

**Hastings, Minnesota**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 1, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

Mayor Fasbender explained why and referenced various city, state and federal declarations and guidelines that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Members Present:** Mayor Fasbender, Councilmembers Braucks, Folch, Fox, Leifeld, Lund and Vaughan

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Dan Wietecha  
Administrative Services Director Julie Flaten  
City Attorney Dan Fluegel  
Community Development Director John Hinzman  
Public Works Director Nick Egger

**Moment of Silence: Denice Kehn**

The Mayor recognized Denice Kehn and held a moment of silence.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting on January 19, 2020.

Minutes were approved as presented.

**Council Items To Be Considered**

Councilmember Folch requested Consent Items #4 and #9 be pulled. These items were placed as Community Development Item #1 and Administration Item #2, respectively.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Approve 2021 IAFF Local 5113 Firefighters Contract
3. Approve 2021 LELS Local # 249 Patrol Officers Contract
4. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading\Order Public Hearing: Amend City Code – Parklets
5. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading\Order Public Hearing: Amend City Code - Building Permit Fees
6. Resolution No. 02-01-21: Certificate of Satisfaction - Lawrence Interiors (624 Spiral Blvd)
7. Approve Water Service Repair Assessment Request – 507 Vermillion Street (Markuson)
8. Appoint Parks & Recreation Commissioners: Carl Bower and Scott Zuzek
9. Accept Resignation of Administrative Services Director Julie Flaten

Councilmember Folch motioned to approve as amended, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan. Roll Call: Ayes 7; Nays 0.

**MNDOT update on Hwy 316 project**

Egger introduced Molly Kline, MnDOT South Area Engineer, who provided an update of the project including the budget, funding sources and construction impacts.

Council discussed the flow of traffic and detour during construction for the affected neighborhoods, notification for future open houses, GO bond revenue and the City's share estimates for funding, re-directing semi-truck traffic during construction, Highway 316 and Highway 61 route signage and the number of days the contractor may work during week.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading\Order Public Hearing: Amend City Code – Parklets**

Hinzman summarized the request to order the public hearing to amend the City Code to allow for parklets to be installed in the public right of way.

Council discussed that the Task Force or a Council Committee had not previously reviewed the proposed ordinance amendments, raised versus street level parklets, recognition that businesses outside of the downtown area and non-restaurant businesses may also utilize parklets, possible HEDRA matching grant for parklet construction costs, sidewalk cafés and parklets are separate and a business may have both, public vs private property, notice of intention to neighboring businesses, loss of parking spaces and opportunity for public input.

Councilmember Folch motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld. Roll Call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Abstain - Fox. .

### **Budget Amendment for Updated Strategic Planning Proposal**

Wietecha summarized the initial work with Chad Weinstein and discussed recommendations on how to proceed.

Councilmember Lund motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Braucks.

Council discussed the previously completed work and not wanting to redo it, that the new proposal expands the scope of work and if successful in Zoom environment.

Roll Call: Ayes 6; Nays 1 – Vaughan.

### **Accept Resignation of Administrative Services Director Julie Flaten**

Council expressed appreciation and gratitude for Flaten's work and years of service.

Councilmember Vaughan motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Lund. Roll Call: Ayes 7; Nays 0.

Mayor Fasbender and Councilmembers made the following announcements:

- Planning Commission will meet on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.
- State of the City virtual presentation will be on Wednesday, February 10 at 12:00 p.m.
- HEDRA will meet on Thursday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m.
- City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.
- Heritage Preservation Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Administrator Wietecha was wished a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Braucks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Leifeld. Roll Call: Ayes 7; Nays 0.

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Mary Fasbender, Mayor

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Erica Henderson, City Clerk

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