a federal issue. Councilmember Masters requested information prior to a Study Session and requested information from Councilmember Johnson about his attendance at the meeting. Councilmember Goerger also requested information from Councilmember Johnson. It is pretty clear what the Council cannot do. He suggested citizens raise their concerns to the school board or to county boards. Councilmember Goerger hasn't heard of any items the Council can discuss and requested Councilmember Hontos provide clarity about what the Council will discuss at the meeting as the Council has limited authority in the area. Councilmember Hontos explained that this is a divisive and concerning issue, which has a major impact on our community. Why can't the Council sit down, talk about the issue and decide what their role is? People in the community would like the Council to have the discussion. Why should the Council not have the courage to discuss this in a Study Session? The Council should be discussing topics that affect the community. Councilmember Johnson shared information regarding a meeting with Lutheran Social Services. Present at the meeting were 4 Lutheran Social Services staff members, a County Commissioner, Councilmember Johnson, and 2 informed citizens. Representatives of

State and Local Governments should meet regularly to discuss immigration with the agencies in determining local capacities. Councilmember Johnson indicated that the local capacity for St. Cloud for primary migration is 225 refugees, updated annually. Councilmember Johnson interested in economic impacts. County Commissioner believes the County should be involved. Lutheran Social Services mentioned a difficulty identifying who the stakeholders are. Councilmember Johnson's definition of the stakeholder is the taxpayer. A city ceases to become a primary refugee relocation city when a city decides reunification deemed unsuccessful. As a Councilmember, Councilmember Johnson would like to know the economic impact and how long the city stays at the max capacity before it is not a resettlement city. There is either lack of communication or miscommunication about the program. Councilmember Johnson would like to see a Study Session on the topic. If Council approves motion to proceed with Study Session, Council President Lewis suggested that the Council invite Lutheran Social Services to come to the Study Session to discuss topic. Council President Lewis suggested that we keep the topic narrowly focused on what the city's role is, if any. Councilmember Goerger inquired from Councilmember Johnson on if Lutheran Social Services has a plan moving forward. Councilmember Johnson shared that that question was not asked. Further, he stated that Lutheran Social Services does not have a grasp on secondary resettlement. Councilmember Laraway commented that the Home Rule Charter gives the Council a variety of tasks and Social Services is not one of them. Councilmember Laraway indicated that the Council should not single out one demographic group to have a discussion on; and there is nothing in the charter that indicates the Council has an obligation to discuss or authority to do anything regarding the issue. It is not a good topic to discuss at a Study Session. Councilmember Laraway would not be opposed, however, to an educational seminar on the issue. Councilmember Masters feels that the Council's role is limited and it should not take on topics in which it does not have authority. Councilmember Goerger agreed with Councilmember Johnson that the Council is not very educated on the refugee resettlement program and that is reason enough not to have a study session on the topic. Councilmember Goerger agreed with Councilmember Laraway that an educational seminar is a good idea, and then decide if a discussion is needed. Councilmember Libert stated that immigration discussion is beyond the Council's role. All issues are state and federal issues. Council should treat everyone equally, no matter race. Councilmember Johnson commented that people want us to talk about it but instead, Council wants to continue to avoid the issue. The City has not taken a step in any direction. Councilmember Johnson believes that this is a city issue and it should be discussed, especially with regard to the economic impact. Councilmember Masters questioned if Councilmember Johnson is opposed to having an educational seminar. Councilmember Johnson is not opposed. Council President Lewis cautioned how the public talks about the refugees. They are people. This may be a challenge right now, but it won't be someday. We are all descendants of immigrants. Council President Lewis does not want this to devolve into an attack on people who have moved to this area because of our way of life. Everyone should have a chance and an opportunity. Councilmember Masters agreed, stating that we are a country of immigrants. Councilmember Johnson clarified that he is not speaking of immigration, but rather the federal refugee resettlement program. He would like a good standard of living for people in St. Cloud. Everyone

deserves an opportunity for the Council to start talking about the issue. Councilmember Goerger requested clarification of the original motion. Councilmember Hontos indicated that the motion was to have a study session and would be willing to amend motion to include Lutheran Social Services, only if it is discussion based, not just a presentation. Councilmember Hontos requests the study session within the next 30-45 days. Councilmember Goerger stated that the biggest impact financially is on the county and inquired on if it would be relevant to obtain information from the county. Council President Lewis indicated that we need to maintain a narrow, city focus only. Councilmember Libert spoke with several neighbors at National Night Out events. Not one neighbor brought up a concern regarding immigrants.

Councilmember Libert called the question to end the debate. Councilmember Hontos seconded Councilmember Libert's motion. Motion to end debate carried unanimously.

Motion to hold a study session with Lutheran Social Services failed 3-4. Councilmembers Hontos, Masters, Johnson approved. Councilmembers Lewis, Libert, Goerger, Laraway opposed.

Councilmember Johnson discussed body cameras on police officers. Waite Park recently passed resolution authorizing body cameras on police officers. He feels that if the St. Cloud Police Officers wear body cameras, a policy has to be established. Mayor Kleis indicated that in 2018, the City has allocated zero funds to body cameras. There is not a necessity at this time for them. Police Chief Anderson indicated that the day will come. Police Chief Anderson is willing to wait. Not as simple as wearing a camera. Need to consider privacy issues. Infrastructure for storing data is expensive. Additional personnel will be required to redact videos. Although discussed, the City will not "dive in without taking a methodical approach." Councilmember Johnson commented that we have time. He would like the city to be thoughtful with regard to cameras before proceeding.

Councilmember Johnson discussed airport idea from citizen. Can we use an expanded hotel/motel tax to finance airport opportunities? Mayor Kleis stated that we are not able to as those taxes are designated for specific purposes. It would require legislative action to change. Councilmember Johnson also commented on an observation from St. Cloud Times on July 29, 2017. Article indicated that the Stearns County Commissioner did not know about the upcoming airport study.

Mayor Kleis announced that the budget books for Councilmembers are in Conference Room 1.

Councilmember Johnson discussed Tech High School. Citizen question – what happen to efforts of Friends of Clark Field? Mayor Kleis indicated that they are still working on it. Johnson inquired on if the Council should schedule a Study Session to discuss the old Tech High School building. Mayor Kleis indicated discussions have, and will continue to occur, as the Lake George Neighborhood is the City's primary focus.

Councilmember Hontos inquired on if Administration will respond to the speakers at the Council Meeting. Mayor Kleis indicated that there is only one follow up Administration needs to address – the Abstract for Refugee Resettlement. Councilmember Johnson

inquired on the request for the economic impact. Administration does not recall the request.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no one else to speak, Council President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:05PM.


Council President Carol Lewis

Respectfully submitted by


Seth Kauffman
Recording Council Secretary