

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

**APPROVED**

Regular Meeting  
February 12, 2018  
Mounds View City Hall  
2401 Mounds View Blvd., Mounds View, MN 55112  
6:30 P.M.

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1. **MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER**
  2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  3. **ROLL CALL:** Bergeron, Gunn, Hull, Meehlhause, Mueller  
  
**NOT PRESENT:** None.
  4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
    - A. **Monday, February 12, 2018, City Council Agenda.**

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Hull. To Approve the Monday, February 12, 2018, agenda as amended removing Item 9F.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **January 22, 2018, City Council Meeting Minutes.**

Council Member Gunn requested a correction on Page 6, Line 37 changing Blaine to Spring Lake Park.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Bergeron. To Approve the January 22, 2018, City Council meeting minutes as corrected.

Council Member Meehlhause asked if Council minutes could be approved on the Consent Agenda. City Attorney Riggs reported this was allowed by State Statute.

Ayes – 5                      Nays – 0                      Motion carried.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Meehlhause asked to remove Item 6B.

- A. **Just and Correct Claims.**
- B. ~~Resolution 8905 Nominating Joe Flaherty as SBM Fire Board Representative.~~
- C. **Set a Public Hearing for Monday, February 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. to Consider amending Municipal Code, Section 702.01, Subd 13(b), regarding Possession, Aiming or Discharging of Weapons.**
- D. **Resolution 8908 Approving the 2018 Public Works Parks Seasonal Positions.**

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Meehlhause. To Approve the Consent Agenda as amended removing Item 6B.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

- B. **Resolution 8905 Nominating Joe Flaherty as SBM Fire Board Representative.**

Council Member Meehlhause thanked former Mayor Joe Flaherty for being willing to serve as the City's representatives on the SBM Fire Board.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Mueller. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8905 Nominating Joe Flaherty as SBM Fire Board Representative.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Urbanski, 2367 Sherwood Road, spoke to the Council regarding a proposed private gun club being located in Mounds View at the Crossroad Pointe development site on Mounds View Boulevard. He explained he taught high school in White Bear Lake for 35 years and was a member of the White Bear Lake Chamber of Commerce. He commented on how the Thursday evening Market Fest initiative has positively impacted local businesses in White Bear Lake. He proposed the City build market rate apartments with first floor retail on the Crossroad Pointe site and not a gun club. He suggested the retail include a bakery, coffee shop and have outdoor seating. He recommended the apartment building be built in a horseshoe shape to allow for a plaza area in the middle which could be used for weekly farmer's market or art show events.

Jerry Shores, 5079 Eastwood Road, addressed the idea of lead leeching. He anticipated there was more of a lead paint issue in the City in its older housing stock than would be created by the proposed gun club. He believed guns should only be discharged for two reasons in the City of Mounds View, one by Police Officers while carrying out their duty and second in the protection of a person in their home.

Steve Chambers, 2957 Sherwood Place, stated he was shocked the City was considering a gun range on the Crossroads Pointe property. He explained he has spoken to 60 of his neighbors and

noted there was great opposition. He encouraged the Council to not support the proposed gun range given the growing opposition.

Lisa Rolfs, 8429 Eastwood Road, recommended the Council not consider gun sales in its central corridor. She believed this would be a missed opportunity and indicated there were many other types of retail and commercial uses that could be placed on the Crossroads Pointe site. She stated one of the strengths of the City was its school district and she feared how this could be impacted by a gun club. She encouraged Mounds View to not become divided as a community but rather to say no to the gun club to protect property values and for the benefit of the entire City.

Anne Zierdt, 7416 Park View Drive, explained she was born with a severely cleft palate because her mom did not have proper ventilation in her dental office where she worked as a hygienist. She stated she had 22 surgeries before she graduated from high school due to the exposure her mom had to dental chemicals which were far less risky than lead. She explained she was now a health care worker and would be happy to conduct additional research on this issue for the City Council. She encouraged the City to consider the long-term exposure this neighborhood would have to lead and not pursue the gun range.

## **8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **A. Presentation of the Heart Safe Award.**

Police Chief Harder explained the City of Mounds View was presented with a Heart Safe Award based on their efforts to become a Heart Safe Community.

Dr. Charlie Lick, physician at Unity Hospital and EMS Director for Allina, explained he began this initiative to get AED's into all sheriff and police vehicles in Buffalo County which led to the saving of lives. He stated this led to additional funding to start the Heart Safe program. He commented on the severe epidemic in the nation surrounding heart disease. He reported the State of Minnesota has some of the top survival rates given its efforts to address cardiac arrest.

Officer Heineman commented on the journey the City has been on to become a Heart Safe Community. She thanked the Council for their support. She noted sudden cardiac arrest takes the lives of over 325,000 people each year. She stated it was critical for a patient to receive care in the first minutes of the event. Through the Heart Safe Community program, she has been educating residents on how to identify sudden cardiac events and has empowered bystanders to begin CPR and to use an AED. She explained the actions of these bystanders can positively impact the community and beyond. She discussed the training events that were held in the City noting 636 people had been trained in CPR and AED use. Because of these efforts the City applied for and received a Heart Safe Community designation by the American Heart Association in December of 2017. She thanked all who had been involved in this initiative.

Carol Freeze, Allina Heart Safe Communities, commended the City of Mounds View on becoming a Heart Safe designated community and presented the City with a plaque. A round of applause was given by those in attendance.

**9. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- A. ~~6:30 p.m. Public Hearing: Resolution 8903 Approving a Residential Kennel License for Linda Brasaemle, 5127 Long Lake Road.~~ (Continue this item to Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.)**

City Administrator Zikmund recommended this item be continued to the February 26, 2018 City Council meeting.

- B. First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 939, Amending Municipal Code, Section 702.01, Subd 13(b), regarding Possession, Aiming or Discharging of Weapons.**

City Planner/Supervisor Sevald requested the Council introduce an Ordinance amending City Code regarding the possession, aiming and discharging of weapons. He explained INH was requesting a change to the Code in order to allow for a gun range in the City. He reported the City Attorney has reviewed the proposed amendments and recommended approval.

Mayor Mueller opened the floor to public comments.

Scott Schrader, 2566 Hillview Road, stated he believed the City was jumping the gun by amending City Code before having final development plans to consider. He suggested the Council not amend City Code until preliminary plans were before the City. He recommended deep consideration be made by the Council on the proposed gun club and if this was a good fit for the City of Mounds View.

Mayor Mueller closed the floor to public comments.

City Attorney Riggs provided further comment on the proposed changes to City Code noting the proposed Ordinance amendment would comply with State Statute.

Council Member Bergeron stated he would like to have staff add language similar to the City of Robbinsdale City Code to the ordinance amendment to address shooting at inanimate objects outside of a gun range. City Attorney Riggs advised this could be added if it fits within State Statute.

Council Member Bergeron suggested the proposed Ordinance be amended to include, pending investigation by the City Attorney, Subdivision 5, Section B, of the Robbinsdale City Ordinance. He believed that the addition of this language would address a number of safety concerns.

Council Member Hull stated he would like to hear from the developer on the proposed amendment to the Ordinance.

Pat Egan, INH Properties, provided the Council with a handout and commented on the State sound requirements. He reviewed the suggestions he received from his attorney regarding decibel levels. He reported he had to build a gun range to specific standards otherwise he would

not be able to get insurance.

Council Member Bergeron suggested the language be changed to read that the decibel level must comply with State Statute. Mr. Egan supported this recommendation.

AMENDMENT: Bergeron/Gunn. To Amend the Ordinance to read that persons engaged in target shooting at inanimate objects be within an enclosed structure that is sound proof to prevent the sound exceeding State Statute and that any projectiles are contained within the enclosed structure.

City Attorney Riggs requested he be allowed latitude to review this further and report back to the City Council. The Council supported staff having this latitude.

City Planner/Supervisor asked if it was the Council's intent to allow a residential shooting range. Council Member Bergeron stated this should not be allowed. City Attorney Riggs commented he would review the language to ensure gun ranges were only allowed on commercially zoned properties.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Amendment carried.

AMENDMENT: Bergeron/Gunn. To Amend the Ordinance allowing people, as an exception, to fire at a City Council approved gun range consistent with City Ordinances as well as State and Federal gun laws and regulations.

Council Member Bergeron explained this language was very similar to that found in the City Codes for Chanhassen, Stillwater and Princeton.

Mayor Mueller asked if the Council had to find a location for this addition. City Administrator Zikmund recommended the City Attorney find the proper location for this addition.

Council Member Meehlhause recommended this language be added to the beginning of Item 7, the shooting of firearms is prohibited.

Council Member Bergeron stated he was deferring this matter to the City Attorney. City Attorney Riggs reported he would review the Code and make amendments as directed by the City Council.

Mayor Mueller commented that this portion of City Code needed to be reviewed by the Council as it was not compliant with State Statute. City Attorney Riggs reported this was the case.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Amendment carried.

MOTION/SECOND: Gunn/Hull. To Waive the First Reading and Introduce Ordinance 939, Amending Municipal Code, Section 702.01, Subd 13(b), regarding Possession, Aiming or Discharging of Weapons as amended.

Council Member Gunn stated over time certain Ordinances require amendments due to changes in State Statute and noted this was the case with this Ordinance.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Amended Motion carried.

**C. Resolution 8901 Approving Transfers between Funds for 2017.**

Finance Director Beer requested the Council approve transfers between funds for 2017. He stated this was one of the last financial requirements to close out reports for last year. He recommended the transfer to the Special Projects Fund be increased from \$75,000 to \$275,000. In addition, he recommended the transfer from the General Fund to the Vehicle and Equipment Fund be increased. Lastly, he recommended changes to the fitness center be supported through an additional \$15,000 in funds.

MOTION/SECOND: Hull/Meehlhause. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8901 Approving Transfers between Funds for 2017.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**D. Resolution 8909 Approving the New Job Description for the Parks Maintenance/Forester Position.**

Public Works Director Peterson requested the Council approve the new job description for the Parks Maintenance/Forester Position. He explained this was the last piece of the restructuring of the Public Works Department which began last fall. He indicated he spoke to neighboring communities regarding their job descriptions in order to create the new job description.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Gunn. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8909 Approving the New Job Description for the Parks Maintenance/Forester Position.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**E. Resolution 8904 Authorizing Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to Complete Plans and Specifications for the Business Park North Street Reconstruction (Program Avenue, Quincy Street, Woodale Drive, Clifton Drive).**

Public Works Director Peterson requested the Council authorize Stantec to complete plans and specifications for the Business Park North Street Reconstruction project which included Program Avenue, Quincy Street, Woodale Drive and Clifton Drive. He reviewed the project timeline for the Business Park North project in further detail and recommended the Council authorize Stantec to complete the plans and specs.

MOTION/SECOND: Meehlhause/Hull. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8904 Authorizing Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to Complete Plans and Specifications for the

Business Park North Street Reconstruction (Program Avenue, Quincy Street, Woodale Drive, Clifton Drive).

Council Member Meehlhause stated this was a great continuation of the City's street improvement project.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**F. Resolution 8906 Appointing Bradley LeTourneau to position of Public Works Superintendent.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**G. Resolution 8907 Appointing Brian Sawyer to the Position of Police Officer.**

Police Chief Harder requested the Council appoint Brian Sawyer to the position of Police Officer. He explained 34 candidates applied for this position, which was approved by the referendum passed last fall. He noted a series of interviews were held and after the final interviews staff was recommending the hire of Brian Sawyer. If approved, it was noted Mr. Sawyer would begin working with the City on or before March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Mueller asked if Mr. Sawyer has previous experience as a Police Officer. Police Chief Harder explained Mr. Sawyer currently works part-time as a Police Officer for two different agencies.

MOTION/SECOND: Mueller/Bergeron. To Waive the Reading and Adopt Resolution 8907 Appointing Brian Sawyer to the Position of Police Officer.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**10. REPORTS**

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

Council Member Gunn reported the I-35W Coalition scheduled for Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> has been canceled and would be rescheduled.

Council Member Meehlhause stated the City of Mounds View HR Committee met today to discuss City Administrator Zikmund. He noted the group discussed the City Administrator's goals for the coming year.

Council Member Meehlhause reported he would be attending an NYFS HR meeting on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and an NYFS Board meeting on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Council Member Meehlhause indicated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Daddy Daughter Dance would be held on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Gunn stated she attended the SBM Fire and Mounds View Police Department hockey game. She commended the Police Officers on their great efforts. She encouraged the Police Department to challenge the SBM Fire Department to a softball game this spring.

Mayor Mueller explained she was contacted by a local business owner requesting additional lights on Program Avenue. Finance Director Beer encouraged this business owner to contact Xcel Energy directly regarding this matter.

Mayor Mueller stated she received mail from Officer Sarah David noting she had arrived at her deployment location in El Paso, Texas. Officer David passed along her thanks to the City Council for their continued support.

Mayor Mueller commented on the League of Minnesota Cities Safety and Loss Control workshop which would be held on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in Brooklyn Park. She noted she would be attending this event.

Mayor Mueller encouraged the public to support the Ramsey County Library on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at their Whale of a Tale event at the Ramsey County Library in Roseville.

Mayor Mueller commended all eight of its tobacco license holders for passing their compliance checks in 2017.

Mayor Mueller thanked the public for bringing forward their comments and concerns regarding the proposed gun club. She noted the Council was working hard on gathering information to address the concerns and noted staff was drafting an FAQ regarding this topic.

## **B. Reports of Staff.**

Public Works Director Peterson updated the Council on the hiring process that was underway for the Superintendent and GIS positions. He explained staff was moving into the new Public Works facility. He hoped to have all of the pods removed from the site by the end of the week. He reported administrative staff would be moving into the new building on Saturday.

Police Chief Harder stated the Police Department would be participating in an internship program with Bethel University. He noted the intern would be working with the department 10 hours a week. He thanked all of the residents that were able to attend the recent hockey game. He encouraged the public to get registered for the Daddy Daughter Dance which would be held on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mounds View Community Center Gym.

City Administrator Zikmund updated the Council on the meetings he would be attending this week. He commented on his weekly update and the needs of the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. He explained he would be attending some training the first week of March which means he would

miss the Council worksession meeting. It was noted other staff members would be leading the meeting.

Further discussion ensued regarding the new TCL (Tomorrow's Civic Leaders) program.

**C. Reports of City Attorney.**

City Attorney Riggs provided the Council with an update on the MWF development.

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| <b>11. Next Council Work Session:</b> | <b>Monday, March 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.</b>     |
| <b>Next Council Meeting:</b>          | <b>Monday, February 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>Next EDA Meeting:</b>              | <b>Monday, February 26, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.</b> |

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Transcribed by:

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