



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

1408 Lake Street South
Forest Lake, MN 55025
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Karin Derauf, Deputy City Clerk

Monday, March 28, 2022

7:00 PM

City Center - Council Chamber

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mara Bain	Mayor	Present	
Sam Husnik	Councilmember	Present	
Kathy Bystrom	Councilmember	Present	
Kelly Monson	Councilmember	Present	
Hanna Valento	Councilmember	Present	

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve the Agenda (Action)

Motion to: Approve the Agenda

Comments:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathy Bystrom, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kelly Monson, Councilmember
AYES:	Bain, Husnik, Bystrom, Monson, Valento
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

5. Open Forum – Citizen Petitions, Requests, and Concerns

The Open Forum is available for residents to express personal opinions for any item of business. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

Resident Steve Schmaltz commented that he is here representing the Forest Lake Lake Association for a discussion on the lake weed harvester.

Deputy City Clerk Derauf read two emails, one from Peter Ward and one from Abbie Paulson, regarding the Goodview Preserve Development project and their objections to the project plans.

6. Consent Agenda Considerations (Action Items)

Motion to: Approve Consent Agenda Items 6. a. through 6. i

Comments:

- a. Approve City Bills



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- b. Approve Minutes from MONTH 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
- c. Resolution 03-28-22-02 – 2023-2024 Airport Lease Rate Adjustments
- d. Arts in the Park Musical Entertainment Promoter Contract
- e. Service Contract with Washington County for SHIP Grant
- f. Rachel Selby – 2022 Massage Individual Therapist License - NEW
- g. Church of St. Peter – 1 to 4 Day Temporary Liquor License
- h. Forest Lake Red Line Club – LG220 Gambling Exempt Permit
- i. Hosanna Lutheran Church – Outdoor Entertainment Permit

*Council may remove any item from the consent Agenda for specific consideration.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sam Husnik, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathy Bystrom, Councilmember
AYES:	Bain, Husnik, Bystrom, Monson, Valento
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

7. Regular Agenda (Action Items)

a. Lakes International Academy Project – 2022 Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds Engagement Letter

Motion to: Approve Lakes International Academy Project – 2022 Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds Engagement Letter

Comments: City Administrator Casey provided information regarding conduit financing for the Lakes International Academy. Julie Lundgren, Chief Financial Officer of LILA, was available to provide information about refinancing and a change in their bond counsel to Taft. She noted the timeline is for this Spring.

Councilmember Husnik asked if the conduit financing places the City in a position of payment responsibility. City Administrator Casey indicated that the City is not responsible for repayment of any funds that LILA receives and the City requires a fee for this type of financing.



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RESULT: ADOPTED [4 to 1]
MOVER: Mara Bain, Mayor
SECONDER: Hanna Valento, Councilmember
AYES: Bain, Husnik, Monson, Valento
NAYS:
ABSTAIN: Bystrom
ABSENT:

b. Resolution 03-28-22-02 – Airport Infield Drainage Improvement Grant and Plans and Specifications

Motion to: Approve Resolution 03-28-22-02 – Authorization to Execute MNDot Grant Agreement 1049974 for Engineering Charges to Install Drainage Improvements to the Airport Infield.

Comments: Assistant City Administrator Udem provided information on the Airport Infield Drainage Improvement.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kelly Monson, Councilmember
SECONDER: Kathy Bystrom, Councilmember
AYES: Bain, Husnik, Monson, Valento
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Motion to: Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Airport Infield Drainage Improvements

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sam Husnik, Councilmember
SECONDER: Hanna Valento, Councilmember
AYES: Bain, Husnik, Monson, Valento
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

c. Community Development Director New Hire of Abbi Jo Wittmann

Motion to: Approve Community Development Director New Hire of Abbi Jo Wittmann

Comments: City Administrator Casey provided information on the Community Development Director search and received approximately ten applications. He noted there



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were several interviews conducted and a candidate was selected. Pay Grade 18, Step 3 \$57.64 per hour.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mara Bain, Mayor
SECONDER:	Kathy Bystrom, Councilmember
AYES:	Bain, Husnik, Bystrom, Monson, Valento
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

8. Discussion

a) Weed Harvester Update

Comments: City Administrator Casey provided information on the weed harvester. He noted the agreement on the harvester involves the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District and the Forest Lake Lake Association. Dave Adams, Public Works Director, indicated that the agreement is almost finished and indicated that costs will be directly related to the directives of the agreement for each agency.

Steve Schmaltz provided the estimated Forest Lake Lake Association costs for 2022 as part of their budget. There was further discussion regarding the invasive species and how that impacts the lake, along with discussion on who should be responsible for various treatments for the lake.

9. Staff Updates

Comments: Deputy City Clerk provided a reminder that the Board of Appeals Meeting will be held on April 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Assistant City Administrator Udem noted that the next EDA Meeting will be held on April 18, at 6:30 p.m. with the EDA, Council, and Planning Commission in attendance. City Administrator Casey thank Council for approving the Community Development Director Position, Public Works Director Adams indicated the compost site might open by April 16.

10. Mayor and City Council Updates

Comments: Councilmember Monson commented that the Goodview Preserve is only in the concept plan phase and the Planning Commission would like a joint meeting with Council. She also indicated that there was discussion regarding code enforcement.

Councilmember Bystrom commented that she attended the Parks, Trails, and Lakes Meeting last week where there was discussions on the Goodview Preserve, and agreement with YMCA, and the MN DNR Grant application completion, and discussions on the parking at Beltz Park. She also noted that the YMCA is hiring summer staff.



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Councilmember Husnik commented that he attended the EDA Meeting earlier in the evening and noted the numerous developments that were discussed by the City Engineer. He noted that he also attended the Vietnam Veteran event at the Legion.

Councilmember Valento commented that she attended the Forest Lake ice clean up.

Mayor Bain commented that she attended the EDA Meeting where an expansion of the scope to the Downtown Plan was approved.

11. Adjourn

Motion to: Adjourn

Comments:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kathy Bystrom, Councilmember
AYES:	Bain, Husnik, Bystrom, Monson, Valento
ABSENT:	