

CITY OF ST. CLOUD PROCEEDINGS
Monday, OCTOBER 25, 2021
6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES.

3. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: PAUL BRANDMIRE, MIKE CONWAY, JEFF GOERGER, GEORGE HONTOS, STEVE LARAWAY, CAROL LEWIS, AND DAVE MASTERS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

4. MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION TO THE 2022 ENTERPRISE FUNDS BUDGET.

MAYOR DAVE KLEIS ANNOUNCED THAT THE 2022 ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET WILL BE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE BY NOVEMBER 8, 2021. HE REVIEWED THE NINE ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE CITY: WATER, WASTEWATER, HYDROELECTRIC, STORMWATER, STREET LIGHT, REFUSE SERVICE, PARKING SYSTEM, MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX, AND RIVER'S EDGE CONVENTION CENTER. SCHEMATICS WERE DISPLAYED TO HIGHLIGHT THE PROJECTED DETAILS PROPOSED FOR EACH FUND ALONG WITH A COMPARISON OF THE AREA CITIES' WATER, WASTEWATER, AND STORMWATER AVERAGE BI-MONTHLY COSTS AND PROPOSED RATES. HE DISCUSSED THE AREA CITIES' (SAUK RAPIDS, SARTELL, ST. JOSEPH, ST. AUGUSTA, AND ST. CLOUD) WAC & SAC RATES, HIGHLIGHTING ST. CLOUD AS HAVING THE LOWEST RATES. HE SPOKE TO ST. CLOUD'S STATE AND NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING WATER FOR BEST QUALITY AND TASTE. HE EXPLAINED THE PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE WASTEWATER FEE OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS, BY 40 CENTS A UNIT IN 2022 AND BY FIFTY CENTS A UNIT FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE YEARS (2023-2025). HE SHARED THE CURRENT MONTHLY REFUSE SYSTEM CART SERVICE COSTS IN COMPARISON TO OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS/PRIVATE HAULERS. THE CITY IS PROPOSING A \$2.50 INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY CART SERVICE FEE FOR NEXT TWO YEARS. THE MAYOR ALSO GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF AVAILABLE REFUSE SERVICES INCLUDING SPECIAL PICKUPS. THE 2022 BUDGET INCLUDES INCREASING THE SPECIAL PICKUP FEE FROM \$10 PER CUBIC YARD TO \$20 PER CUBIC YARD OR 100 POUNDS. HE SPOKE TO THE PROPOSED FOUR-YEAR TWENTY CENT INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY STREET LIGHT UTILITY FEE AS THE CITY PREPARES TO PROVIDE NEW STREET LIGHTS IN AREAS NEAR I-94. HE ADDRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER DEVELOPING HEATHERWOOD ROAD AND OPPORTUNITY DRIVE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SAFETY. LASTLY, HE SPOKE TO THE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM AND RAMP PARKING. APPROXIMATELY 100 SURVEYS WERE HAND DELIVERED TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES WITH THE RESULTS OF THAT SURVEY DATA TO BE SHARED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE COMMENDED THE PUBLIC SERVICES TEAM AND ITS DIRECTOR TRACY HODEL. THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022 ENTERPRISE FUNDS BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2021. THE TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** ACTION TAKEN: COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS REMOVED AGENDA ITEM 9 FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADDED A HOUSEKEEPING ISSUE UNDER OPEN DISCUSSION. COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS ASKED TO SPEAK UNDER OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING THE UPCOMING STUDY SESSION. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANDMIRE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 5-8 AND 10-16A. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2021.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
7. **RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR A \$176,750.00 GRANT FUNDED BY THE US/DOT NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) FOR A PROJECT ENTITLED TOWARDS ZERO DEATH DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD.** ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-10-189.
8. **RESOLUTION SETTING NOVEMBER 22, 2021, FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2022 ENTERPRISE FUNDS BUDGET.** ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-10-190.
9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CLARK FIELD.** ACTION TAKEN: COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CITY PAID \$1 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CLARK FIELD, BUT QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A FINANCIAL BUDGET SET ASIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE FIELD. MAYOR DAVE KLEIS RESPONDED THAT OTHER THAN GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND MOWING THE GRASS AS WE DO WITH ALL CITY PARKS, THERE WILL BE MINIMAL TO NO COSTS TO THE CITY. SOME REPAIRS AND CAPITAL COSTS WILL BE MADE BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT. THE FRIENDS OF CLARK FIELD ARE DOING FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF REMOVING THE PRESS BOX. THE MAYOR SUGGESTED THIS PARK WILL SERVE AS AN ASSET AND BRING PARTNERSHIPS AND FUTURE RENTAL REVENUE FOR THE CITY. HE FURTHER COMMENDED ALL OUR CITY PARKS AND STAFF. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-10-191.
10. **(A) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF Highbanks Plaza; AND (B) ORDINANCE REZONING 400 SECOND STREET SOUTH FROM C6, Southside Mixed Use District, to PUD, Planned Unit Development. (REZ20212-07); AND (C) RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 5TH AVENUE LIVE PUD TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A PROFESSIONAL OFFICE BUILDING AND RESTAURANT ON THE SITE OF CITY HALL.**

(LOCATION: 400 2ND STREET SOUTH) ACTION TAKEN: THE READING AND PUBLIC HEARING WAS SET ON 10A, 10B, AND 10C FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2021.

11. **ORDINANCE VACATING A 10-FOOT WIDE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT CENTERED ON THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 2, GRANITE CITY CROSSINGS. (LOCATION: 4175 AND 4255 ROOSEVELT ROAD) (VAC-2021-11)** ACTION TAKEN: THE READING AND PUBLIC HEARING WAS SET FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2021.
12. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POLICY FOR GRANTING CREDITS AGAINST SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO LOW INCOME PROPERTY OWNERS FOR 2022 IMPROVEMENTS.** ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-10-192.
13. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICES SECTION TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE SERVICES OF THE NORTHSTAR PARK-N-RIDE LOT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.** ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-10-193.
14. **REMOVAL OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT 8TH AVENUE AND ST. GERMAIN STREET WEST.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
15. **APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE WEIHNACHTSMARKT EVENT TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2021.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
16. **APPLICATION FOR A TOBACCO LICENSE FROM DOOST, LLC, 702 33RD AVENUE NORTH.** ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED.
- 16A. **RESOLUTION ANNEXING PROPERTY IN MINDEN TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, KNOWN AS THE BERG PROPERTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 12 AND 13, 2021.** ACTION TAKEN: RESOLUTION ADOPTED AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 2021-10-194.

PUBLIC HEARING:

17. **(A) ORDINANCE VACATING A 10-FOOT WIDE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1, LOMMEL ADDITION. (LOCATION: 25252 AND 25274 58TH AVENUE); AND (B) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF LOMMEL ADDITION 2. (LOCATION: 25252 AND 25274 58TH AVENUE) (PLAT-2021-16)** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MATT GLAESMAN INTRODUCED THE TWO ITEMS. THE APPLICANT, BILL LOMMEL, IS REQUESTING TO REPLAT THE EXISTING TWO LOTS BY REALIGNING THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE AND VACATING THE DRAINAGE AND EASEMENT BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2. COUNCIL PRESIDENT GOERGER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. NO ONE SPOKE. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULL DISCLOSURE, COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY STATED THAT HE RESIDES IN THE AREA AND

SUPPORTS THE PROJECT. ACTION TAKEN: IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED IN 17A. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. THE ADOPTED ORDINANCE WAS ASSIGNED NUMBER 2850.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CONWAY, TO APPROVE 17B. AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

OPEN DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMEMBER HONTOS ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART WITH EMPLOYEE NAMES.

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS SAID THAT THE WILDER FOUNDATION CONDUCTED A STUDY OF HOMELESSNESS IN MINNESOTA IN 2018. SHE REQUESTED A COPY OF THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THAT STUDY PRIOR TO THE STUDY SESSION ON NOVEMBER 1ST. SHE ALSO ENCOURAGED THE HOMELESS ADVOCACY GROUPS IN OUR AREA TO ATTEND AND OBSERVE THE DISCUSSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE ATTENDEES ON HOMELESSNESS.

ADJOURNMENT:

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARAWAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MASTERS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:04 P.M. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

OPEN FORUM (NOT TELEVISED):

ALAN BLOCK, 1718 TIMBERDOODLE DRIVE; SPOKE TO THE LACK OF ON-STREET WINTER PARKING AND CONCERNS ABOUT TICKETING DURING THE WINTER PARKING BAN.

JOHN DOMAN, 1512 HIGHLAND TRAIL; EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR UPGRADES TO 33RD STREET SOUTH (PROVIDED A SIGNED LETTER TO THE COUNCIL STATING THE OWNERS IN THE BLUFFS ARE IN FAVOR OF NEW BITUMINOUS LAYER ON THE STREETS OF SOUTHWOOD HEIGHTS AND HIGHLAND TRAIL.)

LOBBYIST DAVID TURCH (DAVID TURCH AND ASSOCIATES); ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL ON THE CURRENT STATE OF ST. CLOUD LOBBYING PROJECTS IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Jeff Goerger
City Council President

Seth Kauffman
City Clerk