

# **APPROVED**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNDS VIEW CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**Regular Meeting  
March 27, 2023  
Mounds View City Hall  
2401 Mounds View Boulevard, Mounds View, MN 55112  
6:00 P.M.**

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- 1. MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL:** Cermak, Gunn, Lindstrom, Meehlhause and Hull

**NOT PRESENT:** None.

- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - A. Monday, March 27, 2023, City Council Agenda.**

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Approve the Monday, March 27, 2023, agenda as presented.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

- 5. CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2023.**
  - B. Just and Correct Claims.**
  - C. Resolution 9725, Authorize Recruitment Process for Parks and Recreation Facility Coordinator Position and Approve Job Description.**
  - D. Resolution 9726, Authorize Separation Pay for Wes Vert.**
  - E. Resolution 9721, Authorization to Join National Opioid Settlement.**
  - F. Resolution 9727, Authorize Recruitment Process for Finance Director Position.**

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Lindstrom. To Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None.

**8. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**A. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 1002, Approving an Amendment to the 2023 Fee Schedule Regarding Storm Water Management Fees. ROLL CALL VOTE**

Public Works/Parks and Recreation Director Peterson requested the Council approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 1002 amending the 2023 fee schedule. He reviewed the proposed changes to the fee schedule with regard to the new storm water management fees and recommended approval.

City Administrator Zikmund reported staff has received no comments from the public regarding this Ordinance.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Lindstrom. To Waive the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 1002, Approving an Amendment to the 2023 Fee Schedule Regarding Storm Water Management Fees and directing staff to publish an Ordinance summary.

ROLL CALL: Cermak/Gunn/Lindstrom/Meehlhause/Hull.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**B. Resolution 9714, Public Notice of Intent to Organize and Negotiate with Waste/Refuse Collectors.**

City Administrator Zikmund requested the Council notify the public of the intent to organize and negotiate with waste/refuse collectors. He noted this Resolution was drafted by staff with assistance from Kennedy & Graven. He explained this Resolution provided the public with notice of the City's intent to provide organized refuse collection. He reported the City would be holding listening sessions in the future, along with a public hearing before the City Council begins negotiating with refuse haulers.

City Attorney Riggs explained this Resolution begins the process and noted the City Council may or may not continue through the entire process.

Council Member Gunn questioned how the Council would determine what type of services they want. City Administrator Zikmund recommended the Council hold listening sessions with the public and could hold worksession meetings to determine what services should be required from the haulers.

Council Member Lindstrom stated if the City could not reach an agreement, the citizens committee could then negotiate something less than seven years. City Administrator Zikmund explained the

citizens committee could make a recommendation for a hauler to the City Council, but noted this would still be for seven years.

Council Member Meehlhause asked when the requirement changed to seven years. City Attorney Riggs reported this was a recent change.

Council Member Lindstrom explained he spoke with the mayor of Maplewood regarding their refuse hauling and stated their process went to the citizen committee. He indicated some of the concerns Mounds View residents had were with how the St. Paul refuse contract went. He asked if staff could speak to this. City Attorney Riggs reported St. Paul was quite different from Mounds View, noting St. Paul had been broken down into zones and still had multiple haulers. He reported Maplewood or Richfield was more similar to Mounds View.

Council Member Lindstrom questioned what would happen if a single hauler was selected and they were to go out of business during the term of the contract. City Attorney Riggs advised another hauler would have to be selected to complete the term of the contract.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Gunn/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9714, Public Notice of Intent to Organize and Negotiate with Waste/Refuse Collectors.

Council Member Meehlhause commented he has been a strong believer that this was the right direction for the community. He believed the City had an obligation to protect its streets. He then read a quote from a book he was reading about Abraham Lincoln which included a passage from the 18<sup>th</sup> century statesman and philosopher Edmund Burke that your representative owes you not his industry only, but his judgment, and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion.

Mayor Hull thanked Council Member Meehlhause for his comments and agreed pursuing organized refuse collection was the right step for the City.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**C. Resolution 9722, Authorizing the Purchase of a Roller Compactor.**

Public Works/Parks and Recreation Director Peterson requested the Council authorize the purchase of a roller compactor. He described how the roller compactor would be used by his staff and noted this piece of equipment was included in the 2023 budget.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Lindstrom/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9722, Authorizing the Purchase of a Roller Compactor.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**D. Resolution 9723, Accepting Bids and Approving the 2023 Fog and Crack Sealing Project.**

Public Works/Parks and Recreation Director Peterson requested the Council accept bids and approve the 2023 fog and crack sealing project. He commented on the JPA the City had joined with the city of Coon Rapids in order to receive better pricing for fog and crack sealing projects. He reviewed the bid in further detail with the Council and recommended approval.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Gunn. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9723, Accepting Bids and Approving the 2023 Fog and Crack Sealing Project.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**E. Resolution 9724, Accepting Proposal and Approving the 2023 Seal Coating Project.**

Public Works/Parks and Recreation Director Peterson requested the Council accept the proposal and approve the 2023 seal coating project. He commented further on the roadways included in the 2023 project area and recommended approval.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Lindstrom. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9724, Accepting Proposal and Approving the 2023 Seal Coating Project.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**9. REPORTS**

**A. Reports of Mayor and Council.**

Council Member Cermak reported she was invited to attend Pastor Lisa’s retirement party on Sunday, March 26. She noted there were over 250 people in attendance. She thanked Pastor Lisa for her 25 years of service to the community.

Council Member Lindstrom explained he attended a Festival in the Park meeting last Tuesday. He noted food vendors and a band have been signed for this year’s event.

Council Member Lindstrom reported he was at the capitol last Thursday and testified on behalf of a bill that addressed pardon reform.

Council Member Meehlhause stated he attended an NYFS board meeting and he was pleased to report 11 of the 13 therapist positions have been filled.

Council Member Meehlhause indicated he attended a Twin Cities Gateway board meeting last week where the 2022 year end report was presented. He explained hospitality revenues were over \$1 million in 2022 which was an all time high for this organization. He noted Arden Hills became a member of Twin Cities Gateway in 2022. He stated the City would be receiving \$11,630 from Twin Cities Gateway.

Council Member Meehlhause reported he visited the capitol along with Council Member Gunn and City Administrator Zikmund where they met with Senator Xiong, who is a senator from St.

Paul. He explained Senator Xiong has agreed to author the bill that would allow Mounds View to ask residents to approve a local sales tax via a ballot vote.

Council Member Meehlhause indicated he, City Administrator Zikmund and Council Member Gunn also attended a Capital Investment Committee hearing where the City's bonding bill was presented.

Council Member Gunn stated on Tuesday, April 4 she would be attending a Tribute Park Committee meeting.

**B. Reports of Staff.**

Finance Director Beer reported the Council budgets \$3,000 each year for music at Festival in the Park. He asked if the Council supported this action again for 2023. The Council supported this action.

Finance Director Beer indicated he has begun work on the 2024 budget and noted he would be speaking with the Council at future meetings regarding the City's priorities for the coming year.

City Administrator Zikmund commented on the items that would be discussed at the April Council worksession meeting. He noted the City Council would be holding a closed session prior to this meeting.

City Administrator Zikmund asked if the Council would support the City promoting a fundraiser on the City's Facebook page.

Council Member Gunn did not support this action.

Council Member Lindstrom and Council Member Meehlhause agreed this was not the proper place to promote a fundraiser.

City Administrator Zikmund provided the Council with an update on the house bill for the local sales tax bill.

**C. Reports of City Attorney.**

City Attorney Riggs had nothing additional to report.

**10. Next Council Work Session: Monday, April 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.  
Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Transcribed by:

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