

RESOLUTION 21-_____

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION TO END
BILLBOARD MORATORIUM**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus (the “City”) is authorized under Minnesota Statutes Section 462.355, Subd. 4 to regulate, restrict, or prohibit any use, development or subdivision within the jurisdiction or a portion thereof while the City is conducting studies, or has authorized a study to be conducted to consider adoption or amendment of official zoning controls; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of June, 2020, the City Council adopted a moratorium to prohibit the construction of any new billboards or other forms of outdoor advertising (defined as “Off-Premises Signs” in Section 7B-200.AA of the City Code) and authorized City staff to conduct a study (“Study”) of Off-Premises Signs; and

WHEREAS, after conducting and reviewing the findings of the Study, the City Council adopted certain amendments to the official zoning controls governing the renewal of permits for Off-Premises Signs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recently adopted Ordinance No. 20-05 which contains certain amendments to the City Code addressing regulation of billboards.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Columbus, pursuant to its authority under Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.355, Subd. 4, does hereby terminate the moratorium.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Minnesota, this 13th day of January 2021.

By: _____
Jesse H. Preiner
Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Mursko
City Administrator



TO: Columbus Mayor & City Council Members
FROM: Lorie Spangler, Deputy City Clerk & Recycling Coordinator
DATE: January 13, 2021
RE: 2021 Running Aces Casino, Hotel & Racetrack Liquor License

Background:

Each year North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC; DBA Running Aces Casino, Hotel & Racetrack, apply to the City for a renewal on their current liquor license. However, the Covid pandemic restrictions that began last spring, affected their ability for their facility to remain open. In this case, the facility was open for service 21 days before the pandemic and then provided service for 159 days at 25% occupancy from June 15-November 20th. Per the Governors new orders, the facility will be allowed to reopen at limited capacity beginning January 11th, allowing for an additional 45 days of service before their license expires.

City Council Motion:

Motion to [approve/deny/change] the proposed prorated application fee by 75% for North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC; DBA Running Aces Casino, Hotel & Racetrack's upcoming liquor license renewal application.



TO: Columbus Mayor & City Council Members
FROM: Lorie Spangler, Deputy City Clerk & Recycling Coordinator
DATE: January 13, 2021
RE: 2021 City Wide Recycle Events

Background:

Each year the City hosts multiple opportunities for the residents to participate in city wide recycling events. These events are communicated through a newsletter/post card distributed to the residents. I have proposed 9 events scheduled for this year (these are tentative dates).

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| 1. Spring | TBD | CLIMB Theatre | Columbus Elementary |
| | May 12 | Bicycle drop off | City Hall 8 am-5 pm |
| | May 15 | Drop off w/coupon (1 free item) | City Hall grounds 9 am-1 pm |
| | May 15 | Free paper shredding | City Hall grounds 9 am-1 pm |
| 2. Summer | July 16 | Curbside (pickup fees paid by city, residents pays per item fee) | |
| 3. Fall | Sept. 8 | Bicycle drop off | City Hall 8 am-5 pm |
| | Sept. 11 | Drop off w/coupon (1 free item) | City Hall grounds 9 am-1 pm |
| | Sept. 18 | Fall Fest | City Hall grounds 9 am-4 pm |
| 4. Winter | Dec. 4 | Fix It Clinic | Community Center 10 am-1 pm |
5. Throughout the year we offer organic collection for the residents and provide the compostable bags to be used for this program.

City Council Motion:

Motion to [approve/deny/add changes] the proposed city-wide recycling events as noted above.

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: January 8, 2021
To: Mayor Preiner and City Council Members
Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator
Jim Windingstad, Public Works Director
From: Kevin F. Bittner, City Engineer *KFB*
Subject: Authorization to Bid
Hornsby Street and Furman Street Projects

Plans and specifications are nearing completion for the Hornsby Street and Furman Street Improvement projects. To keep these projects on track for 2021 construction, I am requesting approval of the plans and authorization to bid. To provide the best optimization of bid pricing, the projects will be bid as separate projects but bid on the same date, February 18th.

Because Furman Street is an assessment project, approval of plans and authorization to advertise for bids must be done by resolution. This resolution is attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-___**CITY OF COLUMBUS
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA****A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FURMAN STREET IMPROVEMENT (CP 20-003)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution of the City Council adopted the 12th day of November, 2020, the City Engineer has prepared plans and specifications for the improvement of Furman Street NE, commencing at a location approximately 1,580 feet south of Broadway Avenue and proceeding south a distance of 2,347 feet.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS,
MINNESOTA:**

1. Such plans and specifications, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby approved.
2. The City Administrator shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper and in QuestCDN an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvement under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published a minimum of three weeks prior to the bid opening, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be received by the City Administrator until 11:00 a.m. on February 18, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened in an online format by the City Engineer, will then be tabulated and will be considered by the City Council at 7:00 p.m. of February 24, 2021. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the City Council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless submitted through the secure procedures of the QuestCDN system and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the City of Columbus for five percent of the amount of such bid.

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By: _____
Jesse H. Preiner
Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator

City of Columbus Calendar of Meetings

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13 6:00 pm EDA Mtg 7:00 pm CC Mtg	14	15	16
17	18 Holiday – Offices Closed	19	20 6:00 pm PC Mtg	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 4:00-6:00 pm CC Workshop 7:00 pm CC Mtg.	28	29	30