

CITY OF HASTINGS
CITY COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP AGENDA

Monday, March 6, 2023

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 Fox, Haus, Lund, and Pemble
Members Absent: Councilmembers Folch, Leifeld

Staff Present:

City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
City Attorney Kori Land
Community Development Director John Hinzman
Public Works Director Ryan Stempki
Fire Chief John Townsend

Employee Promotions:

Joe Spagnoletti
Matt Lindeman

New Employee Introductions:

Jake Gartzke
John Jamison
Mason Johnson
Lucas Knoll
Duncan Kusant
Wendy Mainka
Krista Moes
Jason Stapleton
Jesse Viall
Mike Wagner
Robert Wood
Thierry Auge`
Allen Jaeger
Gino Messina

Presentation: Dakota County Historical Society / LeDuc Historic Estate

- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Approve Minutes. of the City Council workshop and regular meeting on February 21, 2023.
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.

Pemle, Haus to approve as presented.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution **No. 03-01-23**: Approve New Liquor License for Rehoboth, Inc. dba Bimi Thai Restaurant
3. Resolution **No. 03-02-23**: Approve In-Store Fireworks Sales License from Phantom Fireworks at Fleet Farm (875 General Sieben Drive)
4. 2nd Reading: Ordinance Amendment: City Code Chapter 33 – Criminal History Background Investigations
5. MOU with International Association of Firefighters, Local # 5113 Regarding Alternate Schedule
6. 1st Reading: City Code Amendment – Chapter 117 Cannabis and Hemp (Licensing)
7. 1st Reading: City Code Amendment – Chapter 155 Cannabis and Hemp (Zoning)
8. Authorize Signature: Stormwater Management Agreement – Suite Living
9. Approve Budget Carryover from 2022 to 2023

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. 2023 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements
 - a. Public Hearing
 - b. Resolution **No. 03-03-23**: Authorize Advertisement for Bids

Stempski provided an overview of the project goals related to infrastructure projects, a summary of the proposed improvements, connection to city-approved plans, project cost and timeline. Council was requested to conduct a public hearing and consider the resolution approving plans and specifications for the 2023 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements and Authorize Advertisement for Bids.

Public Hearing opened at: 7:49 p.m.

Kathy Ellis, 1310 Southview, expressed concerns about the proposed path impacting landscaping, aesthetics, home value/resale, and asked if a bike lane in the street would be an option. She expressed appreciation to Cody Mathisen for his help in the process. She inquired about access to the federal infrastructure package to offset cost. Stempski indicated federal infrastructure would not be applicable to a neighborhood project. He also indicated that for safety reasons, it is safer to have the pedestrian path off the road.

Shane Lanning, 2530 Old Bridge Lane, inquired if there were any speed signal signs planned for the project. He complimented Ryan Stempski and Cody Mathisen on their work, noting that project website is really helpful/great resource. Stempski indicated that they will work with police department to test where the speed concerns might be with speed trailer, then the driver feedback/speed signs could be implemented.

Public Hearing closed at: 8:00 p.m.

Council discussion on narrowing of roads offering a slowing effect on traffic, a clarification of bridge work and condition, landscape support near path, and path snow removal responsibilities.

Fox, Lund to approve as presented.
5 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

1. Authorize L&S Electric to Complete the Hastings Hydro Facility Preventative Maintenance Program Development

Stempski provided an overview of the need for a comprehensive study for a preventative maintenance plan to make informed decisions about the future of the plant. Council is requested to approve a contract with L&S Electric Inc. for the purposes of developing a preventative maintenance program for the aging Hastings Hydro Facility. The Hastings Hydro Plant is a major asset to the City of Hastings and creating a comprehensive study on the facility is needed. This will allow the City to make more informed decisions regarding the Hydro Plant in the future.

Council discussion on review of dewatering frequency, timeline and process. Discussion of need for maintenance plan and effects if there is no plan.

Pemble, Haus to approve as presented.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

B. Parks and Recreation

C. Community Development

1. Annexation – Best Development Property – Walden at Hastings (TH 316 & Michael Ave)
 - a. Remove from Table
 - b. Ordinance Amendment – Annexation

Hinzman provided an overview of the request to annex the property owned by Best Development (TH 316 & Michael Ave). The first request is to remove from the table consideration of the ordinance amendment for annexation, followed by adopting the ordinance amendment for annexation. The developer submits the annexation application in anticipation of future City Council approvals to generally allow for the number and types of residential units within the conceptual plan. No official approvals pertaining to residential construction are included in this application. Council is requested to approve annexation with land use remaining agricultural. Traffic study, environmental assessment. Future meetings would look at results of the traffic impact study, environmental assessment, land use changes, and plan approval.

Hinzman indicated that the concept plan has been presented to a neighborhood meeting, Planning Committee of Council, and Planning Commission. Council is asked to consider concept plan in contributing to whether the annexation is approved or not. Hinzman showed the concept plan and discussed the life cycle nature of the types of home sites and amenities. Open spaces will be association-maintained.

Council discussion on maintenance of roads within the development and interest in the traffic impact study prior to voting on the annexation. Hinzman indicated that waiting on the analysis would then put burden on Marshan Township. MnDOT has reviewed concept with no major concerns other than adding turn lanes on TH 316. Modifications to the plan would come before Council. Council discussion about Planning Committee conversation about lifecycle housing and being agile at the time of the build.

Pemble, Fox to take ordinance amendment off the table.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Public Comment:

Steve Engstrom, 17162 Red Wing Blvd, expressed concern that Council may be acting prematurely on annexation due to lack of action on traffic needs on Hwy 316. The original concept was lower density with 160 units and the current proposal is higher density and the need for senior housing may be met by other current projects in the City.

Council discussion regarding monthly rent of housing in the proposed development. Jeff Richter, Land Equity, indicated that row houses may rent for \$1600/month; twinhomes may rent for \$2400/month; senior housing/patio homes may rent for \$2500-3000/month. Council discussion on the timing of the proposed project. Hinzman indicated that the approval process will take most of 2023 and the streets and utilities would likely start in 2024.

Lund, Fox to approve 1st reading of the ordinance amendment for annexation as presented.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Later in the meeting it was discovered that the 1st Reading of the annexation ordinance had been passed December 6, 2021, followed by a public hearing in January 2022. Following the public hearing, the 2nd reading was tabled by Council due to the developer stepping back from the project. City Attorney Land indicated that a motion to reconsider the annexation would bring the original motion back for Council consideration.

Lund, Fox to reconsider the previous action approving the 1st Reading of the ordinance amendment for annexation.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Lund, Pemble to continue the 2nd Reading to the next Council meeting.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays

D. Public Safety

1. Fire and Ambulance Service Contract with Hastings Rural Fire Association

Wietecha provided an overview of the Service Contract for Fire and Ambulance Services to the Hastings Rural Fire Association for 2023 – 2027. The City of Hastings has had a long-standing relationship to provide fire and ambulance service to the City of Vermillion and Ravenna, Marshan, Nininger, Denmark, and Vermillion Townships. The current contract ran through 2022, with the MOU extension through March 31, 2023. Wietecha explained the topics that were discussed with the Rural Fire Association membership—annual expenses, capital costs, and fair share.

Council discussion on appreciation for moving it forward.

Fox, Pemble to approve as presented.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

E. Administration

1. Personnel Policy Updates and Additions

Wietecha reviewed the proposed personnel policy updates and additions. Following the 2022 updates to the Employee Handbook and the Compensation and Classification Study, there was interest in also updating some of the policies related to employee benefits. The Administration Committee recommended 90 or more days from adoption to implementation with no policy to be applied retroactively.

Council discussion on appreciation for the work on the policy updates as vital to the organization for the wellbeing of staff. Council discussion the Compensation and Classification study the prior year helped to not only study wages, but also the view of the total compensation and employee experience. Council discussion on concerns about comp time accrual helping staff manage time to be away or not be in a position to accrue so many hours, emphasize the wellbeing of staff. Council discussion on the value of employees and supporting the policy changes demonstrates Council appreciation.

Haus, Fox to approve as presented.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. REPORTS FROM CITY COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, COUNCILMEMBERS

Announcements

- Tomorrow March 7, MNDOT will host an open house about the preliminary design options for the Highway 61 Project. Open House is 5 to 7 pm at City Hall.
- The City of Hastings' Makers Market is a place for area makers to sell their goods adjacent to our historic downtown and riverfront park. We welcome artists, makers, crafters, and small brands. There is no booth fee, but vendors are required to register. Please see the City website for details.
- The Friends of Pleasant Hill Library used book sale will be March 23 to 26. They will begin accepting donations Saturday, March 18.
- Applications for 2023 Community Investment Fund project proposals are open, with a first review of applications set for March 31, 2023. The City created the CIF last year to encourage and support community partnerships and community-driven projects.

Meetings

Wed, Mar 8

6:00 pm Arts & Culture Commission Meeting

Thurs, Mar 9

6:00 pm HEDRA Meeting

Mon, Mar 13

7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting

Wed, Mar 15

6:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

7:00 p.m. Operations Committee Meeting

Thurs, Mar 16

6:30 p.m. Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting

Mon, Mar 20

5:30 p.m. City Council – Workshop – Rules of Decorum

7:00 p.m. City Council – Regular Meeting

XIV. ADJOURNMENT Pemble, Haus to adjourn **9:49 pm**

Next Regular City Council Meeting: Monday, March 20, 2023 7:00 p.m.