

***REGULAR ANDOVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 18, 2021
MINUTES***

The Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Andover City Council was called to order by Mayor Sheri Bukkila, May 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m., at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

Councilmembers present: Valerie Holthus, Jamie Barthel, Ted Butler, and Randy Nelson

Councilmember absent: None

Also present: Public Works Director/City Engineer Dave Berkowitz
Community Development Director, Joe Janish
City Attorney, Scott Baumgartner
Others

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESIDENT FORUM

Ben Riechers, 15844 Martin Street, came forward to recommend the City Council reject the Park and Recreation Engineering Study. Mr. Riechers stated the study is flawed because it excluded Community Center and understates the City's park and recreation capacity. Mr. Riechers asked why the Community Center is it excluded when the National Recreation and Park Association guidelines speak to both outdoor and indoor facilities. He sees it as authorizing spending based on a distortion of the City's parks and recreation capacity. Mr. Riechers stated if the Community Center is included in the study, the City exceeds national guidelines for facilities based on the 2040 population projection. He noted the study was used to raise Park Dedication fees that the City does not need to maintain compliance with national guidelines. Mr. Riechers suggested amending the Park Dedication Study and include the Community Center.

Merle Prochniak, 2941 141st Avenue, came forward and stated he talked to the Park Commission about Park Dedication fees. He sees the Park Dedication fees as a tax. Mr. Prochniak stated the money is not free and is passed on to the homeowner. He explained the person who pays the fee has no control over where it goes and questions what they get for their money.

AGENDA APPROVAL

City Administrator Dickinson asked that Item 7A be added to the Consent Agenda: Approve Appointment of Facilities Coordinator.

Motion by Butler, Seconded by Barthel, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 27, 2021 Workshop Meeting, May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting, May 4, 2021 Closed Meeting

Motion by Barthel, Seconded by Nelson, to approve the April 27, 2021 Workshop Meeting, May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting, and May 4, 2021 Closed Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Item 2 Approve Payment of Claims
- Item 3 Approve Plans & Specs/Order Advertisement for Bids/21-21/Coon Creek Trunk Lift Station #11 (See Resolution No. R047-21)
- Item 4 Approve Refuse/ Recycler Hauler Licenses
- Item 5 Receive April 2021 City Investment Reports
- Item 6 Receive April 2021 General Fund Progress Reports
- Item 7 Approve 2021 Park Dedication Study
- Item 7a Approve Appointment of Facilities Coordinator

Motion by Holthus, Seconded by Nelson, to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Motion carried unanimously.

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT

Commander Lenzmeier provided a monthly report for April 2021, reporting 1019 calls for service. Commander Lenzmeier reported 0 burglaries, 20 thefts, 2 felony arrests, 1 gross misdemeanor arrests, 13 misdemeanor arrests, and 4 DWI arrests. Deputies made 215 traffic stops issuing 51 citations. Commander Lenzmeier announced several retirements, and the Department is in process of hiring new deputies. Commander Lenzmeier noted and increase in speeding, with 4 vehicles caught traveling in excess of 80 miles per hour.

Councilmember Butler said he has noticed deputies out in the community and stated it makes a difference in behavior.

Mayor Bukkila said she hopes the excessive speeding offenders would get a careless driving citation instead of just a speeding ticket. She explained it is important to make an example of

those that speed and proactively address it.

Commander Lenzmeier replied the City Attorney is looking at a careless driving charge and noted increase in speeds and fatalities throughout the State.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER REQUEST REFUND OF DEPOSIT FROM NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER

The Andover City Council is requested to approve the request for the refund of the \$250,000 deposit from the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission and the National Sports Center Foundation.

City Administrator Dickinson stated the City entered into an agreement with the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission and the National Sports Center Foundation to secure priority rental rights to prime ice time at the Super Rink for a refundable deposit of \$250,000 in 2008. Mr. Dickinson explained with the addition of the sports complex at the Community Center, the youth hockey program no longer needs priority rights to those hours and the City has the option to request a refund of the \$250,000 deposit with a 24-month written notice.

Motion by Barthel, seconded by Bulter, to approve the request of refund of the \$250,000 deposit from the National Sports Center. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Staff updated the Council on the Administration and City Department Activities, legislative updates, updates on development/CIP projects, and meeting reminders/community events.

(City Administration) – Mr. Dickinson updated the Council on meetings he is attending. The City has issued 55 new home permits. Code Enforcement is remarkably busy, and he expects it to calm down in June/July. The City is expecting several development submittals which will come before the Council in the near future. Mr. Dickinson stated the Community Center is prepping for summer camps and working with the Anoka Ice Center on taking their summer ice contracts while Anoka is shut down for improvements. He stated the 2021 Mill and Overlay project is half through and updated the Council on park projects. Mr. Dickinson reminded the Council of the Workshop on Tuesday, May 25, and listed agenda items.

MAYOR/COUNCIL INPUT

(Youth First) – Mayor Bukkila stated she attended the Youth First Mayors Breakfast. The event had an inspirational keynote speaker, Courtney Godfrey, who spoke on her challenges recovering as an amputee. Mayor Bukkila stated Ms. Godfrey was able to recover with the support from her family, friends, and support network. Mayor Bukkila stressed the importance of community support and treating everyone with kindness.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Holthus, Seconded by Nelson, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Kunza, Recording Secretary
TimeSaver OffSite Secretarial, Inc.

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