



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm.

Present: Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sharon Henderson, Brian Carpenter, and Liz Olson

Staff Present: Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller; Consulting City Planner: Ann Perry; and City Attorney: Cindy Kirchoff

Absent: Council: Sam Rettinger (with prior notice); City Administrator: Terrance Post (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Carpenter, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of April 7, 2009 City Council Work Session (Prior)
- B. Approve Minutes of April 7, 2009 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes of April 7, 2009 City Council Work Session (After)
- D. Receive the Administrator's Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 Financial Report
- E. Approve Issuance of a 1 to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Church of St. George Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- F. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- G. Accept Receipt of Funds from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education for Reimbursement of Training Expenses

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Olson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one appeared to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Public Hearing: Ordinance Amending Section 25, Planning Commission, of the Long Lake Zoning Ordinance to Restructure the Park Board

Mayor Gilbert reported that after interviewing five applicants for two Park Board seat vacancies recently appointed, the Council had expressed a desire to expand the Board from three to five members in response to the enthusiasm shown by the applicants. Receiving direction from Council, staff prepared the proposed ordinance for the Council's consideration amending the structure and responsibilities of the Park Board. A public hearing is required for this action.

Mayor Gilbert opened the public hearing at 7:44 pm.

Hearing no comment, Mayor Gilbert closed the public hearing at 7:44 pm.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2009-02 amending Section 25 (Planning Commission) of the City of Long Lake Zoning Ordinance to reflect establishment, membership, terms, and organization and procedures of a Park Board. Ayes: all.

City Clerk Moeller stated that notice had been sent to publication advertising a one-week application period for the newly created positions. She had also received confirmation from two of the three applicants not previously appointed of their continued interest in serving on the Park Board.

Council member Olson suggested that a Park Board meeting be scheduled now rather than waiting until May or June. A resident had contacted the City with his concern relative to the recent removal of buckthorn in Nelson Lakeside Park – removing the buckthorn had resulted in a loss of significant screening between the resident's property and the park.

Mayor Gilbert also noted he intends to donate trees to the City again this year and he would also like the Park Board to meet to discuss where the trees should be placed. He also suggested that planting lilacs might be good for creating screening where the buckthorn had been removed in the park.

Council member Olson indicated she would refer the resident's e-mailed concern to Council member Henderson, as she is the Park Board liaison.

Planning Case #09-01 / Verizon Wireless, Review of Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan

Consultant Planner Ann Perry, Resource Strategies Corporation, said that the applicant was proposing a small emergency generator which would provide backup for Verizon Wireless facilities on the adjacent lattice tower. In reviewing the application, it was discovered that a stipulation of approval of the conditional use permit for the lattice tower required review by the City on an annual basis; therefore the tower conditional use permit must be reviewed in conjunction with Verizon's site plan application. The generator proposed will be screened by fencing and six-foot high arborvitae. The Planning Commission reviewed the conditional use permit and site plan application at their last meeting and recommended approval to the City Council, with the added condition that Verizon Wireless meet with representatives of the Church of St. George to be sure weekly startup of the generator equipment will not interfere with the Church's activities at the cemetery.

A motion was made by Carpenter, seconded by Henderson, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-09 approving the review of the review of the conditional use permit for Verizon/American Tower Corporation and approving the site plan review for the emergency generator. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mn/DOT and Highway 12 Discussion – Council member Olson noted that Chamber of Commerce President Roxie Albers had sent her a draft document Mn/DOT had posted that was a "how to get through road construction" guide, and offered to make copies available to everyone on the Council. The document includes a project manager's check list. Mayor Gilbert indicated he would like to have John Griffith appear on the Tonka Report with visual aids and a list of items that were upcoming as the road project is completed and the turnback process occurs. Though the road construction will be completed this year, Mn/DOT will still be around to address landscaping contract

items and for general maintenance issues continuing in perpetuity. Council member Olson commented that she and Council member Henderson had been focusing on past items in their discussions with Mr. Griffith, but would begin looking forward to the punch list of the future.

Mayor Gilbert noted a Mn/DOT construction meeting had been held the previous Friday. He commented on the communication issues Mn/DOT experienced regarding the planned, then quickly cancelled, Highway 12 35-day roadwork closure. A large portion of the meeting had been dedicated to discussing the upcoming 35-day closure and how the detour would work. Discussion had also been held regarding the placement of the new Luce Line Trail bridge scheduled for May 2. Throughout discussions, it also became evident that Mn/DOT is backing off on their original commitment to complete a mill and overlay of old Highway 12 this year. Mayor Gilbert had asked for more information on Mn/DOT's stance regarding the timeline for the mill and overlay, as to delay that work is completely unacceptable. Council members expressed their concerns over the safety issues now present on old Highway 12. Council members were in agreement that the City cannot wait for Mn/DOT to "do the right thing" and that if it appears the mill and overlay may be delayed, Council members would need to actively pursue the matter with legislative and other representatives. It was emphasized that the condition of old Highway 12 is currently below any standards Mn/DOT has.

Mayor Gilbert also asked for public input relative to a name change for old Highway 12 through Long Lake. One option discussed was the name "Long Lake Parkway", but he asked that anyone with additional ideas or suggestions contact him. It was noted that it is important decisions be made prior to installation of final signage by Mn/DOT.

Spring Cleanup Events – City Clerk Moeller read aloud the dates for the Orono Spring E-waste and Recycling event; leaf pickup dates for Long Lake residents; and for a local Hennepin County Hazardous Waste collection in Independence. She said that detailed information about all of the events could be found on the City's website and had been e-mailed out via the City's e-mail subscriber list.

Watermain Repair Update – Public Works Director Wurzer provided an update on the watermain leak detected in the new Highway 12 corridor. Two electronic locating companies had identified that the leak was located under the eastbound shoulder of the road; however, the following day a contractor will be digging up the north end of the watermain so that a sanitized camera can be run through to isolate an accurate location and cause of the leak. Any damage to the adjacent trail in the Wolf Pointe Woods neighborhood resultant from the digging work will be repaired and restored. Wurzer indicated he would be prepared to offer repair options in the nearby future upon completion of the televising. It was noted that the contractor who installed the watermain facilities, Barbarossa & Sons, is no longer in business.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk