

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Minutes
March 5, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota

Members Present: Mayor Hicks, Councilmembers Alongi, Balsanek, Hollenbeck, Nelson, and Slavik.

Members Absent: Councilmember Schultz

Staff Present: City Administrator Dave Osberg
City Attorney Dan Fluegel
Assistant City Administrator Melanie Mesko Lee
City Engineer Nick Egger
Community Development Director John Hinzman
Finance Director Char Stark

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Hicks asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting on February 21, 2012. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.

Certificate of Appreciation—Planning Commissioner Dennis Peine

John Hinzman presented Planning Commissioner Dennis Peine with a Certificate in appreciation for his dedication and years of work with the City of Hastings

Council Items to be Considered

Moved by Councilmember Hollenbeck to add two resolutions: Resolution Supporting State Bond Funds for Freight Rail Fluidity and Capacity Improvement from Downtown St. Paul to Hastings and Resolution Supporting the Submittal for a FY2012 TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant for the East Metro Rail Yards Fluidity Project by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Seconded by Councilmember Alongi to add the two resolutions as presented
6 Ayes; Nays, None.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Councilmember Schultz, seconded by Councilmember Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

6 Ayes; Nays, None.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution 3-01-12—Approve a One-Day Temporary Gambling Permit for HFC
United on April 21, 2012

3. Resolution 3-02-12—Approve Transfer of On-Sale and Special Sunday Liquor Licenses from Celt's Irish Pub to Twisted Brothers LLC d/b/a Wyatt's Twisted Americana
4. Approve 2011 Budget Rollovers
5. Approve Purchase of Budgeted Park Equipment
6. Approve Agreement Regarding Parcel Boundary Line Adjustment, Sewer and Water Service Lines and Waiver of Procedural Irregularity and Assessment Appeal – South Oaks of Hastings 2nd Addition
7. Resolution 03-03-12—Supporting State Bond Funds for Freight Rail Fluidity and Capacity Improvement from Downtown St. Paul to Hastings
8. Resolution 03-04-12—Supporting the Submittal for a FY2012 TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant for the East Metro Rail Yards Fluidity Project by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Public Hearing— 2012 Infrastructure Improvements

Egger introduced the item.

Councilmember Nelson noted that his parents own the property located at 1590 Spring Street. He has no financial interest in the project and will be voting on the project and the assessment amount.

Mayor Hicks opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Pat Scully, 1617 Ashland Street, asked about the proposed street width.

Peter Fasbender, 1625 Maple Street, requested that Maple Street remain at the current width near 15th Street due to Pioneer Park and United Methodist Church.

Scott Thom, 319 17th Street, asked how the streets will be narrowed as well as maintenance of an existing parking pad.

Egger discussed the proposed width recommendations, noting that narrower streets are more economical to build and maintain and they tend to have a traffic calming effect. Egger noted that generally, existing parking pads may be maintained throughout a

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

Resolution 3-05-12—2012 Infrastructure Improvement Program: Order Improvement, Approve Plans, and Authorize Advertisement for Bid

There was discussion on the proposed street widths

Moved by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Alongi to order the project as presented.

Additional discussion on street widths throughout the project continued.

Moved by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek to amend the motion to reconstruct Maple Street at a width of 38' between 15th and 16th Streets.

Additional discussion on street widths along Maple Street continued.

Nelson withdrew his amendment with affirmation from Balsanek.

Moved by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Slavik to amend the original motion to reconstruct Maple Street at a width of 36' between 15th and 18th Streets.

6 Ayes; Nays, None

On the original motion as amended, 6 Ayes; Nays, None.

Authorize Signature—Wallin Master Development Agreement Extension

Hinzman introduced the item stating the amendment extends the term of the agreement by an additional five years. Additional language guaranteeing that the agreement is tied to the land and not the developer has been added.

Moved by Councilmember Balsanek, seconded by Councilmember Alongi to approve as presented.

6 ayes; Nays, None

**First Reading/Order Public Hearing on Amending City Charter Ordinance—
Section 1.03: Ward Boundaries**

Mesko Lee introduced the item and noted that updated language was distributed which gives a better description of Ward 4 boundaries.

Moved by Councilmember Slavik, seconded by Councilmember Nelson to approve the first reading for the charter amendment language as amended and order a public hearing for March 19, 2012.

6 Ayes, Nays, None.

Resolution 3-06-12—Augustana Homes Revenue Bonds and Order Public Hearing

Stark introduced the item stating that Augustana Homes is seeking to refinance bonds through conduit financing. A proposed Public Hearing is proposed for April 2, 2012.

Moved by Councilmember Hollenbeck, seconded by Councilmember Nelson to approve as presented.


6 Ayes, Nays, None.

Reports from City Committees, Officers, Councilmembers:

- Hollenbeck provided an update on Red Rock Corridor work
- Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:15 a.m. at City Hall
- HEDRA will meet on Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall
- Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall
- Parks & Recreation Commission will next meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Adjournment:

Moved by Councilmember Slavik, seconded by Councilmember Balsanek to adjourn meeting at 8:04 p.m.


Paul J. Hicks, Mayor


Melanie Mesko Lee, City Clerk