

## COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2021

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### CALL TO ORDER

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The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of May was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in the Council Chambers.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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Mayor Koch led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

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Members Present: Mayor Jerry Koch, Councilmembers Brad Greskowiak, Kari Rehrauer, Wade Demmer (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Jennifer Geisler, Brad Johnson, and Pat Carlson

Members Absent: None

### ADOPT AGENDA

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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#### 1. POPPY DAY PROCLAMATION FOR VFW POST 9625 & AUXILIARY

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#### 2. POPPY DAY PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN LEGION POST 334 & AUXILIARY

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Mayor Koch read the proclamation(s) proclaiming May 28, 2021 as Poppy Day in the City of Coon Rapids.

The VFW and the American Legion shared the locations they would be at over the weekend.

Mayor Koch thanked them for their service.

#### 3. ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF JAMES STUART UPDATE

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Mayor Koch welcomed Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart. Sheriff Stuart said he took his role

and oath very seriously. The Sheriff Department had a proud history of providing a wide array of diverse services to all of Anoka County. He also talked about the Department's mission statement. He said he was there because trust had been compromised. At the May 4, 2021 City Council meeting, inaccurate and misleading information was provided regarding a search warrant executed by the Anoka County SWAT team for the Minneapolis Police Department. He said the warrant service did not turn out how they wanted, but it did not play out in the way the Council was led to believe.

Sheriff Stuart said he understood the significance of being an elected official and embraced transparency. He discussed the details of the SWAT warrant process, the specific warrant in question, and some of the commentary from the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. He appreciated the opportunity to speak in order to clear up some of the misrepresentation.

Mayor Koch asked how the Sheriff would ensure this did not happen again. He also shared his support for the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Stuart said the information was not as effective as needed. Internally they plan to cast a wider net by gathering more information and asking more pointed questions.

Councilmember Johnson said he appreciated the Sheriff speaking with the Council and the transparency. He was comforted that the breakdown in communication had been addressed. He said he had attended training and briefings and was impressed with the SWAT team. He asked if the Coon Rapids's Police Officers were involved with the entry. Sheriff Stuart said they were present only as peripheral officers assisting with traffic control on the block.

Councilmember Johnson asked if the Minneapolis Police Department had reached out to explain how they got the address wrong. Sheriff Stuart said they had not done any follow-up to his knowledge. Councilmember Johnson asked if Minneapolis filed the warrant. Sheriff Stuart said he had asked, but had not received a response. Councilmember Johnson said occasionally public servants did not rise to the community's expectations. He did not think that was true of the Coon Rapids Police Department or the Anoka County Sheriff's Department, but he thought it was possibly true of the Minneapolis Police Department. He noted that the warrant did not show where the Minneapolis Police Department had contacted the people who were supposed to keep tabs on this person such as a probation officer. He recommended a multi-disciplinary team to approach these higher intensity warrants. He added that everyone needed to remember that the main fault lies with the individual who was the target of the warrant. Councilmember Johnson also appreciated the care the Sheriff's Department took with the family. Sheriff Stuart thought the multi-jurisdictional approach was a good idea.

Councilmember Demmer arrived and took his seat at the dais at 7:40 p.m.

Councilmember Geisler asked who was responsible for the repairs to the home that was damaged. Sheriff Stuart said the investigating agency which was the Minneapolis Police Department. Councilmember Johnson asked if they had taken any steps to ensure everyone was keeping accurate and current records. Sheriff Stuart said the practice was to always ask for a current address.

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Councilmember Rehrauer said she appreciated the acknowledgement of the mistake and the steps taken to make amends with the family affected. She asked what the root cause was and the one most important thing that could be done differently. Sheriff Stuart said the root cause was bad information. He said on the Sheriff's Department end, they were planning to gather more information and ask better questions.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### 4. MAY 4, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

5. APPROVE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE ENTERPRISE LICENSE FOR HEALINGTOUCH RJ LLC, 1635 COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD NW, SUITE 230
6. APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO NORTHWEST ASPHALT, INC. FOR PROJECT 19-11, MISCELLANEOUS TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION
7. APPROVE CERTIFICATION OF MORTGAGE SATISFACTION, 8500 EVERGREEN BOULEVARD
8. RECOMMEND NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION
9. ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-58 APPOINTING OLUFUNSO ORESANYA TO THE SAFETY COMMISSION
10. RATIFY TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF LIQUOR LICENSING TO ALLOW FOR EXPANDED OUTDOOR SERVICE

Councilmember Demmer thanked everyone who had applied to serve on the City's commissions.

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

Councilmember Greskowiak asked if there was a limit to how many commissions a person could serve on. City Manager Stemwedel said not officially, but the meeting schedule would come into play for a person serving on multiple commissions.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

11. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-13(9) AWARDING CONTRACT FOR EAST WATER TREATMENT PLANT HVAC IMPROVEMENTS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-13(9) AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BURNN BOILER & MECHANICAL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$356,800.00 FOR EAST WATER TREATMENT PLANT HVAC IMPROVEMENTS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

12. PC 21-9: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2245 – ZONE CHANGE FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, 114XX ROBINSON DRIVE

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2245 APPROVING THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE PROPOSED REZONING TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL 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 TIMES AND CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGE SO THAT A REASONABLE USE OF THE PROPERTY CAN NOT BE MADE UNDER THE CURRENT ZONING.
4. THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE WOULD NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE AREA.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

13. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-4(8) ACCEPTING PLANS AND

SPECIFICATIONS FOR SIDEWALK EXPANSION, AND AUTHORIZING  
SOLICITATION OF BIDS

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Demmer said he was excited to see the City fill in some of the gaps in sidewalks.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-4(8) APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SIDEWALK EXPANSION PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. PC 21-8: CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-55 CHANGING LAND USE COMMERCIAL MIXED USE TO MODERATE DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, 114XX ROBINSON DRIVE

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-55 APPROVING THE PROPOSED LAND USE AMENDMENT FROM COMMERCIAL MIXED USE 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 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.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. CONSIDER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION 21-56 AMENDING THE REVOLVING CONSTRUCTION FUND

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER REHRAUER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-56 AMENDING THE REVOLVING CONSTRUCTION FUND, APPROVE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AS NECESSARY TO CLOSE ON PROPERTY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-57 ACCEPTING 2021 GRANT FOR A FULL-TIME AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATOR AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-59 AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch said the City participated in the grant several years ago. He recalled that one of Coon Rapids's Police Officers won a state award. Police Captain Steiner explained that all of Anoka County participates in the Auto Theft Task Force, but Coon Rapids had administered the program for a long time. The detective, Chad Duckson, who won that award was the same person selected to fill this role. 70% of his case load was auto theft related, this would put his skills to good use.

Councilmember Carlson said between the grant and Detective Duckson, the citizens of Coon Rapids would be well served.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-57 AUTHORIZING A 2021 AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING A GRANT TO FUND A FULL-TIME AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATOR THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023; AND TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-59 AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET.

Councilmember Demmer said the City had an award-winning record and recommended staying out of Coon Rapids if a person was considering stealing a car.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

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

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

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None.

OTHER BUSINESS

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Councilmember Johnson said he had received a question about opening the splashpad. City Manager Stemwedel said the City was back to the normal opening which is the Friday before Memorial Day. He said there were no issues last year so the City felt comfortable opening it back up.

Mayor Koch said the concerts in the park will kick off June 3, 2021.

Councilmember Demmer said the biomedical science program at Coon Rapids High School added an Engineering Program four years ago. Those students were completing the program this year and he wanted to recognize the school for having two magnet programs.

City Manager Stemwedel mentioned the drive-in movie, *Playing with Fire*, at Boulevard Plaza on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:11 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk