

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
January 23, 2013**

The January 23, 2013 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Denny Peterson, Jeff Duraine, Bill Krebs. City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Attorney Julie Perrus, and Deputy Clerk Emmy Robinson.

Absent: Council Member Messina.

Also in attendance were: Rick Robinson, Barbara Hvass, Jesse Preiner, Myron Organ, Dan Mike, Greg Sheleen Edina Realty, and Paul Ringell Forest Lake Times.

A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

1. Call To Order - Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

B. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Motion - Agenda Approval with Additions
4. Motion - Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes 01/09/13
5. Motion - Pay Bills as Posted
6. Motion - Ordinance 13-01 Publication Summary (Page 1)
7. Motion - OSHA Training (Hennepin Technical College) Contract (Pages 2-4)

Motion by Peterson approve the consent agenda including ADM 05000 ADM 00400 Ordinance 13-01 Publication Summary (Page 1) and CON 00500 OSHA Training (Hennepin Technical College) Contract (Pages 2-4). Second by Duraine. Motion Carried.

C. PRESENTATIONS

8. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Hvas presented for the Planning Commission tonight. The Planning Commission held their organizational meeting, Barbara Hvass was elected as chair person, and they continued discussions on community vision planning. Pay rates from surrounding communities for Planning Commissioners was discussed but no recommendation was made to the City Council.

9. Motion - Graffco Inc. - 13957 Lake Drive CUP Amendment Request (Pages 5-16) (PC13-101)

The Planning Commission held a public hearing and made a motion to forward to the City Council the application of Graffco Inc., for an amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit to allow a new business tenant at 13957 Lake Drive with a recommendation for approval based on the findings of fact and conditions in the Planner Memo dated January 10, 2013, with changes reflected to Finding of Fact #13 to correct the date.

Motion PLZ 00400 by Krebs to approve the application of Graffco Inc. (PC13-101) to amend their existing Conditional Use Permit to allow a new business tenant at 13957 Lake Drive with a recommendation for approval based on the findings of fact and conditions in the Planner Memo

dated January 10, 2013, with changes to Finding of Fact #13 to correct the date and the Planning Commission minutes dated January 16, 2013 and subject to the conditions in the Planner Memo dated January 10, 2013 and the Planning Commission minutes dated January 16, 2013. Second by Peterson. Motion Carried.

Findings of Fact for the Graffco Inc. CUP Amendment PC13-101 13957 Lake Drive:

1. An application for a CUP Amendment was received from Daniel Graff, Graffco, Inc. (Graffco), 13957 Lake Drive (Property), on December 14, 2012.
2. The application was found to be complete.
3. The 60-day review for the application terminates on February 12, 2013. The 120-day review, if necessary, will terminate on April 13, 2013.
4. Graffco operates a used fuel dispenser reconditioning and brokerage service.
5. Graffco was issued a CUP in 1992, which allowed a 50 feet by 200 feet cold storage building, in addition to an existing 50 feet by 200 feet building used for office and servicing fuel dispensers.
6. A condition of the 1992 CUP was that the Planning Commission must approve any use other than cold storage for the "new" building.
7. Another condition of the 1992 CUP was that no outside storage was permitted except within trailers.
8. Bald Eagle Erectors, Inc. (Bald Eagle) relocated its business from Eagan to Columbus and occupied the westerly building on the Property in November 2012.
9. Bald Eagle is a steel erection, rigging, and miscellaneous iron work business serving the upper Midwest.
10. Bald Eagle is using the Property as the company's headquarters, and for rigging, welding, and storage.
11. The majority of Bald Eagle's employees report directly to job sites rather than the Property. Most company vehicles are kept at employees' homes.
12. Bald Eagle also proposes to use the Property for outside storage of miscellaneous steel on steel racks (project overruns), miscellaneous fabrication items and equipment, and job trailers. No regular inventory of steel for jobs is kept on the Property.
13. The Planning Commission held a public hearing for the proposed 1992 Graffco CUP amendment on January 16, 2013.

Conditions for the Graffco Inc. CUP Amendment PC13-101 13957 Lake Drive:

1. Bald Eagle Erectors, Inc. is approved for tenancy of the westerly building, subject to all other applicable permits, licenses, and regulations.
2. Outside storage associated with tenant use of the westerly building is limited to the south side of the building and shall not be located between the building and Lake Drive.
3. Changes in the use of the Property are subject to future review and approval according to the Conditional Use Permit procedures of the Columbus City Code.
4. Approval of this CUP amendment is not a substitute for other applicable permits or approvals, including but not limited to building permits, plumbing permits, HVAC permits, electrical permits, and SSTS permits.
5. The use of and operations on the Property by Graffco and its tenants shall be consistent with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

10. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Dan Mike, 15123 Hornsby Street asked to speak about single family high density housing that was discussed at the last council meeting. Mr. Mike said he discussed this with some of his neighbors and they are interested in the idea. Mr. Mike introduced Greg Shaleen, with Edina Realty who has been working with Mr. Mike marketing his property. Mr. Shaleen had a handout of information on single family lots and housing in the surrounding area which he distributed to the council. Mr. Schlein spoke about what developers look for regarding land costs, lot prices and house prices and what those might be if this area was developed. There was discussion regarding the vision of the area if it was developed as single family residential property. It was noted that the city would have costs reworking it's ordinances to accommodate this type of development.

D. STAFF & CONSULTANT REPORTS

11. ENGINEER REPORT

The Engineer was not in attendance tonight.

12. ATTORNEY REPORT

Motion - Senior Housing Study — Preliminary Numbers

A study was done in 2004 by Maxwell Research which indicated a need for 22 units, at that time 50 units was the minimum. The City Administrator explained that for \$2500 the study would provide preliminary numbers which is enough to determine if there would be interest from developers. A full study would need to be ordered if a project moved ahead at an additional cost of \$5700.00. Senior housing is already allowed in the commercial retail zoning area. The City Administrator explained that this study could be paid for either from the EDA budget or the city general fund.

Motion HRA 01100 by Peterson to approve spending \$2500 for the senior housing study to be completed by Maxfield Research. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

13. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Council Member Peterson

No report.

Council Member Duraine

Council Member Duraine suggested that the summary publication should include "additional allowable size" in regards to the accessory building changes. The publication will be changed before being sent to the paper.

Council Member Duraine asked if the Planning Commission opening has been advertised yet and said there was an ad in the paper for Scandia's opening. The City Administrator said she spoke with the reporter from the Forest Lake Times about this tonight and he will put information about the opening in his article.

Cable Commission Meeting

Council Member Duraine attended the cable commission meeting and said he is scheduled for an orientation with Sara Chatwin, Manager FL Cable Commission tomorrow. The franchise agreement is being worked on.

Rush Line Task Force Meeting

Council Member Duraine attended the Rush Line meeting and said the Met council will not sponsor the bus route to St. Paul (route 285) after the fall and they are asking the county to support the bus route.

Council Member Krebs

No report.

Mayor Dave Povolny

Mayor Dave Povolny attended the Youth Service Bureau meeting this morning and said charitable gambling is now available at Running Aces Harness Park, bingo will be available in February.

Council Member Krebs

No report.

14. DEPUTY CLERK REPORT

Small businesses in Columbus are invited to attend the Lino Lakes Recycling Drop-off Day that is held the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A link to the Lino Lakes event flyer will be added under the Recycling section of the Columbus website.

15. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Info - Board of Appeal & Equalization Mtg. April 16, 2013 7:00 p.m. (Page 17)

Anoka County confirmed April 16th as the date for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting, the start time is 7:00 p.m. There is a requirement that at least one member of the Council has attended training within the last four years, the City Administrator will review the training schedule and notify the council if they are not in compliance.

Direction - Suggestion Box (Pages 18-19)

A suggestion was received on January 14th asking the City to sponsor Fix-It-Clinics. Hennepin County offers this type of program at this time. The Attorney explained that as part of the Waste Management requirements, counties determine what programs they will offer to meet their goals. The consensus was to respond that the city will follow up with the county for sponsoring this type of event.

Legislative Breakfast Cancelled 01/21/13

Due to representatives being unavailable the meeting has been cancelled. There was discussion regarding re-scheduling the breakfast, it was suggested that depending on the year and the legislative workload the date of the meeting might need to be scheduled the first 2 weeks of January or if it can be scheduled at a later time. The direction was to reschedule the meeting at a convenient time for the representatives (6:00 pm was suggested) attending. There was discussion regarding scheduling the meeting on February 6th as the Planning Commission meeting is tentatively cancelled.

FYI: Public Works Building (Page 1)

An email from Tim Pekron, Roof Spec regarding alternatives to address condensation which is still occurring on the walls in the Public Works building was included in the agenda additions. No action is required tonight, but the City Administrator asked for direction on how to proceed. The consensus was to invite Mr. Pekron to come to the next City Council meeting and nothing else should be done until after this meeting.

FYI: RAHP Letter (page 2)

A letter dated January 18, 2013 from North Metro Harness Initiative regarding their status of sole ownership of North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC. and the use of Running Aces Blvd. in conjunction with Zurich St for their address. No action is required of the Council.

Springsted Holiday Card

At previous meetings discussions have revolved around how to market the City to developers. The City Administrator received an e-holiday card from Springsted this year which prompted the suggestion and the card was displayed at this time. The City Administrator suggested that using this type of format a video could be produced and placed on the EDA webpage for developers to view. The video could have portions of dialogue by Council members, staff and views of the Freeway District land. The Council members approved of the idea and agreed to participate. Council Member Peterson said he spoke with LATV and they said they could film and edit this for the city.

The direction was to plan the choreography and create the script for Council members to use.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

The City Administrator said the February 6th Planning Commission meeting was going to be cancelled, but a Planning Commission member asked if they could have a transportation and planning meeting with the Engineer on February 6th. The direction was not to schedule the February 6th Planning Commission meeting and plan to have the Engineer, Planner and Doug Fisher at the February 20th joint meeting.

- ▶ Planning Commission Meeting / February 6, 2013 7:00 p.m. (cancelled)
- ▶ Calendar of Meetings (Page 20)

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Krebs to adjourn. Second by Peterson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Emilia S. Robinson
Deputy Clerk