

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

**APPROVED**

Regular Meeting

April 10, 2017

Mounds View City Hall

2401 Mounds View Blvd, Mounds View, MN 55112

7:00 P.M.

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1. **MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER**
  2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  3. **ROLL CALL:** Bergeron, Gunn, Meehlhause, Mueller

**NOT PRESENT:** Hull

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - A. **Monday, April 10, 2017, City Council Agenda.**

Council Member Gunn requested Item 8A from the Consent Agenda be discussed as Item 7C under Council Business.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Mueller. To Approve the Monday, April 10, 2017, agenda as amended.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

6. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**
  - A. **Presentation from Senator Jason Isaacson**

Mayor Mueller stated Senator Jason Isaacson was not in attendance at this time and the Council would continue with the agenda at this time. It was noted that if Senator Isaacson arrives at the meeting the Council will revisit this item.

7. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**
  - A. **7:00 p.m. Public Hearing: Resolution 8747, a Resolution to Consider a Honeybee Keeping License Located at 2071 Terrace Drive. Applicant Adam Retterath.**

Assistant City Administrator Crane requested the Council consider a honeybee keeping license for Adam Retterath at 2071 Terrace Drive. She reported the applicant has met all City requirements for the beekeeping license. She noted the City received two calls regarding bee keeping requirements. Staff recommended the Council hold a public hearing and approve the bee keeping license.

Mayor Mueller opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Brentley Zaier, 2090 Oakwood Drive, expressed concern with his neighbors having honeybees. He feared he would be negatively impacted in his backyard by the bees while grilling.

Susie Jacobs, 2091 Pinewood Drive, did not oppose her neighbor having honeybees. She requested that Mr. Retterath be properly trained to manage the bees to ensure they do not swarm.

Assistant City Administrator Crane reported the applicant had successfully completed a bee keeping course through the University of Minnesota. Mayor Mueller explained proper training and certification was a requirement for all bee keepers in the City of Mounds View.

Adam Retterath, 2071 Terrace Drive, introduced himself to the Council and described the training he attended at the University of Minnesota. He stated he would be attending several additional courses to improve his knowledge of beekeeping. He explained his grandfather would be assisting him with the bees. He commented the smoke from neighboring grills would assist in keeping the bees more docile. He reported the bees would be 20 feet in from the road and should not pose a threat to passing pedestrians.

Council Member Gunn encouraged Mr. Retterath to have a water source close to the hives. Mr. Retterath indicated he would have a barrel next to the hives.

Hearing no further public input, Mayor Mueller closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Council Member Meehlhause asked if the City had received any complaints on the previously approved five beekeeping licenses. Assistant City Administrator Crane reported the City has not received any complaints.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Gunn/Bergeron. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8747, a Resolution to Consider a Honeybee Keeping License Located at 2071 Terrace Drive.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

- B. Resolution 8745, Awarding the Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2017A; Fixing Their Form and Specifications; Directing Their Execution and Delivery; and Providing for Their Payment.**

Finance Director Beer requested the Council award the sale of \$6,000,000 in general obligation capital improvement plan bonds, fixing their form and specifications, directing their execution and delivery and providing for their payment for construction of the new Public Works Facility. He discussed the history of this project and recommended approval of the bond sale. It was noted the sale of the bonds would be completed on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Mueller asked how the City's new bond rating would impact the interest rate for the proposed bond sale. Finance Director Beer stated the new bond rating would lower the interest rate on the bonds, which was beneficial to the City of Mounds View.

Mayor Mueller questioned when the City would begin making payments on the bonds. Finance Director Beer reported this would begin in January of 2018.

Council Member Gunn requested further information on the bond bidding process. Shelly Eldridge, Ehlers & Associates, described the bond bidding process in detail with the Council. She noted the City received a premium bid rate with cash back. She discussed how tight the bidding process was and noted there was national interest in the City's bonds.

Mayor Mueller thanked staff for the thorough bond report. She commended the Finance Department and City Administrator Ericson for all of their efforts on achieving such a high S&P bond rating.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Meehlhause/Gunn. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8745, Awarding the Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2017A; Fixing Their Form and Specifications; Directing Their Execution and Delivery; and Providing for Their Payment.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**C. Resolution 8743, Allowing the Mounds View Police Foundation to Use “Mounds View Police Department” in its Marketing Materials.**

City Administrator Ericson requested the Council allow the Mounds View Police Foundation to use “Mounds View Police Department” in their marketing materials. He explained the proposed Resolution was required per State Statute. Staff recommended approval of the Resolution.

Council Member Gunn requested information on the Mounds View Police Foundation. Katrina Joseph, Mounds View Police Foundation, 3444 Benjamin Street in Minneapolis, explained that this group grew out of the Council's desire to improve community outreach between the Police Department and the City of Mounds View residents. She reported the foundation was a non-profit organization that worked to provide volunteers and funding for community outreach programs, such as “Bowling with a Cop”. She discussed the donations that the foundation had received to date and thanked the Council for their support.

Council Member Gunn asked how residents could make a donation to this organization. Ms.

Joseph encouraged residents to make these donations via mail to the Police Department.

Council Member Meehlhause inquired if the foundation was considering any fundraisers. Ms. Joseph stated the foundation was discussing fundraising activities for the future.

Mayor Mueller questioned how a resident could become involved in the Mounds View Police Foundation. Ms. Joseph encouraged residents to visit the Police Department if interested in serving on the foundation.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Mueller/Gunn. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8743, Allowing the Mounds View Police Foundation to Use “Mounds View Police Department” in its Marketing Materials.

Ayes – 4                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**D. Resolution 8742, Establishing Meeting Times for the City Council.**

City Administrator Ericson stated in January the City Council adopted an Ordinance allowing the Council to adjust meeting times by Resolution. He reported the Council was interested in changing its meeting start time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Staff reviewed the Resolution and recommended approval, noting the new meeting time would become effective May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Mueller questioned when the City Council would hold their EDA meetings. City Administrator Ericson indicated the EDA meetings would be held after the City Council meetings, unless there was an item that was time sensitive, in which case, the Council could recess and hold their EDA meeting during the Council meeting.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Gunn/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8742, Establishing Meeting Times for the City Council.

Council Member Meehlhause noted that his son serves on the City Council in another community and they had moved their meeting time to 6:00 p.m. as well.

Ayes – 4                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**E. Ordinance 932, First Reading and Introduction, Amending Section 502.12 Relating to Hours and Days of Off-Sale Liquor Sales.**

City Administrator Ericson requested the Council introduce an ordinance amending Section 502.12 of the City Code relating to hours and days of off-sale liquor sales. He explained the State of Minnesota recently passed new legislation that would allow for Sunday sales from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Staff explained the proposed Ordinance would allow for Sunday liquor sale, along with sales Monday through Thursday until 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Mueller questioned when the extended hours for Monday through Thursday would take

effect. City Administrator Ericson stated these hours would take effect 30 days after May 5<sup>th</sup>. He reported staff would be sending letters to the local liquor license holders to make them aware of the Ordinance changes.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Bergeron. To Waive the First Reading and Introduce Ordinance 932, Amending Section 502.12 Relating to Hours and Days of Off-Sale Liquor Sales.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**F. Resolution 8741, Accepting Bids Received by the City of Coon Rapids Joint Powers Agreement for 2017 Seal Coating of Area D.**

Public Works Director Erickson requested the Council accept the bids received by the City of Coon Rapids for the Joint Powers Agreement for the seal coating of Area D. He explained Areas A, B and C were seal coated in 2015. Staff reviewed the work that would be completed within Area D and recommended approval.

Mayor Mueller requested staff review a map of Area D. Public Works Director Erickson reviewed a map of Area D noting the streets that would be seal coated in 2017. He noted Quincy Street required a little bit more work prior to being seal coated.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Bergeron. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8741, Accepting Bids Received by the City of Coon Rapids Joint Powers Agreement for 2017 Seal Coating of Area D.

Council Member Bergeron asked when the seal coating of Area D would be completed. Public Works Director Erickson stated a preconstruction meeting would be held at the end of April in Coon Rapids and he would know more about the timing of this project after this meeting. He reported the work would have to be completed prior to the end of August. He explained the City would be notifying residents once the dates were determined.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Mueller reported Item 8A was removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed as Item 7C under Council Business.

Council Member Meehlhause asked to remove Item 8B.

- ~~A. Resolution 8743, Allowing the Mounds View Police Foundation to Use “Mounds View Police Department” in its Marketing Materials.~~
- ~~B. Resolution 8744, Dissolving the Fridley Training JPA.~~
- C. Resolution 8740, Approving Bidding Documents and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for 2017 Sewer Rehabilitation Project.**

**D. Resolution 8746, Approving a Revision to the City's Policy in Support of Artistic Organizations.**

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Bergeron. To Approve the Consent Agenda as amended removing Items 8A and 8B.

Ayes – 4                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**B. Resolution 8744, Dissolving the Fridley Training JPA.**

Council Member Meehlhause requested information from the Fire Chief regarding this item. City Administrator Ericson reported in 1991 the cities of Brooklyn Center, Fridley, Blaine, Spring Lake Park and Mounds View entered into a JPA for training services and a training facility was constructed in the City of Fridley. He explained that with the new Fridley City Hall this area was no longer available for collaborative use. For this reason, staff recommended the Council dissolve the Fridley Training JPA.

Fire Chief Smith noted Spring Lake Park and Fridley had already approved the dissolution of the JPA.

Council Member Meehlhause questioned if the fire department used this space frequently. Fire Chief Smith reported this space was used monthly or bi-monthly by the SBM Fire Department. He stated he was working to locate new space for training.

Mayor Mueller understood the SBM Fire Department offered high quality training for its fire fighters. She asked if this training program would continue. Fire Chief Smith indicated the same high level of training would continue for all SBM firefighters. He anticipated that the majority of this training would now be held at Fire Station No. 3.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Gunn. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8744, Dissolving the Fridley Training JPA.

Ayes – 4                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**9. JUST AND CORRECT CLAIMS**

Finance Director Beer answered the Council's questions related to claims.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Approve the Just and Correct Claims as presented.

Ayes – 4                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. March 13, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes.**

Council Member Meehlhouse requested a correction on Page 3, Line 26 noting the word “view” should be removed.

Council Member Meehlhouse requested a correction on Page 4, Line 2 stating this line should read Council Member Hull.

Council Member Meehlhouse requested a correction on Page 4, Line 24 changing “give” to “given”.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhouse/Bergeron. To Approve the March 13, 2017, City Council meeting minutes as corrected.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**B. March 27, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes.**

Council Member Meehlhouse requested a correction on Page 2, Line 7 removing the word “in”.

Council Member Meehlhouse requested a correction on Page 3, Line 5 stating the line should read: “Council Member Meehlhouse asked if a flyover was being considered for the County Road I north board entrance ramp to 35W.”

Council Member Meehlhouse requested a correction on Page 5, Line 40 stating he invited the public to attend a fun basketball game instead of an event.

Council Member Mueller requested a correction on Page 6, Line 21 stating her statement should read: “continue to provide to volunteer coaches in honor of their son”.

Council Member Gunn requested a correction on Page 6, Line 29 should be changed to fun basketball game instead of an event.

MOTION/SECOND: Mueller/Meehlhouse. To Approve the March 27, 2017, City Council meeting minutes as corrected.

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**11. REPORTS**

**A. Reports of Mayor and Council.**

Council Member Gunn stated she attended the Cable Commission meeting and noted the group was still working on an agreement with Comcast.

Council Member Gunn reported the Irondale Robotics Team would be heading to St. Louis for Nationals.

Council Member Gunn stated last Saturday the Irondale drumline won their second consecutive state championship receiving the highest overall score at this event. She indicated the drumline was now preparing for the world championship with a free send-off performance this Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Irondale High School. She explained this group would enter the world competition rated second in the country in their class.

Council Member Meehlhause thanked Public Works Director Erickson for inviting the City Council to participate in the ground breaking ceremony for the new Public Works Facility last Friday.

Council Member Meehlhause noted he would be attending two NYFS meetings this week.

Mayor Mueller invited the public to attend the next Festival in the Park Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. She explained this group was still seeking volunteers to assist with planning this year's event.

Mayor Mueller encouraged residents to consider participating in the Mounds View 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. More information regarding this committee could be gained by contacting City Hall.

Mayor Mueller noted she would be attending the Minnesota Mayors Conference at the end of April in Brainerd, Minnesota.

Mayor Mueller indicated four out of the five Council Members would be attending the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup> in Rochester, Minnesota.

**B. Reports of Staff.**

Public Works Director Erickson indicated the spring road restrictions would be lifted at midnight on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Public Works Director Erickson stated work on Area I would begin shortly after the road restrictions were lifted. He reported that notices were sent to residents and explained that mailboxes would be relocated.

Public Works Director Erickson provided the Council with an update on the County Road H and I-35W project.

Public Works Director Erickson thanked the Councilmembers for attending the groundbreaking ceremony last Friday for the new Public Works Facility.

City Administrator Ericson discussed the recent alarm event that occurred in Dallas, Texas. He explained that he had been in contact with individuals from the County regarding this event to discuss the security of the County's emergency siren systems.



**C. Reports of City Attorney.**

There was nothing additional to report.

- 12. Next Council Work Session: Monday, May 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.  
Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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