

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of April was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 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 AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 1. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS

This item was removed from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2. APRIL 6, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0-1 (COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON ABSTAINED).

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

3. APPROVE CLASS A ON SALE AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ROSE GARDEN, 1925 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD NW

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: CORPORATE OFFICER CHANGE – TEXAS ROADHOUSE INC., 2780 MAIN STREET NW
 5. RATIFY TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF LIQUOR LICENSING TO ALLOW FOR EXPANDED OUTDOOR SERVICE
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

6. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-1(9) AWARDED CONTRACT FOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT 21-1
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-1(9) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO NEW LOOK CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,309,825.50. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-2(9) AWARDED CONTRACT FOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT 21-2
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-2(9) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO NORTHDALE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,389,912.91. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-3(9) AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-3(9) AWARDED A CONTACT TO NORTH VALLEY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,376.65 FOR THE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CONSIDER CONTRACT AWARD FOR 2021 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, PROJECT 21-5

The Staff report was shared with Council.

City Attorney Brodie noted that a letter was submitted from Larkin Hoffman on behalf of Northwest Asphalt Maintenance regarding the crack sealing portion of the bidding. He thought their counsel was on the Zoom call. There were issues regarding communication, poor performance, and unprofessional actions. It had been determined that Northwest was not the lowest responsible bidder and the City Council had reasonable discretion especially with other cities involved.

Mayor Koch added that Coon Rapids was responsible to the rest of the consortium. The City had received several letters and had to be responsive to those concerns.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-5(9A) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PEARSON BROS. INC. FOR BITUMINOUS SEALCOATING IN THE BASE BID AMOUNT OF \$815,786.40 AND THE ALTERNATE AMOUNT OF \$815,786.40.

Councilmember Johnson asked if he understood correctly that the reason for the reduction was because Anoka decided not to do any street maintenance. Public Works Director Himmer said that was correct.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-5(9B) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SIR LINES-A-LOT INC. FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$193,993.00. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-5(9C) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ALLIED BLACKTOP COMPANY FOR CRACK SEALING STREETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$488,715.42.

Councilmember Geisler said the Council had an obligation to its citizens, Public Works, and other cities. Based on the feedback provided, she was comfortable with this decision.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-5(9D) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ALLIED BLACKTOP COMPANY FOR FOG SEALING STREETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,886.90. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-5(9E) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ALLIED BLACKTOP COMPANY FOG SEALING TRAILS AND PARKING LOTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,734.64. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

10. PC 21-7: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2244 CHANGE ZONING FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL 2 TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL – 12691 HANSON BOULEVARD
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2244 APPROVING THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE PROPOSED REZONING TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROPOSED LAND USE DESIGNATION OF MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.
2. THE PROPOSED REZONING IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE ADJACENT LAND USES AND ZONING.
3. THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE AREA. THE AREA IS PREDOMINANTLY ZONED AS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS WITH TOWNHOMES AS THE USE.

Councilmember Greskowiak noted there was a presentation and robust discussion at the previous Council meeting.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

11. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-13(8) ACCEPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR EAST WATER TREATMENT PLANT HVAC IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZE SOLICITATION OF BIDS
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-13(8) ACCEPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR EAST WATER TREATMENT PLANT HVAC IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZE SOLICITATION OF BIDS.

Councilmember Greskowiak said these investments and infrastructure projects were one of the more important things the Council did. He was grateful for staff and the Council being so proactive.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-51 REALLOCATING THE 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND AMENDING THE 2020 AND 2021 BUDGETS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-51 REALLOCATING THE 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND AMENDING THE 2020 AND 2021 BUDGETS.

Councilmember Demmer noted the draft resolution included a 2019 carry-over to 2020. Finance Director Hanson looked and acknowledged the typographical error. She said it would be correct prior to signing.

Councilmember Geisler explained this was general housekeeping and the annual leveling of the budget if anyone was wondering.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-52 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-52 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilmember Johnson appreciated the conversation about the vacation time. Speaking as a government employee who had not taken a vacation in a year and a half because of the pandemic, distance learning, etc., it had been a hard year. He encouraged staff to find ways to use their vacation for a much-needed break. City Manager Stemwedel agreed, he said it was important for

people to get away from work. He also discussed the 80-hour leave bank for COVID related absences.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. PC 21-6: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-53 CHANGING LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM INSTITUTIONAL TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, 12691 HANSON BOULEVARD
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-53 APPROVING THE PROPOSED LAND USE AMENDMENT FROM INSTITUTIONAL TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE AMENDMENT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE ADJACENT COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS AND LAND USES.
2. THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE AMENDMENT WILL NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES.
3. THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE AMENDMENT IS SUPPORTIVE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN, LAND USE CHAPTER AND HOUSING CHAPTER POLICIES FOR THE CITY, INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION OF UNDERUSED NONRESIDENTIAL SITES THAT MAY BE SUITABLE FOR HIGHER DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USE. ANOTHER POLICY IS TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE CITY'S ZONING REGULATIONS PERIODICALLY FOR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS TO REFLECT CHANGING LIFESTYLES AND ENSURE THAT INFILL DEVELOPMENT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD IN SCALE AND DESIGN.

Councilmember Greskowiak said this was necessary before any Site Plan was developed. The Site Plan would go before the Planning Commission. Mayor Koch added there would be an opportunity for input at the Planning Commission or residents could write their City Councilmember.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTRA NORTH, LLC – PORT RIVERWALK 3RD ADDITION
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, TO APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTRA NORTH, LLC. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

City Manager Stemwedel announced the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting would be hybrid if residents wished to attend virtually. The meeting was the opportunity for property owners to contest their property appraisal. He encouraged residents to contact the Assessing Department prior to the meeting.

Mayor Koch said it was key to contact the City Assessor. Councilmember Demmer added that when residents received their tax value at the end of the year, it was based on this assessment.

Police Chief Wise said the cruise on Saturday night was busy. Officers were active regulating traffic and addressing parking violations.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:42 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk