

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 25, 2010

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Schulz at 7:15 p.m. due to oral interviews for commission applicants.

The following individuals were interviewed prior to the regular Council meeting as potential candidates to fill vacancies in the City Commissions:

Tom Hughes
Wallis Durham
Richard Kvitek
Susan Cross
Nicholas Mason
Ryan Hagelstrom
Jonathan Grau
Jennifer Wolff

The following individuals also expressed interest in serving on a Commission and will be interviewed prior to the February 1st Council meeting, due to time constraints this evening:

Alex Young
Leanne Ashley
Dan Keyport
Sean Olsen
Nate Bostrom
Steve Mueller
Steve Hermann
Molly Koivumaki
Barb Colhapp
Patricia Shanley
Frank Lisa

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Boe, Ford, Businaro, Mayor Pro Tem Schulz, and newly elected Mayor Mark Windschitl. Absent: None.

Also Present: Luke Melchert, City Attorney; Bart Fischer, Assistant City Administrator; Bill Monk, City Engineer; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Ford, second by Councilmember Businaro to adopt the agenda as presented, with the insertion of Item 9e; City Signatories, to the agenda.
Motion carried.

5. Adopt Resolution No. 10-06 Approving the Canvass of the Special Election Results

The City Administrator presented the canvass to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Schulz and the Council thanked all residents who voted in the election.

Councilmember Businaro inquired whether there were any concerns of the election totals or the election process and the City Administrator said there were not. The City Administrator and Council also thanked City Staff members, Suzy Miller and Margo Steffel, and the election judges for their work with the election.

Motion by Councilmember Ford, second by Councilmember Boe to adopt Resolution No. 10-06, certifying the results of the January 19, 2010 Special Mayoral Election.
Motion carried.

6. Oath of Office

Former Mayor Gary Van Eyll read the Oath of Office and swore in newly elected Mayor Mark Windschitl.

A short recess was then taken at 7:25 pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Windschitl, with Councilmember Christopher Schulz resuming his regular Councilor duties.

Mayor Windschitl thanked the other candidates, Jay Rohe, Bob Snyder, and Doug Williams for a good campaign. He also thanked the residents for electing him. He introduced his family and thanked them for assisting him in his campaign.

7. Visitor Presentation

Dan Anderson, newly elected Chaska Fire Department Chief, stood before the Council and introduced the other elected members of the Department to the Council. The Mayor and Council thanked the firemen for their service. A reminder was voiced concerning the annual fundraiser fishing contest on Saturday, January 30th at Firemen's Park.

8. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2010 City Council meeting.
Motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Businaro to approve the Consent Agenda Items a through h:, with the addition of adding a youth representative to the Downtown Master Plan Task Force, Item 9g.

- a. Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2010 Planning Commission
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 10-04 Approving Solicitor Permits for Twin Cities Environmental Resources

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-04 approving Solicitor Permit Nos. SOL.10-03 in the name of Margaret Schmidt, SOL. 10-04 in the name of David Dostal-Moss, and SOL. 10-05 in the name of Jen Johnson of Twin Cities Environmental Resources of 4530

West 77th Street, Suite 245, Edina,, Mn. 55345 for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

- c. Approve the 2010 Chaska Volunteer Fire Department Elected Officers
Motion to approve the 2010 Chaska Volunteer Fire Department officers, as elected by the department.
- d. Approve the City Administrator's 2010 Salary Compensation
Motion to approve the City Administrator's 2010 salary as of January 1, 2010 to \$9,007 monthly, a 1% increase, with all other items to remain unchanged.
- e. Designation of City Signatories
Motion to designate authorized account signatories.
- f. Authorize the Submittal of the City of Chaska's 2010 Pay Equity Report to the State of Minnesota
Motion adopting/authorizing the submittal of the City of Chaska's 2010 Pay Equity Report to the State of Minnesota Department of Management & Budget.
- g. Appoint Downtown Master Plan Task Force
Motion to appoint the aforementioned individuals representing a variety of stakeholder groups to serve on the Downtown Master Plan Task Force, including a youth representative.
- h. Approve Temporary 3.2% Malt Liquor Licenses for Chaska Lions Club
Motion to approve Temporary On-Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor Licenses T32. 10-01 through T32. 10-03 for the Chaska Lions Club.

Motion carried.

10. Public Hearing: Adopt Resolution No. 10-05 Approving Vacation of Public Drainage & Utility Easement Res. No. 10-05

The City Administrator introduced the item to the Council.

The City Engineer presented the item to the Council.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:50 pm.

Non one appeared before the Council.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:51 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Ford, second by Councilmember Boe to Adopt Resolution No. 10-05, vacating a portion of the public drainage and utility easement on Lot 9, Block 1, Autumn Woods North.

Motion carried.

11. Approve the 2010-2011 Municipal Services Employment Contract

The City Administrator presented the item to the Council.

Councilmember Ford pointed out that this item had been discussed in detail at the time the budget was approved.

Councilmember Businaro commented that he would be voting against the recommendation, due to the tough economic times.

Councilmember Boe expressed similar concerns as Councilmember Businaro, regarding economic difficulties, but stated he would support the contract as the Council had voted in favor of the previous contracts brought before them.

Councilmember Ford stated that he would vote in support of the contract, the Council had previously discussed it at their budget work sessions.

Councilmember Schulz stated he was in support of the contract and felt that the City employees needed to be recognized and appreciated.

Mayor Windschitl commented that the Municipal Services Contract is identical to the other contracts already approved, so he would be voting in favor of it.

Motion by Councilmember Schulz, second by Councilmember Ford to approve the 2010-2011 Municipal Services Employee Unit Contract.

Motion passed 4-1. Councilmember Businaro voting nay.

12. Appoint Councilperson as Acting Mayor for 2010

Mayor Windschitl publicly thanked Councilmember Chris Schulz for acting as Mayor Pro Tem during the vacancy of the Mayor's position. Councilmember Schulz stated he would be willing to continue in the acting Mayor's position, as needed. Councilmember Businaro presented the idea of having a rotation process for the position, beginning next year, which all Councilmembers agreed with.

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Boe to appoint Councilmember Chris Schulz as Acting Mayor.

Motion carried.

13. Bills

A question was raised by Councilmember Schulz regarding per diem rates, which the City Administrator said he would check on.

Councilmember Boe inquired about the cost of salt for roadways and the City Administrator stated the City purchases road salt 3-4 times per year.

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the bills as presented, with the City Administrator to bring back an answer on the question regarding per diem rates. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Boe, Ford, Businaro, Schulz and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

14. Other Business

- ✓ Councilmember Businaro congratulated Mayor Windschitl and stated he was looking forward to working with him.
- ✓ Councilmember Ford asked for an update on the status of the wind turbine, which the City Administrator addressed by stated the MMPA is addressing the contractor issues. He also asked the Administrator to update the Council regarding the partnership with the Chaska Hockey Team and their use of the Community Center ice and locker rooms.
- ✓ Councilmember Boe reminded the Council and residents of the Lions Spaghetti dinner on Friday night at the Chaska VFW, as well as a reminder of the Firemen's Annual Fishing Contest on Saturday. He congratulated the Chaska High School Quiz Bowl Team on their State Championship also.
- ✓ Councilmember Schulz reiterated his congratulations to Mayor Windschitl.
- ✓ City Administrator Podhradsky recognized City Engineer Bill Monk and the Bonestroo engineering team on winning an award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for their work on the Pioneer Trail project. He reminded Councilmembers to contact him regarding dates for a future Department Head/Council retreat. He stated the other half of the commission applicants would be interviewed by the Council prior to the next meeting on February 1st. The City Administrator reminded the Council there will be a Work Session after the next Council meeting to discuss the assessment policy. He updated the Council on the status of Snyder's Drug being bought out by Walgreen's.
- ✓ The Mayor apologized for the late start to the Council meeting, due to the Commission interviews prior to the meeting.

15. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Schulz, second by Mayor Windschitl to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion carried.