



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

- Present:** 5 - Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Council Member Jami Reister, Council Member George Zuccolotto, Council Member Kathleen Holmes, and Council Member Davin Sokup
- Absent:** 2 - Council Member Brad Ness, and Council Member Jessica Peterson White

Also Present: City Administrator Ben Martig, Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett, Engineering Manager Sean Simonson, Police Chief Mark Elliott and City Clerk Lynette Peterson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Reister, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, and C. Sokup

PRESENTATIONS

1. [24-184](#) Presentation on Youth First Activities

Meleah Follen, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, presented the history of Youth First Initiative and activities, partnerships, Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Northfield Community College Collaborative and Opportunity Reboot. Martha Lundin, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, presented on Youth on Boards and YouthBank.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Yes:** 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, and C. Sokup

2. [24-185](#) Consider Approval of February 20, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.
3. [24-186](#) Consider Approving Disbursements totaling \$3,396,347.13

4. [24-187](#) Approve Vehicle for Hire License Renewals.
5. [24-188](#) Approve Refuse License Renewals.
6. [24-189](#) Consider Tobacco License for DG Retail, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store #24255, at 930 Highway 3 North.
7. [Res. 2024-021](#) Consider Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation with Northfield Township for Water Tower and Water Treatment Plant Property.
8. [Res. 2024-022](#) Consider Resolution Accepting Gifts Received by the City of Northfield in 2023.
9. [Res. 2024-023](#) Consider Resolution Amending 2024 Budget Related to AV Enhancements for City Hall Council Chambers Related to Dais Addition.
10. [Res. 2024-024](#) Consider Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Application to the Minnesota Drinking Water Revolving Fund.
11. [Res. 2024-025](#) Consider Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Application to the Minnesota Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF).
12. [Res. 2024-026](#) Consider Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract - Jefferson Parkway West Mill and Overlay and Mill Towns Trail Improvements Project.
13. [Res. 2024-027](#) Consider Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract - College Street and Water Street Areas Reconstruction Project.
14. [Res. 2024-028](#) Consider Resolution Accepting Public Improvements for the Hillcrest Village Addition (DEVP2021-Z41).

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Rogers, 12436 100th Street East, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution for cease fire in Gaza.

Adam Ailabouni, 307 Elm Street, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution for cease fire in Gaza.

Joel Wiesberg, 105 Winona Street, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution for cease fire in Gaza.

Jessica Meredith, 902 Maple Street, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution for cease fire in Gaza.

Faten Abu Al Ardat, St. Olaf College student, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution for cease fire in Gaza.

Jaylani Hussein, Executive Director of CAIR-MN, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution for cease fire in Gaza.

Corrine Smith, 505 College Street, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution of cease fire in Gaza.

Dorothea Hrossowyc, 8620 Wall Street Road, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution of cease fire in Gaza.

Chloe Epperson, Carleton College student, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution for cease fire in Gaza.

Bruce Benson, 670 Green Meadow Court, addressed the Council regarding support for a cease fire resolution in Gaza.

Allison Schmitt, 439 W. Minnesota Street, Le Center, addressed the Council regarding support for a resolution for cease fire in Gaza.

Augustus Lehn, St. Olaf College student, addressed the Council regarding support for a cease fire resolution in Gaza.

Katie Bergquist, St. Olaf College student, addressed the Council regarding support for a cease fire resolution in Gaza.

Brianna Wheeler, 328 Linden Street N., addressed the Council to stop Hauberg Woods Disc Golf construction.

Todd Zehnder, 2008 Lincoln Street South, addressed the Council regarding the Water Treatment Plant.

Gary Freking, 1900 Lincoln Street South, addressed the Council regarding the Water Treatment Plant.

Paul Hager, 110 Maple street, addressed the Council regarding the Water Treatment Plant.

Brian Bretoi, 3950 65th Street W., addressed the Council in support of the ice arena.

Josh Storm, 2018 Erie Drive, addressed the Council in support of the ice arena.

Chris Kennelly, 1610 Riverview Lane, addressed the Council in support of the ice arena.

REGULAR AGENDA

15. [Res. 2024-029](#) Consideration of Resolution Ordering Preparation of Feasibility Report for the 2025 Reclamation and Overlay Project.

Engineering Manager Sean Simonson addressed the Council giving background on the 2025 Reclamation and Overlay project. City Engineer/Public Works Director David Bennett and Simonson answered questions from the Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Reister, to approve Resolution No. 2024-029 Order Feasibility Report for the 2025 Reclamation and Overlay Project STRT2025-A80.

An amendment was made to the motion by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Sokup, to include in the preparation of the feasibility report a Washington Street alternative from Woodley Street south to the dead end to include a bike boulevard facility with a continuous sidewalk throughout that stretch.

The amended motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, and C. Sokup

The original motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, and C. Sokup

16. [Res. 2024-030](#) Consider Resolution of Support for Minnesota Senate File 4032 (Lieske) Northfield Armstrong Road and Trunk Highway 19 intersection bond issue and appropriation.

City Engineer/Public Works Director David Bennett gave background information on the Armstrong Road and Trunk Highway 19 intersection bond issue and appropriation.

A motion was made by Council Member Sokup, seconded by Council Member Reister, to approve Resolution No. 2024-030 Support for Minnesota Senate File 4032 Northfield Armstrong Road and Trunk Highway 19 Intersection Bond Issue and Appropriation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, and C. Sokup

ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

17. [24-190](#) City Administrator's Update.

City Administrator Ben Martig updated the Council on legislative updates and city operations.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Due to time constraints, no reports were received from Councilmembers.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Sokup, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, and C. Sokup