

Minutes of the Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Champlin in the County of Hennepin and the State of Minnesota  
Pursuant to Due Call and Notice Thereof

Regular Session  
March 24, 2014  
Municipal Center

- Call to Order                   The Champlin City Council met in Regular Session and was called to order by Acting Mayor Eric Johnson at 7:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance        The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll Call                       Present were Acting Mayor Eric Johnson and Councilmembers Ryan Karasek, Bruce Miller and Kara Terry.
- Excused Absent: Mayor ArMand Nelson.
- Also present were City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, Community Development Director John Cox, City Engineer Tim Hanson, Assistant City Engineer Todd Tuominen, City Attorney Darrell Jensen, Parks Facilities Manager Charlie Lehn and City Clerk Roberta Colotti.
- Approval of Agenda  
(March 24, 2014)  
Motion                        Motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Karasek to approve the agenda for the March 24, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. Voting in favor were Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes  
Motion                        Motion by Councilmember Karasek and seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 Worksession and March 10, 2014 Regular Session meetings as presented. Voting in favor were Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek and Miller. Voting against: none. Abstaining: Councilmember Terry. Motion carried.
- Approval of Bills  
(March 24, 2014)  
Motion                        Motion by Councilmember Terry and seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the bills as submitted for payment on March 24, 2014. Voting in favor were Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Announcements             Acting Mayor Johnson made the following announcements:
- TH 169/101<sup>st</sup> Avenue Interchange Study Open House – Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Brooklyn Park City Hall, located at 5200 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
  - Council Worksession – Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.
  - City Council Meeting – Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Special Presentations
- Proclamation Recognizing  
City Attorney Darrell  
Jensen                        The City Clerk read a proclamation recognizing City Attorney Darrell Jensen for his 12 years of service to the City of Champlin.
- Acting Mayor Johnson thanked the City Attorney for his knowledge, expertise and for the manner in which he approaches things.
- The City Attorney stated that it has been a delight to work with the City of Champlin and commended the quality of the staff and the Councilmembers. He stated that the residents of the City should be proud of its government.
- Acting Mayor Johnson stated that Scott Lepak from the same firm as Mr. Jensen, Barna, Guzy & Steffen, Ltd., will be assuming the role of City Attorney.
- Overview of Worksession  
Discussion                   The City Administrator provided an overview of the discussion that occurred at the Council Worksession regarding the proposed Phase III Andrews Park improvements, which is Item #8 on tonight's agenda for formal action. He reviewed the improvements included in phases I and II, noting that the tentative opening splash pad date is June of this year. He reviewed the improvements proposed for phase III of the project.

The City Administrator stated the Council also discussed the proposed Street Light Utility Fee. He stated that a public hearing will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Miller requested to pull Item #5, “Resolution No. 2014-25 Authorizing the City of Champlin to Enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Dayton for Maintenance of Goose Lake Road (Improvement Project No. 20207)”, from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Accept Resignation and Appoint Community Development Secretary Motion

Motion by Councilmember Karasek and seconded by Councilmember Terry to accept the retirement notice of resignation of Ms. Jean Torola after 20 years of service, and appoint Ms. Ashlee McCurdy to the Community Development Secretary position. Ms. McCurdy will begin her position on April 14, 2014. Voting in favor were Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry. Voting against: none. Motion carried.

Ice Cream Vendor License for Faysal Hasan Motion

Motion by Councilmember Karasek and seconded by Councilmember Terry to approve the license for an Ice Cream Vending Truck, for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 for Faysal Hasan subject to the following conditions:

1. Safety arm must be used at all times.
2. No vending operations are permitted within 500 feet of any public parks where concessions are sold or within 100 feet of any state or county road.
3. Payment of license fee.
4. Satisfactory background check.

Voting in favor were Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry. Voting against: none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2014-25 Authorizing the City of Champlin to Enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Dayton for Maintenance of Goose Lake Road (Improvement Project No. 20207) Resolution 2014-25

Councilmember Miller requested information on why this agreement was being proposed.

The City Administrator presented information on the history of the road improvement and agreement reached between the City of Champlin, City of Dayton, Hennepin County and the Three Rivers Park District.

Councilmember Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A Resolution Authorizing the City of Champlin to Enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Dayton for Maintenance of Goose Lake Road (Improvement Project No. 20207)

The motion for the adoption of the resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Karasek, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

Resolution No. 2014-26 Approving Gambling to be Conducted by the Champlin Park Baseball Association at Hudy’s Café & The Lil Bar Resolution 2014-26

Councilmember Karasek introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A Resolution Approving Gambling to be Conducted by the Champlin Park Baseball Association at Hudy’s Café & The Lil Bar

The motion for the adoption of the resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Terry, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

Open Forum

James Duerr, 10917 Indiana Avenue North, stated that he received the City newsletter in the mail regarding the solar project the City is undertaking that will have a cost of \$1.2 million to install. He questioned what the City would be receiving in return for the cost of the project. He stated that including adjustment for inflation it would take about 40 years to pay for the system with cost savings, noting that does not include regular maintenance and replacement part costs. He referenced the 100-

year testing specified in the article and noted that the technology has not been around for 100 years and therefore the numbers are lab generated and the claims cannot be substantiated. He provided information on diminished performance and noted that aspect was not taken into account in regard to the 40-year timeline. He did not believe that Xcel would give rebates of this size and stated that even if Xcel did, that cost would be passed onto the residents. He believed that funding is coming from the government and therefore is also paid for by the people. He suggested that the \$1.2 million be invested instead to gain a bigger return. He stated that is not an option because the money is not there. He believed that there would be interest that the City would have to pay and questioned who would receive that interest payment and how that would affect the timeline for repayment of the investment. He stated that including all aspects that the City did not include in their estimate he believed that the investment for this project would take 50 years to repay itself and did not believe that makes sense. He stated that everyone needs to look at their spending including families, businesses and government because nothing is free. He stated that this is not free and the City will have a line item in their budget for this for the next 50 years.

The City Administrator advised that the City will prepare a response which will be presented at the April 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

#### Public Hearings

Resolution No. 2014-27  
Adopting a Modification  
to the Development  
Program for Municipal  
Development District No.  
1; and Establishing  
Mississippi Crossings Tax  
Increment Financing  
District Therein and  
Adopting a Tax Increment  
Financing Plan Therefor

The Community Development Director presented a request to adopt modifications to the Development Program for Municipal Development District No. 1 to assist with the redevelopment of the Mississippi Crossings. He displayed an aerial photograph of the District boundaries and reviewed an estimated plan budget. He recommended adoption of the plan as presented.

Public Hearing

Acting Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

No comments made.

Motion

Motion by Councilmember Karasek and seconded by Councilmember Terry to close the public hearing at 7:28 p.m. Voting in favor were Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry. Voting against: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 2014-27

Councilmember Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A Resolution Adopting a Modification to the Development Program for Municipal Development District No. 1; and Establishing Mississippi Crossings Tax Increment Financing District Therein and Adopting a Tax Increment Financing Plan Therefor

The motion for the adoption of the resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Karasek, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

#### New Business

Resolution No. 2014-28  
Directing the Preparation  
of Plans and  
Specifications for the  
Andrews Park Phase III  
Improvements

The Parks Facilities Manager noted that the City Council approved having three phases for the Andrews Park Improvement Project in 2012. He explained that staff requests that the Council order plans and specifications for Phase III at this time. He stated that if approved the third phase would be complete in 2015.

Resolution 2014-28

Councilmember Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Directing the Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Andrews Park Phase III Improvements

The motion for the adoption of the resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Terry, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry, and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

Council Presentations

Environmental Resources  
Commission  
Appointments

The City Clerk presented the recommendation of the Acting Mayor to appoint Commissioner Joseph Kallstrom (Ward 3) to the position of Chair and Commissioner Lorraine Coan (Ward 2) to the position of Vice-Chair of the Environmental Resources Commission. She stated that it is further recommended that residents Mr. Jared Galligan (Ward 1) and Ms. Linn Kesler (Ward 3) be appointed to serve one year terms on the Commission.

Motion

Motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Terry to appoint Mr. Jared Galligan (Ward 1) and Ms. Lynn Kessler (Ward 3) to the Environmental Resources Commission to terms expiring 12-31-14 and to appoint Commissioner Joseph Kallstrom (Ward 3) to the position of Chairperson and Commissioner Lorraine Coan (Ward 2) to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the ERC for the year 2014 and until their successors are appointed. Voting in favor were Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller and Terry. Voting against: none. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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ArMand Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

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Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk