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CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

The Ham Lake City Council and Economic Development Authority met for its regular meeting on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Gary Kirkeide, Jesse Wilken and Al Parranto

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Jim Doyle

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Hannah Spencer; City Engineer, Dave Krugler; City Administrator, Denise Webster; and Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M. – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Roxann Henderson, representing the Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT), was present. Ms. Henderson stated that the City of Oak Grove and the City of Ramsey have adopted resolutions for Post-Election Review (PER). Ms. Henderson stated she challenges the City of Ham Lake to do the same.

Derek Lind, representing the Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT), was present. Mr. Lind stated that the City of Oak Grove and the City of Ramsey have adopted resolutions for Post-Election Review and 11 days following the general election ballots will be hand counted. Mayor Kirkham asked if Anoka County has the authority to not allow a hand count. Mr. Lind stated that city staff would need to go to Anoka County to hand-count ballots.

Sue Peterson, representing the Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT), was present. Ms. Peterson stated that she has been a resident since 2005. Ms. Peterson stated that ACEIT interviewed Liz Collins back in April and she is planning on releasing this interview this summer. Ms. Collins has also acquired more information and is doing a series on it.

Liz Collin, representing the Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT), was present. Ms. Collin stated she would like to send a video of “Let My People Go” documentary and hopes that the Mayor and City Council take time to watch it.

3.0 SPECIAL APPEARANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Lt. Anthony Mendoza, Anoka County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report

Lt. Mendoza gave a summary of the Sheriff's Report for the month of May 2024. Councilmember Wilken asked Lt. Mendoza to update the City Council on Deputy Shipman and the award he received. Lt. Mendoza stated that Deputy Shipman has been awarded as Officer of the Year with the Minnesota Police

Officers Association for his actions in South Dakota. Lt. Mendoza stated that Deputy Shipman was off duty attending the Sturgis rally and was out for a ride with his family and came across an incident where a trooper from South Dakota was in contact with a male that turned into a shooting. Deputy Shipman was able to retrieve a pistol from a family member as he had decided not to carry that day and he actively engaged with the suspect and by all accounts saved the trooper's life. The suspect was taken in custody for attempting to murder a police officer. Lt. Mendoza stated it was great action taken by a great guy.

3.2 6:01 P.M. – Public Hearing – For citizens to have an opportunity to give written or oral input to reduce or eliminate pollutants from storm water runoff as part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES)

Mayor Kirkham opened the public hearing for comment at 6:09 p.m.

Dave Olson, 2341 141st Lane NE, stated he has a 36-year background in public works and engineering. Mr. Olson stated that there are a lot of catch basins that are failing in Ham Lake and is suggesting a design change from brick and mortar. Mr. Olson stated he visited a newer development where the catch basins are already beginning to fail. Mr. Olson stated that two of the catch basins had filter fabric still bolted on the inside, so someone didn't make a final inspection. Mr. Olson suggested talking with the engineering firm and maybe making a design change. Mr. Olson stated that you can do a lot of things in the top section of the catch basin such as putting plastic rings and there is a company that actually uses flex-seal on the inside of the catch basin that really holds the catch basin together and they have a lifetime guarantee. Mr. Olson showed photos of an area at 141st Lane NE and Isanti Street NE where the catch basins that are failing along with another area where the back plate has snapped off. Mr. Olson stated he knows it is expensive to maintain catch basins, as it takes a lot of time and money. Mayor Kirkham agreed that these are things that the City should be fixing. Councilmember Kirkeide asked that this discussion be placed on a future Road Committee agenda. Councilmember Kirkeide asked Mr. Olson if he had a contact person for the flex seal contractor. Councilmember Kirkeide stated that this is the City's infrastructure and it is extremely important that it be maintained. Mayor Kirkham thanked Mr. Olson for his input.

Mayor Kirkham asked for further public comment and with there being none, he closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

3.3 6:01 P.M. – Public Hearing – to consider a proposed project on behalf of Vista Prairie at Eagle Pointe, LLC, and the issuance of revenue bonds under the Minnesota Municipal Industrial Development Act, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.165 and adoption of Resolution No. 24-28

Mayor Kirkham opened the public hearing for comment at 6:16 p.m. and with there being no public comment, he closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Councilmember Kirkeide asked the amount of money the City would receive. Administrator Webster stated the City would receive \$50,000.

Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Parranto, to approve the proposed project on behalf of Vista Prairie at Eagle Pointe, LLC, and the issuance of revenue bonds under the Minnesota Municipal Industrial Development Act, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.165 and adoption of Resolution No. 24-28. All present in favor, motion carried.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

These items are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence. (All items listed on the Consent Agenda are recommended for approval.)

- 4.1 Approval of minutes of June 3, 2024 and Budget Workshop Meeting minutes of June 3, 2024
- 4.2 Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,556,747.10
- 4.3 Approval of an Exempt Permit for Robert & Wilma Burbach Bike Foundation to hold a raffle on September 14, 2024 at 16501 Buchanan Street NE
- 4.4 Approval of hiring Absentee Voting Election Staff
- 4.5 Approval of hiring summer seasonal employee in Public Works
- 4.6 Approval of a Resolution No. 24-29 scheduling a public hearing to vacate a portion of the drainage and utility easements at 3717 165th Avenue NE (Lot 13, Block 4, Constance Estates)
- 4.7 Approval of a Resolution requesting the use of Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) funds for the completion of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan
- 4.8 Approval of lease agreement for Postage Meter
- 4.9 Approval of the Outdoor Lighting Energy and Maintenance Agreement for street lights in Swedish Chapel Estates

Councilmember Kirkeide asked that item 4.7 be removed from the consent agenda and City Staff has asked that item 4.9 be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Wilken, to approve the Consent Agenda with the omission of items 4.7 and 4.9. All present in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Kirkeide stated that on Item 4.7, he would like to see the breakdown of costs for the Comprehensive Plan update because the update should not be that expensive. Administrator Webster stated that the money is already paid-out by the City and the resolution is requesting reimbursement from the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Mayor Kirkham stated that the City has also received a grant of \$10,000 from the Metropolitan Council to offset the costs of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Councilmember Kirkeide asked that this item be placed on the next City Council agenda for review.

City Staff has requested that Item 4.9, the Outdoor Lighting Energy and Maintenance Agreement for street lights in Swedish Chapel Estates be moved to the next agenda pending receipt of an updated plan.

5.0 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Jeff Stalberger, MN Developments LLC, requesting Preliminary Plat approval and rezoning from R-A (Rural Single Family Residential) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) of the plat Swedish Chapel Estates located at 2506 Swedish Drive NE (47 Single Family Residential lots and 3 outlots) in Section 4 (this is considered the first Reading of a rezoning Ordinance)

Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Parranto, to concur with the Planning Commission and approve the Preliminary Plat and rezoning from R-A (Rural Single Family Residential) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) of the plat Swedish Chapel Estates located at 2506 Swedish Drive NE (47 Single Family Residential lots and 3 outlots) in Section 4 subject to meeting the requirements of the City Engineer which are obtaining signed certifications of valid septic fields for the proposed 47 lots, supplying the final Geotechnical Report, obtaining Anoka County Highway Department approval,

providing a 20-foot bike path easement along the west side of Xylite Street NE (Part of the parkland dedication requirement), obtaining approval from the MN DNR, meeting the requirements of the Coon Creek Watershed District and meeting all City, County and State requirements. All present in favor, motion carried. *This is considered the first reading of a rezoning ordinance.*

6.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – None

7.0 APPEARANCES – None

8.0 CITY ATTORNEY

8.1 Discussion of the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Article 7-1200 Lawful Gambling, relating to Conditions and Organizations Eligible for License

Attorney Spencer stated that the City Council asked for additional feedback from the Ham Lake Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the amendments to Article 7-1200 Lawful Gambling at their June 3, 2024 meeting. Administrator Webster reached out to Kari Lund, Executive Director of the Ham Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, and they had a few suggestions, which have been included in the updated ordinance. Councilmember Wilken stated he would like to see an amendment to 7-1270 3. removing the language that requires that dues be paid annually. *This is considered the first reading of an ordinance amending Article 7-1200 Lawful Gambling, relating to Conditions and Organizations Eligible for License.*

9.0 CITY ENGINEER – None

10.0 CITY ADMINISTRATOR – None

11.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

11.1 Committee Reports

Mayor Kirkham stated that it has been brought to his attention that the City of East Bethel is proposing the new Anoka County Jail be constructed on County Road 22 and Highway 65 NE. Councilmember Kirkeide stated that the estimated cost to move the facility would be \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 and Anoka County has been purchasing property in the area in Anoka for the new construction. Councilmember Kirkeide stated it would not even make sense to transport people from the jail to the courthouse for hearings and the jail should be in a localized area near the courthouse. The City Council discussed drafting a Resolution to not support constructing the Anoka County Jail facility to the City of East Bethel.

Councilmember Wilken stated that the Cable Commission met last week and one of the member cities would like to explore merging with CCX Media. which is a huge organization that serves cities 9 cities in the northwest metro suburbs such as Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center and Plymouth. Councilmember Wilken stated that the Commission voted on moving forward with the merger discussions with CCX Media and the vote failed on May 1, 2024 with at 3–3 vote because one of the North Metro Cable commission members was not in attendance. Councilmember Wilken stated that he attended a Cable Commission meeting last week and the discussion of merging North Metro Cable Commission with CCX Media was brought up again. Councilmember Wilken stated that discussing the merger was voted on again and the vote passed with a 4-3 vote to start discussion of merging with CCX Media. Mayor Kirkham stated if the merge were to happen he would like Ham Lake to get out completely and see what the City could do on its own. Mayor Kirkham stated that hopefully the merge does not happen as he is happy with North Metro. Councilmember Wilken stated that he does not understand where this came from because

North Metro TV is great as it stands. There is no need to merge with an organization that is 15 to 20 times larger that is also not even geographically connected.

11.2 Announcements and future agenda items – None

Motion by Kirkeide, seconded by Parranto, to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. All present in favor, motion carried.


Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk