

**CITY OF HASTINGS**  
**CITY COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP AGENDA**

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

7:00 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:01 pm
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL**
- IV. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

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

Member Absent: Councilmember Folch

Staff Present:

City Administrator Dan Wietecha

Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh

Attorney Pete Mikhail

Community Development Director John Hinzman

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Ryan Stempski

**Highway 61 Corridor Study, Ryan Wilson**

Stempski reviewed the study efforts to date and introduced Ryan Wilson from MnDOT. Wilson provided an overview of the current TH 61 Corridor Study. Phase 1 is engagement (ongoing)—the themes that have emerged through resident and business feedback: safe pedestrian/bicycle crossings, reduce speed and traffic calming, reduce accessways, traffic operations, sidewalk/trail on southern end. Next steps include developing evaluation criteria and identifying a range of alternatives. In response to earlier Council questions, Wilson also presented some comparable projects around the state with similar traffic levels and gave an overview of the various projects that are currently and planned around Hastings.

Council discussion on outreach to those who are travelling through town to gain input for the project. Council would like to make sure we hear from those who may be most impacted by reduction in access to TH 61. Council highlighted the stakeholder engagement and are appreciative of the opportunity to be heard. Wilson and Stempski indicated that other comprehensive plans—Corridor study and People Movement Plan—are part of the input. Information presented will be on the website and provided to Council.

- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Approve Minutes of the City Council workshop meeting and regular meeting on June 20, 2022.  
Minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**  
*Comments from the audience may include remarks about items listed on the Consent Agenda.*
- VII. **COUNCIL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**
- VIII. **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 so requests, in which event the items will be removed from the Consent Agenda to the appropriate Department for discussion.*

**Leifeld, Fox to approve as presented.**

**6 Ayes, 0 Nays**

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution **No. 07-01-22**: Appointment of Election Judges for the 2022 Primary Election
3. Authorize Signature: 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to Development Agreement – Villas at Pleasant
4. Approve Pay Estimate No. 1 for the Storage Building – Ebert Construction (\$62,748.92)
5. Approve Pay Estimate No. 2 for the Storage Building – Ebert Construction (\$194,565.79)
6. Authorize Purchase of Big Belly Garbage Units for the Downtown Area
7. Approve Signature of Donation Agreement Accepting 14.3 Acres from Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC

## **IX. 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. Parklet Application for RiverCity PopCorn and Candy Company
  - a. Public Hearing
  - b. Approval

**Hinzman presented the Parklet application for RiverCity PopCorn and Candy Company. City Staff reviewed the application and recommend approval. Council is requested to hold a public hearing to consider approval of the proposed Parklet. Property owners within 350 feet of the property requesting the Parklet were mailed a notice of the request and the scheduled public hearing.**

**Public Hearing opened at: 7:38 pm**

**Public Hearing closed at: 7:39 pm**

**Council discussion on the possible need to discuss the big picture of the use of the Parklet. Private businesses are able to get revenue from a public space. Should this be discussed as to a limit, an expansion, and thoughts of the public. Who can host a parklet? No restriction but typically with a food/beverage business.**

**Lund, Fox to approve as presented.**

**6 Ayes, 0 Nays.**

## **X. 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. Parks and Recreation**

### 1. Budget Amendment: Hastings Civic Center

Wietecha presented the proposed budget amendment for the Hastings Civic Center project in 2023. The legislature did not decide to support the \$4M project through State bonding. There may be other funding options if state bonding does not come through but they would take some time to initiate. If there is interest in still moving forward on the project, the equipment needed has a significant lead time and should be ordered now if the project should be done in 2023.

Wietecha proposed Council delay the project in favor of pursuing other financing options.

Council discussion on the understanding of the difficulty of managing several large projects at a time. There are always going to be large projects and there are concerns about managing these as they come. A map is needed to plan out the projects so we can manage the City's borrowing. We may have some arena expenses during the delay in the project. Council supported the option to delay.

## **C. Community Development**

### 1. Resolution No. 07-02-22: Conditional Use Permit – Hubs Landing (6 Spiral View Loop)

Hinzman reviewed the Conditional Use Permit request from Hubs Landing (6 Spiral View Loop). Hinzman reviewed the request to complete improvements which includes finishing the last eleven boat slips that were not constructed after original approval. The location of the slips will change. He reviewed the Planning Commission recommendations and the concerns expressed in regards to parking, drainage issues, and lack of site plan review.

Hinzman noted that #7 should be stricken from the conditions of approval. It is based on the 2009 permit and that would be a modification of the original permit.

Lund, Leifeld to approve as presented.  
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

## **D. Public Safety**

## **E. Administration**

### 1. Ballot Drop Box Grant Discussion

Murtaugh presented the request for Council to determine the acceptance of the 2022 Drop Box Grant Program and installation of a 24-hour Ballot Drop Box outside City Hall by authorizing signature on the grant program agreement.

Murtaugh reviewed the reasons why Dakota County and surrounding cities have decided not to offer ballot drop boxes for the 2022 Election season.

Council discussion on what the concerns are about the ballot drop box, the benefits of a drop box, what the video requirements are and how managed, options for obtaining and delivering ballots.

Vaughan, Leifeld to approve as presented.  
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

2. Approve First Reading of the Proposed Amendment to City Code Regarding Alcoholic Beverages

Murtaugh presented an overview of the proposed ordinance amendment to City Code regarding alcoholic beverages. Council is requested to approve the first reading to consider amending City Code in several chapters to allow new liquor licenses as written in the Omnibus Liquor Bill signed by Governor Walz in May, 2022 which allows a municipality to expand liquor licensing.

Vaughan, Leifeld to approve as presented.  
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain (Fox).

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XIII. REPORTS FROM CITY COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, COUNCILMEMBERS**

**Announcements**

- Summer Programs at Levee Park...
  - Thursday, July 7, Music in the Park with “The Bored.” Supported by the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund.
  - Friday, July 8, Movies in the Park will be “Jungle Cruise.” Sponsored by Ardent Mills. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for Hastings Family Service.
  - Saturday, July 9, Bike with a Ranger. Ride the 10-mile loop and learn about history and wildlife. Recommended for teens and adults. Free but registration is required.
  - Tuesday, July 12, Party in the Park to celebrate National Parks & Recreation Month with a live animal show, cyr wheel acrobatics, Hebba Jebba rock and roll band, activity booths, inflatables, and food trucks.
- July is National Parks & Recreation Month. Thank you to our parks and recreation employees for 37 parks, 30 miles of trails, the Civic Center and Aquatics Center, and year-round programming.
- The Parks & Recreation and Police Departments are partnering with the Hastings Prescott Area Arts Council to serve up fun for tweens and teens. This month the Rec + Art + Police event will be Wednesday, July 13, at Lions Park. Sponsored by SC Toys and Country Financial.

- The cardboard and aluminum can recycling collections previously located at Terry's Hardware have been moved to the Coborn's parking lot at 225 33rd St. W.
- And Happy Birthday tomorrow to Councilmember Vaughan.
- Rivertown Days is July 15-17—continuous music, carnival rides, arts & crafts fair, classic car show, food tents, and family events all over town.

**Meetings**

**Mon, July 11**

7:00 pm Planning Commission Meeting

**Tues, July 12**

7:00 pm Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

**Thurs, July 14**

6:00 pm HEDRA Meeting

**Thurs, June 16**

6:30 pm Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting

**Mon, July 18**

7:00 pm City Council – Regular Meeting

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT** Leifeld, Braucks to adjourn 8:09 pm

**Next Regular City Council Meeting: Monday July 18, 2022 7:00 p.m.**