

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
09.11.19**

The 09.11.19 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 Janet Hegland, Jeff Duraine, Denny Peterson, and Shelly Logren; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, City Attorney Bill Griffith, City Engineer Dennis Postler, and Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes.

Also in attendance were: Barb Bobick, Ron Hanegraaf, Kris King & Paul Peskar, John Young,

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 05.08.19 City Council Minutes**
- 5. Motion – 2019 Audit Redpath and Company Contract**
- 6. Motion – Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation Resolution Request**
- 7. Motion – Constitution Week Proclamation Request**
- 8. Motion – Pay Bills as Posted**

Motion by Duraine to approve consent agenda items 3-8. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

C. PRESENTATIONS

6. Public Hearing and Discussion – Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition DU Easement Vacation

At this time Mayor Preiner opened a public hearing for the vacation of a drainage and utility easement in Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition.

Jason Rud – E.G. Rud & Sons, 6776 Lake Drive, Lino Lakes

Rud provided some background information on the easement vacation. The easement is located on the southeast corner of the Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition Plat. He explained that the easement was meant to cover wetlands and is quite far reaching. The easement lies close to the building sites in lots 4-6.

Their request is to vacate the easement. Following the vacation, the easement would be rededicated to cover the necessary area, considering future runoff from the development. There are no plans to place accessory buildings or homes on the easement.

Hearing no one else interested in speaking, Mayor Preiner closed the public hearing.

Motion by Hegland to approve Resolution 19-23, a resolution vacating the ponding and

flowage easements as legally described in Exhibit A, subject to the rededication of the drainage and utility easements in the Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition Plat. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition WCA permit

Jason Rud came forward to explain the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) permit for Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition. There are two (2) wetland impacts related to the northerly cul-de-sac on the plat.

Mursko explained that the City Council serves as the Local Government Unit for WCA issues, so they consider applications for banking or replacement. This application is for replacement. Mursko continued by pointing out conditions placed on the permit; that the permit is not valid until the credits have been debited by BWSR staff, and no grading can occur until that process has been completed.

Mayor Preiner asked Rud when the project is anticipated to start? Rud replied the goal is to start sometime in September.

Motion by Duraine to approve the Wetland Replacement Plan application 2019-02 for Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition subject to the condition that the permit is not valid until credits have been debited by BWSR staff and no grading can occur until that process has been completed. Seconded by Logren. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition Final Plat

Mursko presented the Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition Final Plat to the City Council. The Preliminary Plat for Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition has already been through Planning Commission and City Council approvals.

Mursko is recommending changing the name of a new road in the plat, Yangtze Street. The City has a naming convention which goes in alphabetical order from west to east. The proposed Yangtze Street is between Xingu Street and Furman Street, so going from Furman Street to Yangtze Street could be a big leap. City Staff has recommended DePaul Street as a replacement.

Motion by Duraine to approve the Thurnbeck Preserve Second Addition Final Plat with the street name change from Yangtze to DePaul Street subject to title review and subdivision agreement to include Furman Street improvements. Seconded by Logren. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Planning Commission Report

Barb Bobick gave the Planning Commission report on their 09.04.19 meeting.

NE Quad 35 High-Density Mixed-Use Design Standards

Bobick presented information from the Planning Commission workshop on mixed-use design

standards. She noted that the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan should be adopted in October, and the City has 60 days after that to develop ordinances consistent with the plan.

Bobick continued to explain that there are four (4) main components of the design standards; architectural features, primary external materials, building colors, and basic design standards. The Planning Commission has expressed a desire to have a cohesive design and color scheme for the area.

During the workshop, the Planning Commission received a presentation on design standards for the apartment complex proposed for Columbus. The presentation showed new layouts for units as well as the addition of vertical siding.

City Planner Dean Johnson and Mursko have expressed concerns about the number of parking spaces for the apartment complex, and whether the spaces are large enough for big trucks. Bobick noted that these concerns will be dealt with further along in the process with strict conditions of approval.

In the end, Johnson said that he would use the Site Plan from the HyVee development to produce a draft design standards ordinance amendment for the Planning Commission to work with.

Mayor Preiner asked what the break down of units offered in the apartment building is? Mursko said the current plan includes 10 three-bedroom units, 38 two-bedroom units, 12 one-bedroom units, and 12 studio units.

Mursko noted that the application for the apartment building is currently incomplete and additional information will be submitted in the future.

Off-Premises Sign Ordinance Amendment

Bobick continued to report that City Planning Technician Ben Gutknecht presented a new map of billboards in the City to the Planning Commission for consideration. The Planning Commission have recommended changing the permit term from 20 years to 10 years and declaring a billboard a primary use. They will continue work on the ordinance amendment and update the Council at a future meeting.

8. Public Open Forum

No report.

D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

11. Engineer Report

Postler presented a resolution for giving Jodrell Street as a rural residential designation in order to post the speed limit at 35 mph.

Motion by Logren to approve Resolution 19-24, a resolution to approve "rural residential

district” designation for a 35-mph speed limit from Pine Street as stated below and depicted in Exhibit A:

- **Jodrell Street NE from Pine Street to 137th Avenue NE;**
- **137th Avenue NE from Jodrell Street NE to the west until it terminates;**
- **Jodrell Street NE from 137th Avenue NE to Nebula Street NE; and**
- **Nebula Street NE.**

Seconded by Duraine. Motion carried unanimously.

Kettle River Blvd Update

Based on direction from a previous meeting, Postler requested that Anoka County look at the curve in Kettle River Blvd south of W. Broadway Avenue. A resident expressed concern that cars were sliding off the road during the winter because of it. Postler noted that two departments within the County will review the request; traffic and engineering. The County’s traffic team looked at striping and said all requirements are meant. The County’s engineering team is still looking at the curve from a geometric perspective.

Kettle River Blvd and Camp Three Road Update

Also based on direction from a previous meeting, Postler provided information from the County on long term solutions for the intersection of Camp Three Road and Kettle River Blvd as well as the intersection of Kettle River Blvd and Lake Drive NE.

The County is willing to consider adding “watch for turning vehicles” signage as you approach Camp Three Road on Kettle River Blvd as well as “cross traffic does not stop” signage as you approach Kettle River Blvd on Camp Three Road.

Postler presented two (2) sketches that the County created in 2015 of possible reconfigurations of roads in the area to address traffic issues. The first scenario contemplated was to add a cul-de-sac on the east end of Camp Three Road and 155th Avenue NE. The second scenario would involve realigning Kettle River Blvd so that it intersects with Lake Drive further north, while also adding cul-de-sacs on Camp Three Road and 155th Avenue NE.

These scenarios are possible long-term solutions, and possible short-term solutions could be the addition of signage described above. Postler noted that since 2015 the criteria for sight distances has changed, which could alter the scenarios discussed.

The Council agreed that they would like to pursue the addition of the signage described, as well as reevaluate possible long-term solutions with new sight distance regulations.

Transportation Project Updates

Postler said that he recently attended a preconstruction meeting for the Hornsby Street realignment project. He reported that Forest Lake Contracting is ready to begin the work, and they are likely to begin on Monday. The goal is to complete the realignment and the westbound right turn lane on TH 97 this year.

Postler finished by saying that a lot of progress has been made on the bridge project. In spring of next year remaining work on the south side of Hwy 97 will take place.

12. Attorney Report

Ordinance Amendment: No-Haul Route Notre Dame Street and 181st Avenue NE

City Attorney Bill Griffith presented a draft ordinance designating a no-haul route on Notre Dame Street from Broadway Avenue to 181st Avenue, and on 181st Avenue from Broadway Avenue to Kettle River Blvd.

Duraine said that he thought smaller streets like Bender Street and Vassar Street were included in the designation? Mursko replied that those streets are included because they come off either Notre Dame Street or 181st Avenue.

Motion by Duraine to adopt Ordinance 19-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances approving the no haul route on Notre Dame and 181st Avenue from Broadway Avenue to Kettle River Blvd. Seconded by Hegland. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Mayor and Council Members Report

Council Member Logren

Council Member Logren reminded the group that the City's Fall Fest event is this Saturday.

Council Member Hegland

No report.

Mayor Preiner

No report.

Council Member Duraine

Council Member Duraine reported on a Cable Commission meeting that he attended. He said that LATV is looking for film makers, a position for which no experience is necessary. Duraine added that the FCC recently made a ruling that will affect the Cable Commission by requiring that they charge for certain things that used to be complimentary.

Duraine finished by saying that LATV built a studio for filming in Forest Lake High School.

Council Member Peterson

No report.

15. Public Works Report

No report.

16. Public Communications Coordinator Report

No report.

17. City Administrator's Report

Met Council Community Development Committee Meeting

Mursko reported that the Met Council is reviewing the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Community Development Committee and the Environmental Committee will review the plan on 10.07.19 and 10.08.19, respectively, and then the Met Council will have their final review.

Mursko said that she and Mayor Preiner will attend both meetings and encouraged Council Member attendance at the 10.07.19 meeting. Postler will attend the 10.08.19 meeting while City Planner Dean Johnson will be attending that 10.07.19 meeting. Mursko finished by saying anyone interested in attending should let her know in advance.

Ham Lake Letter

Mursko reported on a letter received from the City of Ham Lake regarding the allocation of administrative costs for the Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization (SRWMO). The SRWMO is comprised of four (4) communities, and administrative costs are currently allocated evenly between them.

The letter from Ham Lake indicates that they are unhappy with the current allocation of costs and are requesting that the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) be amended to instead allocate based on how much of the community is located within the district. At this time, they have approved the budget with the condition of holding a meeting to discuss cost allocation.

Ham Lake has requested attendance from the Columbus City Council at the 10.01.19 meeting. At this meeting any changes made to the JPA will need to be unanimously agreed to. Mursko said that herself, Mayor Preiner, Hegland, and Logren are planning on attending so she will post the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts:	\$	0.00
Disbursements:	\$	211,517.57
Balance:	\$	9,397,261.17

18. 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 sale of the City-owned Quad 35 property.

At 8:14 p.m. Mayor Preiner reopened the closed meeting.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

19. Calendar of Meetings.

The next City Council Budget Meeting is on 09.17.19 at 6:00 p.m.

The next Planning Commission Meeting is on 09.18.19 at 7:00 p.m.

The next City Council Workshop is on 09.25.19 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The next City Council Meeting is on 09.25.19 at 7:00 p.m.

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

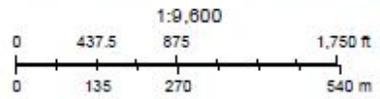
Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Hughes, Public Communications Coordinator

Exhibit A
Jodrell Street NE Rural Residential District



August 26, 2019



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