

City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
Feb. 10, 2016

The Feb. 10, 2016 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at City Hall. Present were Povolny, Council Members Denny Peterson, Mark Daly, Jeff Duraine and Bill Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Attorney Bill Griffith; Engineer Dennis Postler; Public Works Supervisor Jim Windingstad; and Public Information Coordinator Bronwyn Pope.

Absent: None.

Also in attendance were: Pat Preiner, Garth Sternberg, Jesse Preiner, Myron Organ, Paul Peskar, Kris King, Mary Preiner, Jody Krebs, Amanda Stafford, Anoka County Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah, Wayne Robyn, Donald Cordie, and Terri Hodges (Forest Lake Cable Commission).

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion – Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes 01/27/16
- Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions
- Motion – Pay Bills as Posted
- Motion – 2016 Residential Recycling Program Agreement

Motion by Krebs to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Daly. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission met Feb. 3. A public hearing was held regarding a CUP amendment request by EJM Pipe. EJM has some additional requests and is working to combine them into one request for review by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission also discussed design standards for senior housing in the freeway corridor, looking at exterior façade requirements, guest parking and garage sizes, but did not yet have anything to bring to the Council.

Mursko identified a clarification which needed to be made in the motion passed at the Jan. 13, 2016 City Council meeting to approve the **Adolfson & Peterson (5A Partnership I) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Amendment (PC15-116)** at 13621 Lake Drive NE. The updated was needed to clarify that conditions were not added to the CUP, conditions were reinstated and therefore the conditions as noted were being replaced. The updated motion reads as follows:

“Motion PLZ 00200 by Krebs to approve **Adolfson & Peterson (5A Partnership I) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Amendment (PC 15-116)** at 13621 Lake Drive NE for an additional 180x60 storage building based on the Planner’s Report dated 12-17-15 findings of fact and conditions 1-17 replacing conditions 1-15 on CUP permit PC07-104 recorded as doc#2004919.002 ~~subject~~

to approval. Motion seconded by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.”

Motion PLZ 00200 by Krebs to **approve the CUP as replacing conditions 1-15 and restating the CUP**. Motion seconded by Daly. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM - No one for public open forum.

Park & Recreation Direction 5035 185th Ave

The property owner of the 40-acre farm at 5035 185th Ave. would like to sell the property. She would like to offer it to the City first, and then to the County for parks and recreation purposes. If neither the City nor County is interested she will put it on the market. The owner valued the property at \$400,000. Council discussed the offer and consensus was not to pursue purchasing the property.

Anoka County Letter re: The Metropolitan Council – Resolution 16-02

Anoka County Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah presented the Council with information regarding a group of metro area cities and counties who have come together to propose reforming the Metropolitan Council. The group has brought forward concerns regarding the Met Council’s governance structure and operations. This is the only metro area in the country with a planning organization structured in this current format. The Council is currently made up of members all appointed by the Governor, without representation from any elected officials in the metro area. Sivarajah asked the City Council for a resolution of support of the supporting principles for reform of the Metropolitan Council. The Council discussed the proposed reforms. Council directed City Staff to adopt the template to the City’s resolution format for **Resolution 16-02**.

Motion ADM05000 by Peterson to approve **Resolution 16-02 supporting principles for reform of the Metropolitan Council** as presented. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Sivarajah also thanked the Council for engaging lobbyist Margaret Vesel to work on the City’s behalf at the legislature on issues of importance to the City.

ENGINEER REPORT

No report

ATTORNEY REPORT

Chapter 4, Section 4-805 Local Gambling Tax Ordinance Amendment 16-04

The City has been monitoring the charitable gambling operations at Running Aces Harness Park for several years. These operations include pull tabs and bingo, with the primary beneficiary being the Youth Services Bureau. Mursko and Griffith did an annual inspection of the charitable

gambling operations, reviewed the audit and found everything to be very well managed. The Youth Services Bureau projects to net \$50,000 in 2016. With several years of experience now the City does not need as much funding to monitor those operations as was initially needed. A reduction is recommended in the charitable gambling tax from 2% to 1%. This change only relates to the administration tax and does not impact the 10% fund which goes to the police and parks. Council briefly discussed.

Motion ADM05000 & PER01900 by Peterson to adopt **Chapter 4, Section 4-805 Local Gambling Tax Ordinance Amendment 16-04**. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Daly – No report.

Council Member Duraine – Mentioned a recent newspaper article which outlines the costs to raise and maintain White Bear Lake water levels. Duraine asked about interest in sending a City staff person to a grant writing class Mursko will look at the class information.

Council Member Krebs – No report.

Council Member Peterson – The Sunrise River WMO prepared a draft 2017 for member communities' review and ratification. Council briefly discussed.

Motion FIN01310 by Povolny to approve the **Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization 2017 Budget**. Motion seconded by Duraine. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Mayor – No report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

In response to a previous request from the Council, Windingstad provided several options for electronic speed signs in the City and asked the Council for direction. For several thousand dollars, the City could potentially purchase a permanent or movable electronic speed sign, with or without software to track statistics. The City could also request electronic speed signs from the Anoka County Sheriff's Department at no cost when there was interest in monitoring speeds and/or traffic in a certain area. Council consensus was not to purchase a sign and use the Sheriff's sign when needed. Windingstad also provided the Council with a picture of the larger City logo which has been added to the new plow truck, the larger logo will eventually be added to all the plow trucks.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR REPORT

Howard Lake Drive Trail Survey update

20 trail surveys were received from the 27 residents who own property along Howard Lake Drive. Surveys were due Feb. 3 and attempts were made to contact residents who had not submitted their responses, which brought in several more late last week and early this week. The overwhelming response was “NO” to all four questions regarding interest in having or using a trail along resident’s property, and contributing land and/or sharing in the cost to establish a trail. Council briefly discussed the responses and consensus was that there was no interest in a trail. Mursko asked for direction regarding what else, if anything, the Council wants to do about the safety issues on the road. Council discussed the pending 35 MPH speed limit change and impact on pedestrian and bicycle traffic. No direction was given by the Council to City Staff in pursuing other projects on Howard Lake Dr.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting is set for April 25, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Columbus City Hall.

TREASURER REPORT

Receipts: \$70,888.49

Disburse: \$51,726.07

Balance: \$2,215,164.85

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Planning Commission Meeting 02/17/16

Calendar of Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Duraine to adjourn. Seconded by Krebs. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bronwyn Pope, Public Information Coordinator