

Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2022

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Vaughan

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
City Attorney Korine Land
Community Development Director John Hinzman

New Employees:

Ashley Running – Green Corps Staff

Leander De Villiers – Parkkeeper

TJ Lucas introduced and welcomed Ashley. Chris Jenkins introduced and welcomed Leander.

Promotions:

Kaitlin Neuman – Firefighter

Chief John Townsend celebrated Kaitlin Neuman’s promotion.

Presentation:

Suburban Rate Authority, Jim Strommen

Comments from the Audience:

Barb Hollenbeck, 212 2nd Street E, Arts Task Force Chair. Hollenbeck thanked Council for their support and discussion regarding the recommendation for the Public Art Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the workshop and regular City Council meeting on October 3, 2022.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Braucks motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, pulling #17, seconded by Councilmember Leifeld.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Schedule a Special City Council Meeting to Canvass 2022 General Election Results
3. Approve Renewal of the 2022 – 2024 School Resource Officer and Traffic Control Agent Contract between the City of Hastings and ISD 200
4. Resolution No. 10-06-22: Authorize Fund Closures and Revise Purchasing Policy
5. Resolution No. 10-05-22: Accept Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department from

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- Fluegel's Lawn Garden and Pet Supply
6. Special Event Designation: Gobble Gait
 7. Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Public Works Storage Building
 8. Approve Change Order No. 2 to the Public Works Storage Building
 9. Approve Change Order No. 3 to the Public Works Storage Building
 10. Approve Pay Estimate No. 5 for the Public Works Storage Building – Ebert Construction (\$198,006.01)
 11. Approve Pay Estimate No. 2 for the 4th Street Water Tower Reconditioning Project – G&L Sandblasting and Coatings, LLC (\$357,912.50)
 12. Approve Pay Estimate No. 4 for the 2022-1 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements – Danner, Inc. (\$1,002,908.26)
 13. Accept Planning Commission Resignation – Romens
 14. Authorize Signature: Stormwater Management Agreement – UHL
 15. Approve Purchase of Hydraulic Extrication Tools for the Hastings Fire Department
 16. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with International Association of Firefighters, Local No. 5113 for Wage Adjustment.
 17. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees Union, Local No. 320 for Wage Adjustment and Contract Extension.
 18. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Local No. 249 for Wage Adjustment and Contract Extension.
 19. Approve Budget Amendment to Purchase Slide for Roadside Park
 20. Approve Budget Amendment for Pool Repairs

Intek Plastics – 1000 Spiral Blvd. – Resolution No. 10-07-22 – Site Plan Approval – Building Addition

Hinzman provided an overview and history of the request. The applicants are proposing to construct an addition onto the Intek Plastics building with related improvements. Hinzman shared the possible sale of the eastern city owned parcel included in the site plan is scheduled for consideration at the November 7th City Council meeting. Hinzman reviewed the approval recommended by the Planning Commission.

No Council discussion.

Councilmember Folch motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Fox.
6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Confluence Development – 200 West 2nd Street – Authorize Signature for Purchase and Development Agreement – 5th Amendment – Minimum Assessment Agreement

Hinzman provided an overview of the request. Council is asked to authorize signature of the 5th Amendment to Purchase and Development Agreement to extend the substantial completion date out to May 31, 2023. Council is also asked to authorize signature on the Minimum Assessment Agreement. Hinzman shared background information of previous amendments and included information regarding HEDRA Action.

Council discussion on the visible improvements. Mayor Fasbender shared her excitement for the continued project. Councilmember Fox mentioned the project is showing improvements and shared her support. Councilmember Braucks shared experiences from HEDRA's recent tour of the Confluence Development. Braucks also shared her appreciation for the hard work that Mr. Regan and his team have put

into the project. Councilmember Folch echoed Councilmember Fox's comments and asked about the potential rental space platform for the public. Hinzman indicated there is a public use agreement for the observation platform on the property. Hinzman expects any reservations would be managed by IDM Hospitality, the management entity for the hotel and restaurant sharing general hotel reservations would go live in December. Folch asked for Administrator Wietecha to address whose responsibility it will be to handle the reservation process since a considerable amount of public dollars have gone into the redevelopment. Wietecha indicated this is addressed in the Public Use Maintenance Agreement (PUMA) which was negotiated previously sharing the responsibility would be on the hotel. Hinzman indicated finalizing the outdoor improvements provided a disconnect between the property and the ability to use the space. Hinzman shared as the operation is in place in the Spring there will be greater opportunities at that point.

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Folch.
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Strategic Initiatives Quarterly Report and Next Steps

Wietecha provided an overview of the 3rd Quarter Report asking Council for discussion and feedback. Wietecha asked that Council begin considering next steps to continue the planning process.

Council discussion on waiting for the new year to engage new Council members in the initiatives. Folch expressed appreciation to staff for the work on the initiatives. Folch shared it may be helpful to present one item at a time at Council meetings to provide more detail on key initiatives.

No action requested.

Public Arts Commission

Wietecha provided an overview of the request and public encouragement for an Arts Commission. City Council reinstated the Arts Task Force to define the future objectives and mission of the group. It was recommended to create an Arts and Culture Commission proposing a two-year temporary commission with potential extension at a later date.

Council discussion on appreciation of support for the initiatives from the Arts Task Force and fellow Councilmembers for their input. Councilmember Fox expressed her excitement and shared the importance of the Arts in the City.

No action requested.

Closed Meeting Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 subd. 3(b) for Attorney-Client Privileged Communication

Councilmember Lund motioned to move to closed session at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Fox.
6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Announcements

- Councilmember Folch presented an overview of several policy initiatives that will be presented by the LMC Improving Service Delivery Committee; two are about ambulance service, one on about fundraising authority of municipalities, one seeking regulations of cannabinoids, and another is on the collateral consequences of criminal records.
- Councilmember Leifeld announced the Halloween Candy Crawl on Sunday October 30 from 2 – 5 pm, hosted by the Downtown Business Association.
- HCTV and the Hastings Chamber of Commerce will host their Hastings Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 pm, in person and televised. And their ISD 200 School Board Candidate Forum is on Thursday, October 27, at 7 pm, televised only.
- On Sunday, October 23, BR4R invites you to “Breaking the Silence: Remembering Brown’s Chapel AME” at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 pm, followed by a guided walking/driving tour of significant locations from Hastings’ Black history.
- The first Hastings Creative Convergence is Tuesday, October 25 at 7 pm. Thank you to Hastings Arts Center for providing the venue and The Onion Grille and Geek Haven Coffee for donating refreshments.
- The Hastings Community Halloween Party is Friday, October 28, from 6 to 8 pm at the High School. Recommended for families with kids 12 and under. Free event, but please bring a non-perishable food item for Hastings Family Service or a cash or check donation for the Youth Impact Council Scholarship.
- I’d like to recognize the coming up October 28 is National First Responder Day and thank all of our first responders for their service to the community.

Meetings

- Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, seconded by Councilmember Folch. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor