

City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
02.26.20

The 02.26.20 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Preiner at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Shelly Logren, Janet Hegland, and Denny Peterson; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, City Attorney Bill Griffith, City Engineer Kevin Bittner, and Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes.

Also in attendance were: none.

A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order - Regular Meeting – 7:02 P.M.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions**
- 4. Motion – Approval of the 11.12.19 City Council Hagert Park Neighborhood Meeting Minutes**
- ~~**5. Motion – Approval of the 10.23.19 City Council Meeting Minutes**~~
- 6. Motion – Pay Bills as Posted**

Motion by Peterson to approve consent agenda items 3, 4, and 6. Seconded by Logren. Motion carried unanimously.

C. PRESENTATIONS

7. Introduction & Information Anoka County Sheriff's Office

Commander Bryon Fuerst from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office came forward to address the Council. He introduced deputies Dewey and Yantos. Dewey has been working in Columbus for nearly five years and has a military background. Yantos is also a member of the military and was Columbus' deputy last year. Columbus deputies are on duty from 2:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. seven days a week.

Mayor Preiner asked Fuerst how crime has been in the City? Fuerst replied that recently there have been a few houses drawing attention and the same type of activity as previous years occurring at the Holiday Station and Running Aces.

The Council thanked Fuerst for the update and asked that he return quarterly to address the Council.

8. Planning Commission Report

Commissioner Barb Bobick presented the Planning Commission report on their joint meeting with the Council on 02.19.20. At the meeting they continued discussion on the new I-35 zoning districts, definitions, and proposed zoning boundaries.

Two new definitions for business districts were added: business retail and business retail distribution. Discussion was also had on industrial use definitions.

Bobick added that permitted uses for the community commercial and MU1 districts were approved. The City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan requires that 90% of the MU2 district be dedicated to residential uses. Permitted uses for the B1, L1, and L2 districts were also discussed.

9. Public Open Forum

Kris King – 18339 Tulane Street NE

King came forward to address the Council regarding the John's Black Dirt Interim Use Permit. When their five-year permit ended a compliance inspection was supposed to occur. She is looking for confirmation from the City that this inspection and other final stages of their permit are being completed. Mursko confirmed that their permit contains a list of items that they must complete, and she will have to look into where they are at in the process. City Engineer Kevin Bittner said that Tim Olson, a Water Resource Engineer at Bolton & Menk, would be most suited to work on this.

D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

12. Engineer Report

Ziegler Tank Conversion – Phase 2 Electrical Final Payment

Mursko presented a letter from Matt Ellingson, Project Engineer from TKDA that oversaw the Ziegler tank conversion project. This letter is requesting the fifth and final payment request. The project is mostly complete.

Motion by Hegland to approve the 2020 final payment request No. 5 to EIM (Electrical Installation & Maintenance) in the amount of \$3,141,47 for the Ziegler Tank Conversion – Phase 2 Electrical (City Project 2018-7). Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Zurich Street Extension

Bittner reported that a survey and soil borings need to be completed in order to proceed with the Zurich Street extension and property acquisition. During this process an environmental inspection shall be completed as well.

RJ Ryan Construction has indicated that they intend on issuing the certificate of occupancy to Viking Industrial by 10.23.20. This timeline will require the City to get a contract out for bids quickly.

As such, Bittner presented a budget of \$46,900 to complete those items and provide street access to Viking Industrial by the time their building is completed. The cost estimate to complete the entirety of the road is roughly \$500,000, however the current plan is to build just enough of the road to access the Viking Industrial property. The second half of the road is set to be built at a later date. Bittner would prefer to complete a full engineering design on the road, which would

increase the budget to \$68,900. The project has to be publicly bid because it is on City acquired the land.

If the road is not constructed in time to provide Viking Industrial access to their property they will have to put in a right in and right out lane and a different driveway which will cost roughly \$10,000. Anoka County offered to give them a temporary entrance for up to a year for construction because the City will not be able to meet their timetable. If Viking Industrial can contribute to the cost of the road, the City would be able to meet the construction schedule. Griffith noted that the City will not have to hold Chapter 429 public hearings for this project, which will help speed up the timeline.

Bittner noted that the City may have an advantage for bids because this is a small project and many contractors are looking for work late in the season to fill their schedule. He added that components for traffic signals are often backlogged so the City may need to have a contingency plan for traffic control measures at this intersection.

The Council agreed to authorize the survey, pre-demolition inspection, soil boring investigation, demolition contract and street signal design for \$46,900.

Motion by Hegland to approve the survey, pre-demolition inspection, soil boring investigation, demolition contract, and street signal design for the Zurich Street extension project (City Project 2020-2) for a total of \$46,900. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Attorney Report

Griffith continued to report on the Zurich Street extension project. Closing will likely occur after 05.01.20 because that is when the tenant is vacating the property. The purchase agreement also negotiated right of entry for Viking Industrial to remove the house that is located on both their property and the City-acquired property.

Logren asked what the building removal charge on the Engineer's estimate is for? Griffith replied that it is for all buildings on the City-acquired property except the house that straddles the property line with Viking Industrial, as they will be paying to demolish that house.

16. Mayor and Council Members Report

Council Member Logren

No report.

Mayor Preiner

Mayor Preiner reported that the first rental of the Columbus Community and Senior Center happened on 02.25.20.

He continued to say that the Aces Hotel ribbon cutting ceremony is being held at the hotel site at 11:00 a.m. on 03.11.20. The hotel construction is nearly completed.

Council Member Hegland

Hegland presented a short annual report from the most recent Sunrise River Watershed Maintenance Organization (SRWMO) meeting. The SRWMO budget for 2021 will be presented to the Council at a future date.

Hegland also attended the One Watershed One Plan policy meeting on 02.24.20. At this meeting she received clarification that the City will not assume liability under the plan as long as their policy meets certain requirements. The plan will be sent to Cities and constituents in March for a 60-day review period.

Hegland finished by saying that the first Fall Fest meeting of the year was held last week. The committee is considering coordinating this year’s Fall Fest with Running Aces’ Freedom Fest.

Council Member Peterson

No report.

15. Public Works Report

No report.

16. Public Communications Coordinator Report

No report.

17. City Administrator’s Report

Mursko presented a resolution to the Council regarding criteria and facts for an HRA grant application to fund the Zurich Street extension project.

Motion by Hegland to approve Resolution 20-03, a resolution approving the submittal for HRA in the amount of \$50,000 for the construction of North Zurich Street. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Receipts:	\$ 61,639.85
Disbursements:	\$ 549,468.25
Balance:	\$ 8,348,920.69

16. Closed Meeting Discussion

At this time Mayor Preiner closed the City Council meeting to execute a closed meeting under Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase of property for the purpose of selling land held for resale.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDER

18. Calendar of Meetings.

The next City Council Workshop meeting is on 03.25.20 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is on 03.25.20 at 7:00 p.m.

The next joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting is on 04.04.20 at 7:00 p.m.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hegland to adjourn. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Hughes, Public Communications Coordinator