



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: 7 - Council Member Brad Ness, Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Council Member Jami Reister, Council Member George Zuccolotto, Council Member Kathleen Holmes, Council Member Davin Sokup, and Council Member Jessica Peterson White

Also present: Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett, Engineering Manager Sean Simonson, Police Chief Mark Elliott, City Clerk Lynette Peterson and Ehlers Financial Advisor Nick Anhut.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Reister, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

1. [23-1083](#) Consider Approval of April 4, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.
2. [23-1084](#) Consider Approval of April 11, 2023 City Council Work Session Minutes.
3. [23-1085](#) Consider Approving Disbursements totaling \$1,622,333.21
4. [Res. 2023-034](#) Consider Resolution Proclaiming the month of April 2023 Fair Housing Month.
5. [Res. 2023-039](#) Consider Resolution Honoring 2022-2023 Minneapolis Aquatennial Queen of

the Lakes Kaia Schomburg.

6. [23-1087](#) Consider Approval of a Temporary Liquor License for Loon Liquors LLC for May 18, 2023.
7. [Res. 2023-035](#) Consideration to Accept Donation for Memorial Garden at Way Park.
8. [23-1088](#) Consider Approving New Joint Funding Agreement for River Gages between the U.S. Geological Survey and the City of Northfield
9. [Res. 2023-036](#) Consider approval of Purchase Agreement for land for Water Treatment Plant.
10. [23-1089](#) Consider Approving Professional Service Agreement for the Water Treatment Plant Project - WATR2023-J34.
11. [Ord. 1054](#) Consider Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1054 Rezoning Lot 1 Block 1 of Depot Addition from Downtown District (C-1) to Public Institutional District (PI-S).
12. [23-1090](#) Consider Summary Publication of Ordinance 1054 Rezoning Lot 1 Block 1 of Depot Addition from Downtown District (C-1) to Public Institutional District (PI-S).

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Lillibridge, 824 Fremont Street E., addressed the Council regarding climate change and City salaries.

David Ludescher, 915 S. Washington, addressed the Council regarding the charter amendment vote.

Kari Engle, 2434 Valley Drive, addressed the Council regarding concerns of replacement of the Northfield Ice Arena.

` Recess

Council recessed at 6:15 p.m. Council meeting resumed at 6:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION

13. [23-1091](#) Public Hearing on Tax Abatement for Babcock Ballfield and Shelter Improvements and Sechler Park Softball Field Lighting.

Mayor Pownell declared the Public Hearing open at 6:27 p.m.

Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett introduced the item. Financial Advisor Nick Anhut from Ehlers gave an overview of the process for issuing Tax Abatement Bonds for the project. Anhut answered questions from the Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member

Zuccolotto, to close the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

14. [Res. 2023-037](#) Consider Resolution approving Property Tax Abatements.

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Reister, to approve Resolution No. 2023-037 Approving Tax Abatements. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

15. [23-1092](#) Public Hearing on Adopting the Street Reconstruction and Overlay Plan (SROP) and Issuance of Street Reconstruction and Overlay Bonds.

Mayor Pownell declared the public hearing open at 6:38 p.m.

Engineering Manager Sean Simonson presented an overview of the 2023-2027 Street Reconstruction and Overlay Plan including the project schedule.

Todd Zehnder, 2008 Lincoln Street S., addressed the Council regarding disappointment in the vote on April 4 regarding the bike lane included in this project.

Gary Freking, 1900 Lincoln Street S., addressed the Council regarding concerns about the bike lane included in the project.

Bill Lillibridge, 824 Frenmont Street E., addressed the Council regarding concerns of streets that are failing that are not in the 5-year reconstruction plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to close the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

16. [Res. 2023-038](#) Consider Resolution Adopting the Street Reconstruction and Overlay Plan (SROP) and Issuance of Street Reconstruction and Overlay Bonds.

A motion was made by Council Member Peterson White, seconded by Council Member Reister, to approve Resolution 2023-038 Approving a Street Reconstruction and Overlay Plan and Giving Preliminary Approval to the Issuance of Street Reconstruction Bonds. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

No: 1 - C. Ness

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

17. [23-1093](#) City Administrator's Update.

No report.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

No reports.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Peterson White, seconded by Council Member Ness, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - C. Ness, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White