



# City of Northfield

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## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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Tuesday, March 10, 2020

6:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### Council Meeting

#### 6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA

##### CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** 4 - Council Member David DeLong, Council Member Clarice Grabau, Council Member Brad Ness, and Council Member Erica Zweifel

**Absent:** 3 - Council Member Suzie Nakasian, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, and Mayor Rhonda Pownell

##### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Mayor Pro Tem Grabau noted the changes to the agenda as follows, Res. 2020-032A added as the last item on the Regular Agenda and Item #9 Res. 2020-027 removed from the agenda.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Zweifel, to approve the agenda with the changes noted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Ness, and C. Zweifel

##### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [20-146](#) February 11, 2020 City Council Work Session Meeting minutes.

**A motion was made by Council Member DeLong, seconded by Council Member Ness, to approve the February 11, 2020 City Council Work Session minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Ness, and C. Zweifel

2. [20-147](#) February 18, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member DeLong, to approve the February 18, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Ness, and C. Zweifel

##### CONSENT AGENDA

*City Administrator Martig introduced the Consent Agenda items.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Zweifel, seconded by Council Member Ness, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Ness, and C. Zweifel

4. [Res. 2020-029](#) Consider a Resolution Application for 2020-2021 Minnesota Greencorps Member.
5. [Res. 2020-030](#) Consider Resolution Approving Application for Environmental Assistance Grant.
6. [20-148](#) Consider Approving Disbursements totaling \$1,234,341.38.  
Enactment No: M2020-033
7. [20-149](#) Consider Motion Accepting Collateral Assignment Agreements for 5th Street Loft TIF Note.  
Enactment No: M2020-034

## OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## REGULAR AGENDA

8. [Res. 2020-031](#) Consider Resolution for Approval of Land Acknowledgement Statement.

*Beth Kallestad, Program Coordinator, introduced Mar Valdecantos, Vice Chair of Human Rights Commission (HRC). Valdecantos discussed the history of the land the City is on and the people who are here now. Noted the City was approached by the colleges to consider this. Encouraged Council to not shy away from discussing past trauma to promote healing and learning. Kallestad answered questions posed by Council. Angelique Dietz, Chair of HRC, 616 E 5th St., addressed Council regarding this item. Spoke in support of the longer version of the land acknowledgement statement.*

*Dorothea Hrossowyc, 8620 Wall St. Rd, Northfield Township. Gave history of land acknowledgement movement.*

*Council shared some language preferences for revisions to the statement and spoke regarding the need for an education component.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Zweifel, seconded by Council Member DeLong, to approve Resolution 2020-031 with the longer version of the Land Acknowledgement Statement. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - C. Grabau, and C. Zweifel

**No:** 2 - C. DeLong, and C. Ness

### [TMP-6034](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Zweifel, seconded by Council Member DeLong, to approve sending the Land Acknowledgement Statement back to the Human Rights Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Ness, and C. Zweifel

Enactment No: M2020-043

[Res. 2020-032A](#) Consider Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract - 2020 Mill and Overlay Project.

*Public Works Director/City Engineer Bennett introduced this item and answered questions posed by Council.*

**A motion was made by Council Member DeLong, seconded by Council Member Ness, to approve Resolution 2020-032A - Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for 2020 Mill and Overlay Project with amendment to 4a to read Capital Fund Reserve rather than General Fund Reserve. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Ness, and C. Zweifel

## ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

10. [20-150](#) City Administrator's Update.

*Police Chief Nelson updated Council on COVID-19, providing updated statistics as well as measures to avoid contracting the Coronavirus. Nelson and Martig discussed communication strategy, using careful messaging to ensure correct information is distributed, and ways to stay healthy. Martig noted the upcoming State of City address on March 16 and the Rain Garden Workshop at Community Action Center on March 19.*

## REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

*C. Zweifel - None.*

*C. Ness - Attended NAFRS meeting and Riverfront Enhancement listening session at St Olaf. Talked to Lions Club and Sertoma Club about City.*

*C. DeLong - Encouraged all to attend the State of the City Address to see who won the Board and Commission Award.*

*C. Grabau - Congratulated the City on having Spanish translation available at the State of the City Address. Noted she is having fun reviewing the Mayor for a Day essays.*

## ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member DeLong, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Ness, and C. Zweifel