

APPROVED

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

Regular Meeting
July 10, 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, and Meehlhause

NOT PRESENT: None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - A. Monday, July 10, 2023, City Council Agenda.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Lindstrom. To Approve the Monday, July 10, 2023, agenda as revised adding Item 6A.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Lindstrom asked to remove Item 5D.

- A. Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2023.
- B. Just and Correct Claims.
- C. Resolution 9777, Approving Separation Pay of Recreation Coordinator Angie Gornik.
- ~~D. Motion to Rescind Resolution 7583.~~

MOTION/SECOND: Lindstrom/Cermak. To Approve the Consent Agenda as amended removing Item 5D.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

- ~~D. Motion to Rescind Resolution 7583.~~

Council Member Lindstrom stated there has been discussion regarding this matter online. He noted he also discussed this matter with residents. He explained the Council found it would be prudent to rescind Resolution 7583 because the City does not broadcast the Festival or Police Foundation meetings. He believed it would be worth having a discussion and adopting a Resolution regarding the meetings that are being considered for broadcast which included the EDC, Charter, Planning, Parks Recreation & Forestry Commissions, and City Council and taped versions of the Council Work session meetings.

Council Member Gunn supported this recommendation. City Administrator Zikmund stated the Council would not have to approve a resolution to set this policy. He explained the Council could rescind this resolution and make a motion direction staff on how to proceed.

Council Member Cermak supported the Council adopting a resolution to have the direction from Council on paper.

MOTION/SECOND: Lindstrom/Cermak. To Rescind Resolution 7583 and directing staff to bring forward a Resolution per Councils discussion.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Mayor Al Hull Proclamation

Council Member Gunn read a proclamation in full for the record from Ramsey County recognizing former Mayor Al Hull and declaring June 9, 2023 to be Mayor Al Hull day.

Acting Mayor Meehlhause requested staff get a signed copy of this proclamation from the County and that it be posted in Council Chambers.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Clark, 8005 Woodlawn Drive, thanked the Council for their great work session meeting last week. She encouraged the Council to continue broadcasting these meetings. She asked if Pulte Homes has been asked to submit a future housing proposal for the Ardan area. She suggested that all future housing plans for this area be pulled from future consideration per the City's strategic plan.

Rene Johnson, 7385 Pleasant View Drive, spoke to the Council regarding the proposed water meter upgrades. She expressed concern with how the new water meters could be sabotaged remotely. She requested the Council make their plans for the new water meters available to the public for transparency purposes.

Chris Lillemo, 5132 Long Lake Road, thanked the Council for rescinding Resolution 7583. He encouraged the City to step into the future by live streaming their meetings on Facebook. He

wanted to see the public having more access to City meetings. He urged the City to update its website as well.

David Wood, 2501 Sherwood Road, spoke to the Council regarding the how work session meetings could be recorded. He explained he would be happy to help residents find the YouTube version of last week's meetings.

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Resolution 9775, Approving Driveway Variance for 7425 Pleasant View Drive Related to Street Construction.

Community Development Director Sevald requested the Council approve the driveway variance for the property at 7425 Pleasant View Drive. He explained this property received a driveway permit in 2006 where a three foot setback was approved. He reported with this property the driveway was installed one foot from the property line. Staff was recommending the curb cut be installed as it was in order to align with the nine foot driveway.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Lindstrom. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9775, Approving Driveway Variance for 7425 Pleasant View Drive Related to Street Construction.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

B. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 999, Amending Mounds View City Code Chapter 161 regarding Signs and Billboards.

Community Development Director Sevald requested the Council adopt Ordinance 999, amending Mounds View City Code Chapter 161 regarding signs and billboards. He explained this Ordinance has been discussed a number of times. He reviewed the language proposed for wall signs and iconic statues.

Council Member Gunn questioned if the Bear Lot would be allowed to install a bear. Community Development Director Sevald explained the bear would be limited to 10 feet above the roof.

Further discussion ensued regarding the old Mermaid sign and it was noted the Mermaid was removed because it was causing damage to the building.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Lindstrom. To Waive the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance 999, Amending Mounds View City Code Chapter 161 regarding Signs and Billboards.

ROLL CALL: Cermak/Gunn/Lindstrom/Meehlhause.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

C. Resolution 9776, Adoption of the Ramsey County Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan.

Police Chief Zender requested the Council adopt the Ramsey County Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan. He explained this document has been several years in the making and will provide direction and coordination of services following a major emergency or disaster. He commented on the crisis tracker software system that was being put in place. He noted Mounds View also has an emergency operations plan and this plan has been provided to Ramsey County. He thanked SBM Fire Chief Dan Retka for identifying a full time Emergency Manager within SBM Fire and introduced Matt Montane to the City Council.

Emergency Manager Matt Montane introduced himself to the City Council and thanked the Council for considering the Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan. He commented on the updates that were made to the plan and asked for comments or questions.

Acting Mayor Meehlhause reported the Council previously discussed the emergency operation plan at a closed work session. He supported the Council holding another closed work session meeting once the Council had five members again. Police Chief Zender stated this was a great idea.

Rene Johnson, 7385 Pleasant View Drive, thanked the Police Chief for his efforts on this plan.

MOTION/SECOND: Cermak/Lindstrom. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 9776, Adoption of the Ramsey County Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

9. REPORTS

A. Reports of Mayor and Council.

Council Member Gunn stated the next Tribute meeting would be held in August.

Council Member Gunn invited the public to have their catalytic converter marked at the Public Works Facility on Saturday, July 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Council Member Lindstrom reported the Festival in the Park Committee would be meeting next on Tuesday, July 18. He stated Festival in the Park would be held on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19. He reviewed the events that were being planned and noted the medallion hunt would begin on Wednesday, August 16.

Council Member Lindstrom stated he met newly hired Officer Kammerer yesterday.

Council Member Cermak reported the Mounds View Police Foundation would be holding a meeting on Tuesday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Hodges Park. She noted the group would be discussing Festival in the Park.

Acting Mayor Meehlhause explained the USA Cup would be held at the National Sports Center next week.

Acting Mayor Meehlhause provided the Council with an update from the convention bureau and noted hotel room occupancy continues to do well in the member cities.

B. Reports of Staff.

City Administrator Zikmund stated he needed direction from the Council regarding the City's third public data request. He noted the City could charge a reasonable fee if the request is over a minimum threshold. He asked if the Council supported staff coming back with a provision putting a minimum fee in place.

Council Member Gunn supported this recommendation.

Council Member Cermak explained whenever she has made a request, she has been charged no matter how big or how little the request was. She supported the City having a charge in place for residents making a data request.

Council Member Lindstrom stated he struggled with this request because City staff was paid for with taxpayer dollars. He noted the recent data requests were not the norm. He supported the City refining the data request to make it less intensive for staff.

Council consensus was to direct staff to bring back more information.

City Administrator Zikmund stated the goal would be to update the garbage survey and have this further discussed at the next Council meeting.

City Administrator Zikmund reported Finance Director interviews were held last week and a formal offer was made to a candidate.

C. Reports of City Attorney.

There was nothing additional to report.

**10. Next Council Work Session: Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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