

CITY OF ST. CLOUD COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 22, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
2. **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES.**
3. **ROLL CALL:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT JEFF GOERGER PRESENT IN CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM #1. **COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT BY TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:** PAUL BRANDMIRE, MIKE CONWAY, GEORGE HONTOS, STEVE LARAWAY, CAROL LEWIS, AND DAVE MASTERS.

4. **COVID-19 UPDATE.**

MAYOR DAVE KLEIS SPOKE TO RECENT STATE FUNDING/GRANTS RECEIVED IN SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESSES WITHIN THE ST. CLOUD COMMUNITY. THIS SECOND ROUND OF FUNDING IS A DIRECT APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE COUNTIES. HE DID NOT HAVE DETAILS ON THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED FOR STEARNS COUNTY, NOR THE AMOUNT STEARNS COUNTY ALLOCATED FOR ST. CLOUD. HOWEVER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CATHY MEHELICH WILL BE ASKED TO SHARE DETAILS WITH THE COUNCIL.

ERIN TUFTE, STEARNS COUNTY/CITY OF ST. CLOUD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANAGER, PROVIDED AN EOC COVID UPDATE. SHE SHARED THE LOCAL CASE NUMBERS FOR STEARNS, BENTON, AND SHERBURNE COUNTIES. SHE ALSO SPOKE TO VACCINE NUMBERS TO DATE FOCUSING ON STEARNS COUNTY – PHASE 1A. SHE PROVIDED THE COVID VACCINE DATA WEBSITE:

<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/date/index.jsp>

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** ACTION TAKEN: IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5. – 10. AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS REQUESTED TO REMOVE ITEM 11. TO ALLOW COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECUSE HIMSELF. APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
7. **REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ST. CLOUD HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED THE REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JEFF GOERGER AND COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE HONTOS FOR TERMS TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2025.

8. **CHANGE ORDER #2 WATER TREATMENT FACILITY ADVANCED PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS & UPGRADE.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.

9. **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING THE STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD AND TOBACCO LICENSE ESTABLISHMENTS REGARDING TOBACCO VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 424 OF THE 2007 ST. CLOUD CODE OF ORDINANCES.** ACTION TAKEN: THE FOLLOWING FIVE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED:
 - MEGAVAPES, INC. ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-02-17.
 - SMOKIN' MONKEY ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-02-18.
 - SPEEDWAY #4255 ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-02-19;
 - SPEEDWAY #4361 ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-02 20; AND
 - THE ST. CLOUD TOBACCO SHOP ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-02-21.

10. **A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CALVARY HILL BOOSTER STATION EMERGENCY GENERATOR.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.

11. **ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 327 4TH AVENUE SOUTH AND 332 5TH AVENUE SOUTH FROM R7, HIGH RISE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND C4, FRINGE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C6, SOUTHSIDE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. (REZ-2021-01)** ACTION TAKEN: COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS REMOVED THIS ITEM. COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS RECUSED HIMSELF. IT WAS THEN MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY, TO SET A READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 8, 2021. APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS RECUSING.

PUBLIC HEARING:

12. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL HOUSING BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPEMENT AUTHORITY OF ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA AND AFFIRMING THE PLEDGE OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD TO THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS.** KAREN RIZER, HRA FINANCE DIRECTOR, INTRODUCED THE ITEM. SHE EXPLAINED THAT BY USING THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD'S GENERAL OBLIGATION PLEDGE, THE HRA RECEIVES A REDUCED INTEREST RATE AND SAVINGS IN DEBT SERVICE COSTS ON THEIR CURRENT MORTGAGES. COST SAVINGS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$96,000 OVER THE 15-YEAR TERM OF THE GOVERNMENTAL HOUSING PROJECT BONDS. COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WAS NO ONE WISHING

TO SPEAK. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0. ADOPTED RESOLUTION WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-02-22.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 13. RESOLUTION ORDERING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL 1 FOR 2020 IMPROVEMENTS.** CITY ENGINEER STEVE FOSS INTRODUCED THE ITEM. HE NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2021. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED ON THAT DATE AND THE ITEM WAS REFERRED BACK TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW AND RESPOND TO PUBLIC TESTIMONY RECEIVED. FULL SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSES WERE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKET FOR THIS MEETING. CITY ENGINEER FOSS NOTED THAT TWO PARCELS WERE REMOVED FROM ASSESSMENT ROLL 1 AS BOTH PARTIES QUESTIONED THEIR ASSESSED VALUE. ENGINEERING STAFF HAS SINCE PREPARED ASSESSABLE RATES AND ASSESSABLE COSTS FOR THEIR REVIEW (PARCEL 82-45025-0000, OWNER: NATHANIEL AND KARI COURT, 1048-25TH AVENUE NORTH, AND PARCEL 82-45233-0000, OWNER DAVID AND MATILDA MERCURIO, 2405-9TH STREET NORTH). THE TWO PARCELS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE COUNCIL WITH ASSESSMENT ROLL 2 AT A FUTURE DATE. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ORDERING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL 1 FOR 2020 IMPROVEMENTS. APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0. ADOPTED RESOLUTION ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-02-23.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS.** PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR TRACY HODEL INTRODUCED THE ITEM. SHE SPOKE TO THE LOCAL ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP) WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY MN LEGISLATURE IN 2002 AND IS ADMINISTERED BY MnDOT. THE BONDING BILL PASSED IN OCTOBER 2020 INCLUDES \$75 MILLION IN LRIP FUNDS, WITH A CAP OF \$1.25 MILLION FOR EACH PROJECT. TWO OF OUR CITY PROJECTS: 2021 KILIAN PROJECT AND THE 2022 WILSON PROJECT MEET ELIGIBLE CRITERIA AND PROJECT READINESS FOR THE LFIP "ROUTES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT" FUNDS. IF THE CITY WERE AWARDED THE FUNDS, IT COULD COVER THE TOTAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE KILIAN PROJECT AND 25% OF THE WILSON PROJECT. BOTH PROJECTS ARE IN OUR CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FOR 2021-2022. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 7-0 VOTE. THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-02-24.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS READ AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK, **Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America**, IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE THIRD ROUND OF PPP (PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM) LOANS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO SMALL BUSINESSES WITH FEWER THAN 20 EMPLOYEES. THE WINDOW TO APPLY BEGINS FEBRUARY 24, 2021 AND ENDS MARCH 10, 2021. HE ENCOURAGED LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES TO CHECK WITH THEIR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ON THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

ADJOURNMENT & OPEN FORUM:

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:43 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0.

THERE WAS NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE OPEN FORUM.



Seth Kauffman, City Clerk



Jeff Goerger, City Council President