

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
02.14.18**

The 02.14.18 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 Bill Krebs, Jeff Duraine, and Denny Peterson; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, City Attorney Jacob Steen, City Engineer Dennis Postler, and Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes.

Also in attendance were: Kris King, Paul Peskar, Dan Mike, Myron & Cindy Angel, Kent Peterson, Paula Peterson, Janet Hegland, Tom & Gerrie Olson, and Julia Parent (Forest Lake Times).

A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order - Regular Meeting – 7:04 P.M.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Motion – Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes 12.13.17**
- 4. Motion – Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes 01.10.18**
- 5. Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions**
- 6. Motion – Pay Bills as Posted**
- 7. Motion – Approval of the Administrative Technician Job Description**
- 8. Motion – Approval of the Planning Commission Secretary Job Description**

Motion by Krebs to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

C. PRESENTATIONS

9. Animal Control Proposal

The City is considering a new proposal for animal control, as Hillcrest Animal Hospital is cancelling their impound services. Mark Anderson from Dover Kennel Animal and Impound Services came forward to discuss his proposal to the City for animal control services. Anderson explained that he works with a number of other cities in the area, and would be happy to add Columbus. He has a facility in Andover which he uses to house lost dogs and other animals. He is offering two services; impound with pickup on demand, and impound only. With the pickup on demand service he can guarantee a 24/7 response time of 45 minutes to one (1) hour. Mursko noted that previously the City used a Community Service Officer to pick up the animal, which did not have a guaranteed pick up timeframe. The fees that the City would be responsible for with Dover's impound with pickup on demand service would be a \$30 pick-up fee during business hours, \$20 pick-up fee outside business hours, and \$28 per day for boarding fees. Dover would also charge the pet owner with the same pick up fees, a \$35 fee for impounding, and \$28 per day for boarding fees.

Anderson went on to discuss the other services that his business offers. They work with a rescue called Pets are Wonderful, who assists with microchip scanning. They will also step in if the pet's owner cannot be found. Dover also works with people who have pets and are in difficult positions such as a financial hardship or domestic abuse situation.

Mayor Povolny asked if the City has ever regulated cats? Mursko replied that the City's policy

has historically been only for dogs and not cats. She added that the City also performs inspections of all dog kennels in Columbus. Anderson replied that he would be able to take over the duties of kennel inspection for Columbus at the cost of \$15/hour. Krebs asked Anderson whether he handles wild animal issues? Anderson replied that he does not, however he is working on adding equine work to his operation.

Overall, the Council agreed that they would like to consider a contract with Dover Kennel Animal and Impound Services. Anderson agreed that he would send a draft copy of the contract to the Council for consideration at a future meeting.

10. Planning Commission Report

City Attorney Jacob Steen presented the Council with three motions from the January 24th, 2018 City Council meeting. The motions relate to the Bituminous Roadways project and the Sanctuary at Howard Lake project.

Bituminous Roadways Preliminary Plat Approval

The Bituminous Roadways Preliminary Plat was considered first. The Preliminary Plat is combining two (2) lots to create one (1). The resolution of approval is consistent with the findings of fact and the recommended conditions of approval from the staff report, which was accepted by the Council at their January 24th meeting.

Motion by Peterson to approve Resolution 18-01, a resolution approving the Preliminary Plat (Bituminous Roadways Columbus) dated 01.08.18 for Bituminous Roadways, Inc. Seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Povolny – aye; Duraine – nay; Krebs – aye. Motion carried.

Bituminous Roadways CUP and Site Plan Approval

Next for consideration was the Bituminous Roadways CUP and Site Plan. Mursko reported that she received several emails about adding a fire hydrant near the property. Mayor Povolny said that it is his intention to have a new hydrant installed once water services are extended to the property, and that will be included in the Developer's Agreement.

The resolution of approval is consistent with the findings of fact and recommended conditions of approval from the staff report, which was accepted by the City Council at their January 24th meeting. The resolution also includes several findings of fact taken from the MPCA's findings of fact and conclusions of law when they declined to order an Environmental Assessment Worksheet.

Motion by Peterson to approve Resolution 18-02, a resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan for Bituminous Roadways, Inc. Seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Povolny – aye; Duraine – nay; Krebs – aye. Motion carried.

Sanctuary at Howard Lake Variance

The final topic to be considered was the Sanctuary at Howard Lake Variance request.

Motion by Peterson to approve Resolution 18-03, a resolution approving a variance for the Sanctuary at Howard Lake. Seconded by Krebs. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Public Open Forum

No report.

12. Coon Creek Watershed District Appointment

Mursko reported to the Council that there is a vacancy on the Coon Creek Watershed District's Board of Managers.

13. SRWMO

Mursko also reported that the Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization is looking for approval from the Columbus City Council of their 2019 budget.

Motion by Peterson to approve the Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization's 2019 budget as presented. Seconded by Krebs. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Watershed Based Funding Representative

The City was informed in January that Anoka County's Watershed Districts received new Watershed-Based Funding from the state. The funds must be split through collaborative, mutual agreement of those eligible by June 30. Funds must be used for water quality projects identified in state-approved, locally adopted, watershed management plans. Mursko is asking the Council to designate two people as main and alternate representatives for meetings and decision-making associated with the Watershed-Based Funding. The Council suggested Mursko as main, and Council Member Peterson as alternate.

Motion by Duraine to approve Resolution 18-04, a resolution assigning representatives to Watershed Based Funding work groups. Seconded by Krebs. Motion carried unanimously.

D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

15. Engineer Report

City Engineer Dennis Postler reported on two items, the CSAH 54 relocation project and the Hwy 97 traffic light and bridge design.

Update on CSAH 54 project.

Postler displayed the current realignment design for the Council to consider. The current schedule is 2019 construction, with temporary phasing during the Hwy 23 roundabout project, which is also happening in 2019. He noted that there will be one week in 2019 where W Freeway Drive will be closed, because the new W Freeway Drive will be getting tied into the old.

One new aspect of the layout is that there is no longer a pedestrian trail planned for the new W Freeway Drive. The Council said that is not an issue. Duraine asked how wide the shoulder is for the new road? Postler replied that is roughly eight (8) feet wide.

Next, discussion turned toward the southerly pond being added as part of this project. Krebs asked why the pond is being placed on high ground? Postler said it is his understanding that the current location of the pond is the only place it can go where water will not infiltrate the groundwater. Postler added that Anoka County is working within the regulations of the Rice Creek Watershed District and the Army Corps of Engineers, and are doing their best to not place ponds on high ground. Krebs then asked what the speed limit would be? Postler replied that it will likely be 40 m.p.h.

MnDOT Traffic Light and Bridge Design

The final topic was updates on MnDOT projects in the City. The first is the new Hwy 97/I 35 bridge. Postler showed the Council the aesthetics, which is the word “Columbus” in the center of the bridge in capital letters. He added that MnDOT changed the lighting plan from LED lights on the sidewalks to streetlights along the diverging diamond interchange. Mursko said that she is not sure who will be responsible for the maintenance of the street lights, but added that there may be a maintenance contract written to address those concerns.

Postler continued to report that MnDOT approved the City’s request for a traffic signal at the intersection of Hornsby Street and Hwy 97. He said that the question of funding is still to be determined as MnDOT is unsure if the project should be treated as part of the new diverging diamond interchange or part of the Hornsby Street realignment project. He finished by saying the traffic signal is likely going to be a 2019 project.

10. Attorney Report

No report.

11. Mayor and City Council Member’s Report

Mayor Dave Povolny

No report.

Council Member Peterson

No report.

Council Member Krebs

No report.

Council Member Duraine

Council Member Duraine attended the most recent Cable Commission meeting. They discussed the new sound system bid from Tierney Brothers. The bid was above what they would like to spend, and so they are going out for another bid.

12. Public Works Report

No report.

13. Public Communications Coordinator Report

No report.

14. City Administrator’s Report

Mursko reminded the Council that on February 15th, 2018 there is a second Comprehensive Plan meeting, which is open to the public. City Planner Dean Johnson will be giving a small presentation and holding a question and answer session.

Mursko also asked the Council if they would be open to holding their joint workshop with the Forest Lake City Council on February 27th at 6:30 pm? The Council agreed that day and time would work.

In terms of the following Planning Commission meeting, Mursko said the only item on the agenda is the Comprehensive Plan. She went on to say that because so few commercial entities attended

the Freeway District Workshop on February 8th, she has invited five (5) companies to the February 21st Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and hear their perspectives.

Duraine asked Mursko about the job openings that the City has. Mursko explained that there are three job openings right now; Senior Accountant, Planning Commission Secretary, and Administrative Technician.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

The next Planning Commission meeting is February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Meetings.

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Hughes, Public Communications Coordinator