

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of August was called to order by Mayor Jerry Koch at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 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 JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GRESKOWIAK, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION BY LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Mayor Koch introduced Melissa Hortman, Speaker of the House Minnesota House of Representatives. Speaker Hortman provided a brief update on the recent legislative session. She talked about budget and public safety.

Erin Koegel, Minnesota House of Representatives, discussed the Preventing Homelessness Committee, housing, and transportation.

Zack Stephenson, Minnesota House of Representatives, talked about commerce, energy, and jobs.

John Hoffman, Minnesota State Senate, talked about health and human services.

Jerry Newton, Minnesota State Senate, discussed education programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2. AUGUST 4, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0-1 (ABSTAIN – REHRAUER).

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

3. RECEIVE MID-YEAR GAMBLING EXPENDITURE REPORT
4. APPROVE WAIVER OF FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE FEES FOR COON RAPIDS FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION
5. APPROVE TEMPORARY ON-SALE STRONG BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE TO COON RAPIDS NORTH STAR LIONS FOR A MILITARY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT SAND CREEK PARK
6. CONSIDER EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTRA NORTH, LLC
7. ACCEPT CLOSED MEETING SUMMARY – CITY MANAGER’S ANNUAL REVIEW

Councilmember Demmer, regarding Item 3., asked how the report looked compared to pre-COVID. City Clerk Lenzmeier said it was significantly higher, but offered to provide the Council the full report.

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

Mayor Koch mentioned that planning was well under way for the 9/11 20th Anniversary event at the high school. There was also a large opening ceremony for the 7th Annual Military Softball Tournament on September 10, 2021.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-86 AMENDING SERIES 2017 AND 2018 HOUSING REVENUE NOTES FOR COTTAGES OF COON CREEK SENIOR HOUSING

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Demmer asked if there were any additional changes or if it was purely refinancing. Community Development Director Fernelius said no changes. The City was the conduit lender and, in many ways, there was no obligation on the City’s part.

Mayor Koch asked how this would impact the City's capacity. Mr. Fernelius said the City had a bank qualified limit of \$10 million. As he understood, this did not impact the cap.

Mayor Koch opened and closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. since no one appeared to address the Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER REHRAUER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-86 APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE SERIES 2017 AND 2018 LOAN NOTES FOR THE COTTAGES OF COON CREEK SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE NEW NOTES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

Councilmember Geisler said this helped the community and was not a burden to residents because taxes did not pay for it.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. VACATION OF DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS, ROBINSON TOWNHOMES DEVELOPMENT

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch opened and closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. since no one appeared to address the Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER REHRAUER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-88 VACATING DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT.

Councilmember Greskowiak asked if the easements were ever used. Public Works Director Himmer said staff could not find any use for the easements. However, new easements would be dedicated.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

10. CONSIDER WATER EMERGENCY

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch asked about the odd-even sprinkling ban that expired August 31st. Public Works Director Himmer said the Water Emergency was only 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily watering restriction. The Emergency Board could add that expiring restriction to the Water Emergency.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO RECOMMEND THE CONTINUANCE OF THE EXISTING WATER RESTRICTIONS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

11. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-84 AND 21-85 APPROVING MISC. 2021-1 APPEALED ASSESSMENT LEVY

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Koch thanked the Board of Adjustment and Appeals for all of their hard work.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 21-84 AND 21-85 ADOPTING 2021(1) MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (CONTESTED MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS – ONE-YEAR AND THREE-YEAR).

Councilmember Greskowiak, referencing Case No. 21-11V, asked if the citation for Crime Free Training revoked the rental license. Community Development Director Fernelius said no rental license would have been an additional citation, so he thought it was only related to the training.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS ORDERING PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY REPORT AND PLANS FOR PROJECT 22-1, STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-1(3) ORDERING PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY REPORT AND RESOLUTION 22-1(6) ORDERING PREPARATION OF PLANS.

Councilmember Demmer said these could seem random, but he was always impressed by the Engineering Department who was out driving and grading the roads to stay in front of road

conditions. He said it was a tight balance to repair the roads when needed, but not before to keep costs down.

Councilmember Geisler added that the City worked to bring groups together to improve efficiency.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS ORDERING PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY REPORT AND PLANS FOR PROJECT 22-2, STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER REHRAUER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-2(3) ORDERING PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY REPORT AND RESOLUTION 22-2(6) ORDERING PREPARATION OF PLANS.

Councilmember Greskowiak asked if other infrastructure was planned. Public Works Director Himmer said the purpose of the feasibility study was to identify what needed to be done and how to fund it.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT SURETY AGREEMENTS FOR NOBERG CORNER

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Johnson asked how the five lots would be structured to fit. Public Works Director Himmer answered he believed there was a small extension of the cul-de-sac, but primarily the grading, storm sewer, and cutting in of each individual service.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER REHRAUER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH NOBERG HOMES, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIVE-LOT SINGLE-FAMILY SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS NOBERG CORNER; AND TO APPROVE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT SURETY AGREEMENT WITH REGISTERED ABSTRACTORS, INC. NOBERG HOMES, INC., AND PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES, LLC FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN NOBERG CORNER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. PC 19-2: CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-87 GRANTING FINAL PLAT PORT RIVERWALK 4TH ADDITION, CENTRA HOMES

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER REHRAUER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GEISLER, TO APPROVE PLANNING CASE 19-2, ADOPTING RESOLUTION 21-87 GRANTING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR PORT RIVERWALK 4TH ADDITION WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE 11.
2. PARK DEDICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 WILL BE PAID FOR THE 50 LOTS (\$2,000 PER LOT X 50 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 DEVELOPERS' AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTRA HOMES AND THE CITY.

Councilmember Geisler said this had moved quickly and she was looking forward to the 4th addition.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTRA NORTH, LLC, PORT RIVERWALK 4TH ADDITION
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

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

17. CONSIDER DEDICATION OF THE PICKLEBALL COURTS AT RIVERWIND PARK
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, TO APPROVE THE DEDICATION OF THE PICKLEBALL COURTS AT RIVERWIND PARK IN MEMORY OF BRUCE SANDERS FOR HIS YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE SPORT OF PICKLEBALL.

Councilmember Demmer said Mr. Sanders helped him learn the ropes when he first served on the Council. He added that this clearly qualified for the naming policy.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sheila Sanders addressed the Council. She said that Mr. Sanders had also served on the Planning Commission and shared about his quest to get a pickleball court in Coon Rapids.

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

Public Works Director Himmer said the splash pad and Crooked Lake Park beach would officially close Labor Day.

Mayor Koch said the Coon Rapids Farmers Market was still open every Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Coon Rapids Ice Center.

City Manager Stemwedel said the City was still collecting feedback on the Highway 610 – East River Road Interchange on the City’s website.

Mayor Koch asked if staff was keeping the City’s legislators abreast of current priorities. He said a resident had asked about the pedestrian trail over Coon Rapids Boulevard. Mr. Stemwedel said yes, he added they had received notice from the Capital Investment Committee that Coon Creek Regional Trail and the pedestrian bridge would be considered as part of the bonding in September.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DEMMER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARLSON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:18 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jerry Koch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk