

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
Alternative Meeting Format
MN Statutes 13D.021
01.13.21**

The 01.13.21 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Preiner at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Robert Busch, Shelly Logren (via teleconference), Janet Hegland, and Sue Wagamon (via teleconference); City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, City Attorney Bill Griffith, City Engineer Kevin Bittner, Public Works Director Jim Windingstad, and Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes.

Also in attendance (via teleconference) were: Barb Bobick, Ron Hanegraaf, and Kris King.

A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order - Regular Meeting – 7:03 P.M.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions**
- ~~**4. Motion – Approval of the 08.12.2020 City Council Meeting Minutes**~~
- 5. Motion – Approval of the 09.09.2020 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 6. Motion – Approval of Res 21-01 Approving Ending Billboard Moratorium**
- 7. Motion – Approval of the Liquor License Credit for Permit Fee RAHP**
- 8. Motion – Pay Bills as Posted**

Motion by Hegland to approve consent agenda items 3 and 5-8, to include Resolution 21-01, a resolution approving ending the billboard moratorium. Seconded by Busch. Roll call vote; Busch – aye; Hegland – aye; Mayor Preiner – aye; Wagamon – aye; Logren – aye. Motion carries.

C. PRESENTATIONS

9. Planning Commission Report

Planning Commission member Barb Bobick gave a report on the 01.06.21 joint Planning Commission and City Council meeting.

City Attorney Bill Griffith gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding Planning Commission and City Council roles. The meeting continued with a discussion on zoning uses. The group is considering adding new permitted uses to City Ordinances.

Work is also being done on general housekeeping ordinances in areas such as residential zone businesses, animals, public nuisance, and subdivision. This will be a workshop topic at a future date.

Bobick finished by noting that discussion on zoning uses will continue to the next meeting.

10. Public Open Forum

No report.

11. 2021 Recycling Activities Memo

Deputy City Clerk Lorie Spangler submitted a memo to the Council with a schedule of recycling events for 2021. This year's events are curbside pickup, bicycle drop-off, fix-it clinic, and drop off recycling days. The dates of the events are determined based on vendor availability, and the finalized dates are mailed to all Columbus residents.

The Council discussed bringing in a vendor that can formally destroy media items such as hard drives. Mursko said that there is a business in Blaine that offers this service. The Council agreed that City Staff should see if this service can be added to the schedule.

Motion to approve the 2021 Recycling Activities memo, with the addition of a media destruction vendor if they are available. Seconded by Busch. Roll call vote; Busch – aye; Hegland – aye; Mayor Preiner – aye; Wagamon – aye; Logren – aye. Motion carries.

D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

12. Engineer Report

City Engineer Kevin Bittner reported that plans and specs for the Furman Street and Hornsby Street improvements are nearly complete. He is requesting approval of plans and specs and authorization to advertise for bids from the Council. The bid opening date is proposed for 02.18.21, with recommendations being brought to the Council at the 02.24.21 meeting. Bittner added that work will likely begin in the middle of May.

There was concern that the Council has not reviewed the plans prior to the meeting. As such, approval of these items will be considered at the 01.27.21 meeting.

Motion by Hegland to defer ordering plans and specs and advertising for bid for improvements to Furman Street and Hornsby Street south of TH 97 until the 01.27.21 Council meeting. Seconded by Wagamon. Roll call vote; Busch – aye; Hegland – aye; Mayor Preiner – aye; Wagamon – aye; Logren – aye. Motion carries.

Bittner noted that the bids will be advertised on QuestCDN and in the local newspaper. Because Furman Street is an assessment project there are strict timing requirements, and the Hornsby Street project will be kept on the same timeline.

An informational meeting on the Hornsby Street improvement project is being held tomorrow night. Notice was sent to residents and businesses located on or near Hornsby Street. The meeting will be lead by Bittner and will be held virtually. A link to the meeting invitation will be sent to the Council. Things like scope, schedule, access concerns, and traffic detours will be discussed. There will be two meeting sessions: 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

13. Attorney Report

Griffith expanded on discussion that began in today's EDA meeting. Griffith had been asked whether a City can collect resident's contact information and hold it as private. There is a statute

for local government that allows Cities to do this, as long as the data is being held for the originally intended purpose.

14. City Council Member's Report

Council Member Logren

No report

Mayor Preiner

Mayor Preiner thanked City Staff for their work in updating the Council Chambers.

Council Member Hegland

Hegland reported on a meeting that she had with the Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization (SRWMO) last week. They will be providing the City with a memo explaining why their boundaries are being adjusted and which properties are affected.

Bittner reported that he has the list of affected properties, and Water Resources Engineer Tim Olson plans to create a map showing how the boundary has changed. There are seven properties moving from the SRWMO to the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD), and 15 moving from the RCWD to the SRWMO.

Hegland continued to report that she will receive the SRWMO budget at their February meeting, and it will be brought back to the Council for consideration.

Mursko added that the City received an application for a position on the SRWMO board. She is recommending that the City ask the SRWMO if they would accept a new at-large member. The Personnel Committee has scheduled the interview for next Tuesday.

Council Member Wagamon

Wagamon thanked previous Council members Jeff Duraine and Denny Peterson for their time of service on the Council. She is honored to be elected and looking forward to serving the citizens of Columbus.

Council Member Busch

No report

15. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Jim Windingstad said he just took delivery of a 2020 Ford F150 truck that the City ordered last year. He plans to sell the surplus 2000 GMC truck. He will discuss this further with the Council before the truck is advertised for bids.

16. Public Communications Coordinator Report

No report.

17. City Administrator's Report

No report.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDER

18. Calendar of Meetings

The next Planning Commission meeting is on 01.20.21 at 7:00 p.m.

The next City Council Workshop is on 01.27.21 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is on 01.27.21 at 7:00 p.m.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hegland to adjourn. Seconded by Busch. Roll call vote; Busch – aye; Hegland – aye; Mayor Preiner – aye; Wagamon – aye; Logren – aye. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Hughes, Public Communications Coordinator