

CITY OF HASTINGS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
For informational purposes

Monday, October 2, 2017

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL Mayor Hicks, Councilmembers Folch, Braucks, Lund, Vaughan, Balsanek

Absent: Councilmember Leifeld

**Staff: City Administrator Melanie Mesko Lee
Administrative Services Director Julie Flaten
Attorney Ben Coburn
Community Development Director John Hinzman
Finance Manager Melanie Lammers**

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

**Mayoral Proclamation – Recognizing October as National Arts and Humanities Month: Artober
Bill Spinelli spoke on behalf of the Hastings Prescott Area Arts Council.**

Presentation—Minnesota Veterans Home

Andrew Burnside from the Veterans Home presented information on the recently acquired bus and thanked various sponsors.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on September 18, 2017
Minutes were approved as presented.

V. COUNCIL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

Councilmember Folch requested the patio area at BreakAway Arts be added to the agenda. This will be #3 under Administration.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the Consent Agenda are items of routine nature or no perceived controversy to be acted upon by the City Council in a single motion. There will be no discussion on these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda to the appropriate Department for discussion.

Councilmember Folch asked to have #2 pulled off consent agenda. This will be #4 under Administration.

Balsanek, Vaughan to approve as amended.

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1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Reject Solar Garden Subscription Proposal – RenaSola Power Holdings LLC
3. Approve Designation of November 23, 2017 Gobble Gait as a Special Event
4. **Resolution 10-01-17** – Accept Donation of \$100.00 From Lawrence Builders to the Hastings Fire/EMS Department in Memory of Mary McGraw

5. Accept Proposal & Authorize Work - Well No. 7 Rehabilitation Project Professional Services (WSB & Associates)
6. Accept Proposal and Authorize Work – 2040 Surface Water Management Comprehensive Plan Updates (Barr Engineering)
7. Approve Agreement with Black Dirt Theater for Use of City Hall

VII. AWARDING OF CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC HEARING

These are formal proceedings that give the public the opportunity to express their concern, ask questions, provide additional information, or support on a particular matter. Once the public hearing is closed, no further testimony is typically allowed and the Council will deliberate amongst itself and with staff and/or applicant on potential action by the Council.

1. Public Hearing – City Code Amendment/Rezoning – Hastings Industrial Park
Hinzman introduced the item requesting Council to hold a Public Hearing and consider the following actions related to 22.2 acres of land owned by the City located north of the Hastings Industrial Park. This allows the City to work towards a shovel ready certification and be more competitive. The Planning Commission previously recommended approval.
 - 1) **Resolution 10-02-17: Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Park to Industrial Park**
 - 2) **2nd Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to Rezone property from PI – Public Institutional to I-1 – Industrial Park****Public Hearing opened at 7:14 p.m.**
Hearing no comments.
Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

2. Public Hearing – City Code Amendment/Rezoning – Downtown Parking for Conversion of Existing Buildings to Restaurant, Bars, and Taverns
Hinzman introduced the item requesting Council hold a Public Hearing and consider 2nd Reading/Ordinance Adoption of an amendment to Hastings City Code Chapter 155 – Zoning Code pertaining to Downtown Parking and Loading Requirements. Ordinance adoption would increase the flexibility of building uses within downtown. Both the Planning Commission and Planning Committee of the Council have reviewed this item.
Public Hearing opened at 7:19 p.m.
Hearing no comments.
Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

VIII. REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

These items are intended primarily for Council discussion and action. It is up to the discretion of the Mayor as to what, if any, public comment will be heard on these agenda items.

A. Public Works

B. Community Development

1. **Resolution 10-02-17** – Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Park to Industrial Park
 2nd Reading/**Ordinance Amendment No. 2017-07** – City Code Amendment/Rezoning – Hastings Industrial Park
Vaughan, Folch to approve as presented.
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2. 2nd Reading/ – **Ordinance Amendment No. 2017-08** – City Code Amendment/Rezoning – Downtown Parking for Conversion of Existing Buildings to Restaurant, Bars, and Taverns
Balsanek, Braucks to approve as presented.
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3. **Resolution 10-03-17** – Site Plan #2017-34 Caturia-Smidt Funeral Home and Crematory (3075 Vermillion Street)
Hinzman introduced the item requesting the adoption of a resolution granting Site Plan approval for Caturia-Smidt Funeral Home to construct an 11,557 s.f. funeral home at 3075 Vermillion Street. The site was recently rezoned to allow for the proposed use. The Planning Commission approved the site plan.
Council discussion on placement of overflow parking and landscaping barrier to neighboring properties.
A representative from Keystone Funeral Home Design addressed parking concerns.
Vaughan, Balsanek to approve as presented.
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C. Administration

1. **Resolution 10-04-17** – Approve Issuance and Sale of \$1,075,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A
Paul Steinman from Springsted Financial Advisors provided the results and brought forth the winning bid for acceptance of the sale of \$1,075,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A. There were 5 bidders. The winning bid was at a true interest rate of 1.84% and the bond amount was reduced to reflect a premium.
Council recognized work of staff for the continued AA bond rating.
Folch, Lund to approve as presented.
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2. Presentation—2018 Tourism Bureau Budget and Tourism Assessment Report
Kristy Barse, president of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, gave an overview of the 2017/2018 Tourism Bureau Marketing Plan, 2018 Tourism Bureau Budget and Tourism Assessment Program (TAP) Report.
Council discussion on working with athletic organizations and compliments on the renewed enthusiasm of the Tourism Board.

3. BreakAway Arts Café Sidewalk Patio
Councilmember Folch asked to have an update on the status of the MnDOT owned property adjacent to BreakAway Arts Café. The owner would like to have patio seating in this area.

4. Reject Solar Garden Subscription Proposal – RenaSola Power Holding LLC
Councilmember Folch asked council not to reject the solar garden subscription proposal. A PowerPoint presentation was provided and the council was asked to conduct a workshop to discuss further.

Council discussion included members of the Operations Committee, who had previously discussed this proposal. Concerns were raised with the 25 year term of the contract, early termination fees, and non-regulation of industry.

Council was supportive of learning more about solar garden subscriptions as part of a bigger discussion on the sustainability goals of the City.

Motion by Councilmember Lund to reject Solar Garden Subscription Proposal, seconded by Councilmember Braucks.

5-1 Folch voting nay

IX. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

During this period of time, citizens may speak informally to the Council on subjects not on the agenda

Darin Berg addressed the council.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. REPORTS FROM CITY COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, COUNCILMEMBERS

- **Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.**
- **Planning Commission will meet on Monday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.**
- **The Fire Department will hold an Open House on Tuesday, October 10th at the Fire Station.**
- **HEDRA Commission will meet on Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.**
- **Councilmember Balsanek will attend the DCC Board of Directors meeting on October 12th.**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT 8:17 p.m.

Next Regular City Council Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.