

CITY OF ST. CLOUD COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 8, 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.

COVID-19 UPDATE.

- MAYOR DAVE KLEIS REPORTED THAT THE LATEST CHALLENGE OF COVID CASES OCCURRED IN THE CITY'S REFUSE DEPARTMENT. ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF WERE ABLE TO MANAGE AND MAINTAIN CITY SERVICES. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT CITY PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES ARE RECEIVING SECOND ROUND OF VACCINE.
- COUNCILMEMBER STEVE LARAWAY REPORTED THAT HE RECENTLY MET WITH CENTRACARE LEADERS AND WAS TOLD THAT THE NUMBER OF COVID CASES ARE DECLINING IN OUR COMMUNITY. HE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL OF WEARING MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND WASHING HANDS.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** ACTION TAKEN: COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS PULLED ITEM 9 AND ADDED ITEMS TO OPEN DISCUSSION. COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE MOVED, COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY SECONDED, TO APPROVE ITEMS 4 – 10 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 9. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2021.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
6. **RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION HOUSING REVENUE BONDS BY THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA; CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.** ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-02-13.
7. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A NEW FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV FOR \$37,402.56 AND APPROXIMATELY \$4,555.41 IN NEW**

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT FROM THE DUI FORFEITURE ACCOUNT. ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-02-14.

- 8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH BENTON COUNTY FOR THE CITY COST PARTICIPATION IN THE BENTON COUNTY ROAD 90/40TH AVENUE SE IMPROVEMENTS.** ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-02-15.
- 9. RENEWAL OF TOBACCO LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF 1-1-2021 TO 12-31-2021.** ACTION TAKEN: COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS MOVED APPROVAL; COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY SECONDED THE MOTION. CITY CLERK SETH KAUFFMAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE BUSINESSES ON THE LIST THAT FAILED EACH YEAR OF THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD, BUT NO MORE THAN ONE TIME EACH YEAR. A THIRD CITATION RISKS A LOSS OF LICENSE AND ALL BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF REGULATIONS. MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0.
- 10. RENEWAL OF AMUSEMENT CENTER, AMUSEMENT DEVICE, BOWLING ALLEY, PAWN SHOP, POOL TABLE, PREMISE GAMBLING AND SKATING LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF 1-1-2021 TO 12-31-2021.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 11. RESOLUTION ORDERING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL 1 FOR 2020 IMPROVEMENTS.** CITY ENGINEER STEVE FOSS INTRODUCED THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL 1 FOR 2020 CONSISTING OF THREE COMPONENTS: 25TH AVENUE NORTH IMPROVEMENTS; RECERTIFIED ASSESSMENTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENT AGREEMENTS. HE REVIEWED THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS THAT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED FOR EACH SEGMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL.

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON **25TH AVENUE NORTH FROM 8TH TO 12TH STREET NORTH AND UPPER PAN SANITARY SEWER REROUTING IMPROVEMENTS**. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TESTIFIED:

NATHANIEL COURT, 1048-25TH AVENUE NORTH; ASKED IF THE PRESSURE IN THE SEWER GAS LINES HAD BEEN ADJUSTED AS HE COULD SMELL SEWER GAS ODOR OUTSIDE AND NOTICED XCEL ENERGY IN THE AREA. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE PILOT PROJECT FOR CLEARING THE SIDEWALKS OF SNOW.

MICHONG SUSIE CARLSON, 933-25TH AVENUE NORTH; REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ON THE PAYMENT PROCESS OPTIONS AVAILABLE AS A SINGLE PERSON.

MARTY AND GERI CZECH, 1142 – 25TH AVENUE NORTH; REPORTED THE ODOR OF SEWER GAS IN THE AREA IN THE PAST. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE EAST-WEST

PIPE INSTALLED ON 15TH STREET NORTH AND NORTHWAY DRIVE CREATED A BIG HUMP IN THE ROAD.

KARI COURT, 1048-25TH AVENUE NORTH; SPOKE TO THREE CONCERNS: (1) QUESTIONED THE PILOT SNOW REMOVAL PROJECT AND ASKED IF IT COULD BE EXTENDED INTO THE NEXT WINTER SEASON; (2) ASKED IF HER PROPERTY VALUE AND TAXES WOULD INCREASE DUE TO HER ASSESSMENT AMOUNT; AND (3) ASKED WHEN THE ASSESSMENT PAYMENT IS DUE AND FELT THAT A 30-DAY INTEREST FREE PERIOD WAS TOO SHORT-TERM.

NO ONE ELSE TESTIFIED.

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JEFF GOERGER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON **RECERTIFIED ASSESSMENTS**. NO ONE TESTIFIED.

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JEFF GOERGER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON **MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENT AGREEMENTS**. NO ONE TESTIFIED.

THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN/PHONE/EMAILCORRESPONDENCE WERE RECEIVED: (1) MICHAEL THEISEN, 1056-25TH AVENUE N., OPPOSED THE ROADWAY ASSESSMENTS BECAUSE 25TH AVENUE NORTH IS A MAIN THOROUGHFARE AND SUGGESTED THE COST OF THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION FALL UPON THE CITY; (2) AUDREY STERRIKER, 845-25TH AVENUE NORTH; OPPOSED THE ASSESSMENT AS SHE IS A WIDOW WITH A LOW INCOME; (3) DAVID AND MATILDA MERCURIO, 2405 9TH STREET NORTH; OBJECTED TO THEIR ASSESSMENT SUGGESTING THE CITY FAILED TO PROVIDE FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE AMOUNT OF THEIR ASSESSMENT AND ASKED ABOUT THEIR PROPERTY VALUE INCREASE AS RELATES TO MN STATUTE; AND (4) DAN LAHR, PROPERTY ADDRESS OF 2302-40TH AVENUE; OWNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, SUN VILLA ESTATES, REQUESTED CONSIDERATION OF A REASSESSMENT.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS, TO TABLE THE ASSESSMENT ROLL 1 RESOLUTION FOR 2020 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FEBRUARY 22, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ALLOW THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A DETAILED REPORT ON ALL COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

12. **RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE MAYOR'S LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION.** IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS,

TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED BY A 7-0 VOTE. RESOLUTION ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-02-16.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CENTRAL MINNESOTA TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY AND THE EAST CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL ARE SPONSORING A "FOOD DISTRIBUTION DAY" FOR FAMILIES IN NEED ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, FROM 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. AT THE ST. CLOUD LABOR HOME, 1903 N. 4TH STREET, ST. CLOUD.

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS HONORED "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" BY READING ALOUD THE CLOSING TEXT OF AMANDA GORMAN'S INAUGURAL POEM, "THE HILL WE CLIMB" ---"FOR THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT, IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SEE IT, IF ONLY WE'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BE IT."

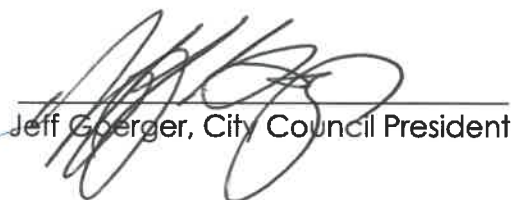
ADJOURNMENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER ANNOUNCED THAT THE OPEN FORUM WAS OPEN. THERE WAS NO ONE WISHING TO SPEAK.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:42 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7-0.



Seth Kauffman, City Clerk



Jeff Goerger, City Council President