

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2010

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Schulz, Boe, Ford, Businaro, and Mayor 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 Businaro, second by Councilmember Ford to adopt the agenda as presented, tabling Item No. 8 until the March 1, 2010 Council meeting at the request of the applicant.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor

Len Simich, of Southwest Transit presented a power point summary of the 2009 Annual Report, with an overview of the year to come. The Mayor asked when the Chaska facility located in the Industrial Park would be used for vehicle and equipment storage. Mr. Simich stated that it would be an incremental move due to economic issues. Discussion was held on the financial issues facing SW Transit.

Mary Monteith of the Carver County Community Development Agency, appeared before the Council to present information on the upcoming Christmas in May event to be held on May 8th.

Ryan Dahl and a student from Holy Family Catholic High School introduced two student groups in the audience from Chaska and Eden Prairie.

Debbie Boe, of 2287 Clover Field Drive, appeared before the Council to present information on the Legacy Amendment, which would allow the City to partner with property owners to gain funding for historic properties. She pointed out the Young property, as well as the DuToit house and the Klein mansion as other possibly eligible properties

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2010 City Council meeting, with the correction of the spelling of Councilmember names.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Ford to approve the Consent Agenda Item a:

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 10, 2010 Planning Meeting.

Motion carried.

~~8. Adopt Resolution No. 10-10 Approving CUP House Move from 3910 Bavaria Road to 2490 Schneider Court/PC. No. 10-01/Ron Olson~~

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Ford to table Agenda Item No. 8 to the March 1, 2010 City Council meeting, at the request of the applicant.

Motion carried.

9. Adopt Resolution No. 10-08 Awarding Bid for TH41 Medians and Second Street Signal

The City Administrator introduced the item to the Council.

The City Engineer presented the item to the Council, advising them that work should start in late April, with the signal operational in June.

The Mayor asked if it is typical to have such a difference in the bids.

The City Engineer responded that the next three largest bids were very close. He went on to present the aesthetic concerns of the Downtown Business Council and that the City is working with them regarding their concerns.

Councilmember Businaro inquired whether other cities have narrow lanes on a state highway.

The City Engineer said Stillwater and Hastings are examples of cities who have done this.

Councilmember Ford asked the City Engineer if "Know your Speed" signs would still be installed and he said they would be. Councilmember Ford also inquired about handicap accessibilities, which the Engineer addressed.

Councilmember Boe asked if the medians would cause snowplowing issues and when construction would begin. The City Engineer stated there should be no plowing issues and construction is likely to begin in April.

Councilmember Businaro inquired about a plan for communicating with affected business owners. The Engineer responded that letters would be sent out and possible meetings with the contractors to address concerns.

Councilmember Ford thanked City Engineer Bill Monk on behalf of the Downtown Business Council.

Mayor Windschitl inquired about the size of the side streets and medians, and whether there has been discussion on the street lighting. The City Engineer said the streets will be the same as they are now and that street lighting will continue to be discussed.

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Boe to adopt Resolution No. 10-08 awarding the bid for the TH41 Medians and Second Street Signal to Northwest Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$453,771.90.

Motion carried.

10. Adopt Ordinance No. 838, Approving the CenterPoint Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance/Agreement

The City Administrator and Assistant Administrator presented the staff report.

Councilmember Ford asked if we charge a franchise fee for other utilities. The Administrator stated that this is the only utility where we do not charge a franchise fee.

Councilmember Businaro asked if the City should be concerned with gas lines running through sewer lines in Chaska, as there have been issues in other cities. The City Administrator and Engineer stated they have no concerns.

Motion by Councilmember Schulz, second by Councilmember Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 838, adopting the CenterPoint Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance/Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to sign said ordinance/agreement.

Motion carried.

11. Bills

Motion by Councilmember Ford, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Schulz, Boe, Ford, Businaro, and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None.

Motion carried.

12. Other Business

- ✓ Councilmember Schulz thanked Staff for the Commissioner's Handbook and inquired about the status of the wind turbine. The City Administrator said it is ready to operate.
- ✓ Councilmember Boe also inquired about the wind turbine and the signal at Clover Ridge Drive and Engler Boulevard. The City Engineer said the City is working with County on the signal. Councilmember Boe asked if a joint meeting would be possible with the County and City regarding the future river crossing. The City Administrator said Scott County and the City of Shakopee have been meeting to focus on the number of crossings. Chaska and Carver County will get together when the location of the proposed bridge is ready to be determined and when preliminary landscaping plans have been completed.
- ✓ Councilmember Ford reminded the Council of the next Downtown Mast Plan meeting on March 9th.
- ✓ Councilmember Businaro asked if a list of developments is available, and the City Administrator said the Planning Director would present a list at the Council/Department Head Retreat. Councilmember Businaro also inquired whether the HPC Ordinance has

been reviewed for consistency with intended structure of this Commission. The City Administrator said Staff is working on the issue and it will be brought back in March to the Council.. Councilmember Businaro asked how the sign ordinance is coming along and was told the City had approached the Chamber about their issues and will also engage the business community. He also inquired about snow removal on sidewalks not being maintained and was advised that property owners are assessed if they do not remove snow on their property and the City needs to complete the work. Councilmember Businaro asked when the MnDOT maintenance facility would begin construction and was told it is likely to begin this summer. Councilmember Businaro inquired whether the community gardens project can be expanded, and the City Administrator stated he would study the matter, which is administered by the Park and Recreation Department. Councilmember Businaro asked about the use of the Community Center gymnasiums with men vs women, and was told the City Administrator would check the policy.

- ✓ Councilmember Ford asked how ED Campus is progressing and was advised that there has not been any recent progress in the past year.
- ✓ Mayor Windschitl asked about the flood forecast and was told there could be issues, depending on how fast the snow and ice melts. Mayor Windschitl asked if the City was receiving any LGA and the City Administrator said we are not, although the City does receive some LGA, but it has not been included in the budget. Lastly, the Mayor inquired about snowmobile access to the trail system and was advised that snowmobilers are required to drive from their residence to the designated trail by the most direct route possible.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Schulz to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Motion carried.