



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

Monday, June 26, 2023

7:00 PM

City Center - Council Chamber

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mara Bain	Mayor	Present	
Sam Husnik	Councilmember	Present	
Hanna Valento	Councilmember	Present	
Leif Erickson	Councilmember	Present	
Blake Roberts	Councilmember	Present	

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve the Agenda (Action)

Comments:

Motion to: Approve the Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Sam Husnik, Councilmember
AYES:	Bain, Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
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.

Comments: Emily Juelfs, Resident, commented that she had not received information from the Community Development Director and asked for more time to review the information that was sent to her. Mayor Bain asked if there were any legal procedures that were under time constraints. City Attorney Johnson commented that the legal procedures required for the appeal process were accomplished.

Jeff Benson, Resident, commented that Forest Lake Police never patrols in his neighborhood. He also commented on assessments for blacktop of his road and that it would be maintained. He indicated the road is falling apart. He would like his road hot-patched and repaired.



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6. Consent Agenda Considerations (Action Items)

Comments:

- a) Approve City Bills
- b) Approve Minutes from June 12, 2023 Council-EDA Joint Workshop
- c) Approve Minutes from June 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
- d) Approve Minutes from June 20, 2023 Council Workshop
- e) Fourth of July Entertainment Agreements
- f) Twin City Power Boat Races – Outdoor Entertainment Permit
- g) Forest Lake Brewers – Outdoor Entertainment Permit
- h) Mallards - Outdoor Entertainment Permit
- i) North Shore Circle Utility & Street Improvements – Contractor Request for Payment No. 7
- j) 2023 Crack Filling and Seal Coat Project – Contractor Request for Payment No. 1
- k) 6150 202nd St N – Shadow Creek Estates

Ordinance No. 725 - Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment
Resolution 06-24-23-01 - Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Resolution 06-24-23-02 - Preliminary Planned Unit Development
Resolution 06-24-23-03 - Preliminary Plat

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leif Erickson, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Blake Roberts, Councilmember
AYES:	Bain, Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
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7. Regular Agenda (Action Items)

a. Northern Natural Gas Appeal

Comments: Mayor Bain commented that she wants to ensure the residents have had a chance to prepare to speak and if they wanted to delay or extend the issue to the next meeting. Emily Juelfs commented that because the item was previously approved she asked if it can be delayed. Mayor Bain asked if there would be any project impact if the item was moved to another meeting.

Resident Emily Juelfs asked if there is a timeline that their appeal would be invalid. City Attorney Johnson indicated there is no case law that speaks to the approval of a project but suggested an



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extension to the 60-day clock that applies to other types of projects. Community Development Director Wittman noted that the item is within the 60-day timeline for appeals. Mayor Bain commented that the Council received the packet information on Thursday evening. City Attorney Johnson commented on the packet information and a summary of what took place at the Planning Commission Meeting as well as the laws that help track an appeal.

Emily Juelfs also expressed concern that residents in her neighborhood were not available and she would like to postpone the information to the July 10, 2023 Council Meeting.

Motion to: Table the Northern Natural Gas Appeal Hearing Until July 10, 2023 Council Meeting

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mara Bain, Mayor
SECONDER:	Blake Roberts, Councilmember
AYES:	Bain, Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
NAYS:	
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b. 2023 to 2027 Draft Agreement for Lakes Center for Youth and Families

Comments: City Administrator Casey commented that the Lakes Center for Youth and Family Services grand funding has been decreasing. He requested additional funding for the organization with increases annually to cap at \$55,000 in 2027. He noted that the goal is to fund approximately 3% to 5% annually for the organization. He noted that the amount initially proposed was at \$17,000 but is presenting an increase starting at \$25,000 after a discussion with Linda Madsen. Councilmember Roberts asked what the concerns were. City Administrator Casey indicated that the funding being lost is a concern. Councilmember Husnik commented that it would be beneficial to look at the budget of Lakes Center for Youth and Family Services. City Administrator Casey noted that this is a local organization so the funding provided stays in the community.

Motion to: Approve 2023 to 2027 Agreement for Lakes Center for Youth and Families



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8. Discussion

Comments:

9. Staff Updates

Comments: Assistant City Administrator Udem thanked Council and the City for all the opportunities over the past nine years. Community Development Director Wittman commented on Arts in the Park attendance. City Administrator Casey thanked Dan for his service with Forest Lake. He also commented that he attended the League of MN City Annual Conference last week. He asked Council about the Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing next week and if Council would consider cancelling or rescheduling the meeting. Mayor Bain commented that the preference is to move the meeting to Tuesday, June 25, 2023. City Engineer Goodman commented that there is an Open House for CSAH 32 for August 21, 2023. Chief Peterson commented that Safety Camp was a great success and thanked all the volunteers, Staff, and participants. He also commented that they are gearing up for the July 4th events. He noted that the Police Department also participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

10. Mayor and City Council Updates

Comments: Councilmember Valento and Councilmember Husnik thanked Assistant City Administrator Udem for his service. Councilmember Erickson also thanked Assistant City Administrator Udem. Mayor Bain commented that there are several Commission positions that are open, in particular the EDA, the Planning Commission, and noted that the Park Commission policy is still being discussed as well as funding for parks. Mayor Bain also thanked Dan Udem and wished him well in his new role. She also

11. Adjourn

Motion to: Adjourn

Comments:



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