

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of March was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Koch led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Jerry Koch, Councilmembers Brad Greskowiak, Kari Rehrauer, Wade Demmer, Jennifer Geisler, Brad Johnson, and Pat Carlson

Members Absent: None

ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. MARCH 2, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

2. APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND CITY OF COON RAPIDS FOR ICWC PROGRAM
3. CONSIDER NOMINATIONS TO THE COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

BOARD OF MANAGERS

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Councilmember Demmer thanked all who volunteered to serve on the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

4. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 21-8 WEST WATER TREATMENT PLANT BOOSTER 4 & 5 UPGRADE

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-8(9) AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PIONEER POWER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$286,190.00 FOR PROJECT 21-8, WEST WATER TREATMENT PLANT BOOSTER 4 & 5 UPGRADE.

Councilmember Greskowiak stated \$725,000 was budgeted for this project. He questioned what the total project costs would be for the water treatment plant upgrades. Public Works Director Himmer indicated the costs would come in around \$500,000.

Councilmember Geisler thanked staff for working to make sure the City's infrastructure is sound and well maintained.

Councilmember Demmer discussed how the rebid of this project led to an unusual situation. He asked if staff believed the bidding process ended up being fair. Public Works Director Himmer stated because there was so many bids and they were within a very close range it appeared the City received competitive bids for this project.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-3(8) ACCEPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR MISCELLANEOUS TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-3(8) APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Councilmember Demmer requested staff speak to why these trail segments were selected. Public Works Director Himmer explained staff completes an evaluation on all City trails and these trail segments were identified for reconstruction.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-40 REQUESTING ADVANCE OF STATE AID FUNDING FOR 2021 STATE AID BOND PAYMENT
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-40, REQUESTING ADVANCE MSA FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S 2021 STATE AID BOND PAYMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS DESIGNATING ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL STATE AID (MSA) STREET DESIGNATIONS
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Demmer thanked staff for providing the Council with a map on the MSA and collector streets. He questioned why these roads were selected over others in the City. Public Works Director Himmer explained this was based on needs and traffic population.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-41 DESIGNATING DRAKE STREET NW FROM EGRET BOULEVARD TO 100TH AVENUE AS A MUNICIPAL STATE AID STREET; RESOLUTION NO. 21-42 DESIGNATING 100TH AVENUE NW FROM EGRET BOULEVARD TO ZILLA STREET AS A MUNICIPAL STATE AID STREET; AND RESOLUTION NO. 21-43 DESIGNATING ZILLA STREET FROM 100TH AVENUE TO COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD AS A MUNICIPAL STATE AID STREET. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. PC 19-2: CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-44 GRANTING FINAL PLAT PORT RIVERWALK 3RD ADDITION – CENTRA HOMES

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch requested further information regarding the court homes. Planner Harlicker reported these were smaller homes on smaller lots that would be located between 100th Avenue and Coon Rapids Boulevard.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-44 GRANTING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR PORT RIVERWALK 3RD ADDITION WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE 11.
2. PARK DEDICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 WILL BE PAID FOR THE 15 LOTS (\$2,000 PER LOT X 15 LOTS). PARK DEDICATION WILL HAVE TO BE PAID PRIOR TO RELEASING THE PLAT FOR RECORDING.
3. ALL ENGINEERING COMMENTS MUST BE ADDRESSED.
4. ALL COMMENTS FROM ANOKA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MUST BE ADDRESSED.
5. EXECUTE DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTRA HOMES AND THE CITY.

Councilmember Greskowiak asked where the potential pedestrian overpass would be located. Community Development Director Fernelius reviewed the location of the pedestrian overpass and noted it was designed to fit within Coon Rapids Boulevard right of way. Public Works Director Himmer reported the City has easements in place for the pedestrian overpass.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CONSIDER TERM SHEET, RIVERDALE STATION APARTMENTS PHASE II

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Demmer asked if the term sheet were approved if this was in best faith and not legally binding. Community Development Director Fernelius reported this was the case.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO APPROVE THE TERM SHEET WITH SHERMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

Councilmember Greskowiak asked when an updated concept plan would be available for this project. Trevor Martinez, Sherman Associates, explained he was still working through iterations for this project and would hope to have additional concepts for the City to review in six to eight weeks.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE REVISING CITY CODE SECTION 5-203 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch questioned if the percentages for grocery stores was the best way to define this use for the City. City Attorney Brodie advised staff believed this would be the best way to move forward. Community Development Director Fernelius explained this was language taken from another City. He indicated staff appreciated the fact the percentages would be somewhat measurable and defines what a grocery user is.

Councilmember Demmer stated he believed the language provided was reasonable. He commented further on how the grocery industry has changed over the past 30 years.

Mayor Koch considered the Ordinance regarding alcoholic beverages to be introduced.

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Koch reviewed the rules of order for the Open Mic/Public Comment portion of the meeting.

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Chief Wise provided the Council with an update on a recent incident that occurred in the community. He explained on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. a 911 call had officers respond to a suicidal male in crisis walking along Hanson Boulevard carrying a handgun. He reported officers encountered him on the street and were desperate to avoid using firearms. He discussed the less than lethal means that were available to the officers and after this failed, officers were obligated to use their firearms. He understood the male was at the Hennepin County Medical Center and was working on recovery. It was the departments hope that this individual gets the mental health help that he needs. He commented further on the challenging mental health concerns in the community.

Councilmember Johnson asked the Chief to speak to the proactive measures the department has in place for these types of situations and the agreement the department had with Blaine. Police Chief Wise explained small things can make significant differences. He reported the Coon Rapids Police Department now has an embedded social worker that works for both the Blaine and Coon Rapids Police Departments. He stated this individual helps the department with persons struggling with mental health issues that are under treated. These individuals are targeted in order to assist them in getting the the help they need. He indicated the embedded social worker has been working for the two departments for two weeks now and would greatly assist the departments in navigating the system.

Mayor Koch noted he received an email from Vanessa at the new Caribou Coffee on Coon Rapids Boulevard. He explained this new Caribou Coffee would be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

City Manager Stemwedel reported plans are moving forward for the City's 4th of July celebration.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:52 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk