



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 5, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:49 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; City Engineer: Dan Boxrud; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of April 21, 2009 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of April 21, 2009 City Council / Board of Review Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes of April 21, 2009 City Council Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Authorize City Administrator to Hire 2009 Seasonal Public Works Employee
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-10 Establishing City Hall Summer Office Hours for 2009

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Providing for the Sale of GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2009

Post indicated that staff regularly reviews outstanding bond obligations to determine if there were refinancing interest expense-saving opportunities for bonds that were "seasoned" and eligible for refinancing. Recent analysis indicates that bond issues of 1999 and 2002 are candidates for such action.

The 1999 G.O. Improvement Bonds currently have interest rates from 4.8% to 5.0% until their 2015 maturity, while the 2002A G.O. Improvement Bonds have interest rates from 3.9% to 4.5% until their 2017 maturity. Staff believes that interest rates on the new refunding bond issue will be in the range of 2.0% to 2.95%. The new issue would have a 2015 maturity. A Pre-Sale Report dated May

5, 2009 from Ehlers & Associates was previously distributed to Council members as part of their meeting informational packets.

Staff recommends adoption of the proposed resolution based upon the potential savings above and beyond principal reduction and new bond issuance costs. If approved, Post anticipated he would be returning with bid results from the pre-sale at the Council's next meeting.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Olson, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-11, "Providing for the Sale of \$540,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2009". Ayes: all.

Nelson Lakeside Park Surface Water Management Improvement Project – Accept Plans and Specifications, Advertise for Bids

Post reported that the funding source for the proposed project is a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Grant initially awarded in 2006 with a grant expiration date of December 31, 2008. The project has had many design changes and timing delays as the City has attempted to be cognizant of Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MWCD) storm water rate flow and water quality requirements.

The City obtained two amendments to the grant resulting in a revised grant expiration date of December 31, 2009. Due to the tight time parameters on the project, staff recommends initiating the advertisement for bids on the project, realizing that the Council or Park Board, may wish to provide later further recommendations on specific landscaping elements and modify the "final" plans accordingly.

City Engineer Boxrud displayed an example of the seed mix included in the project specifications and indicated input on the planting mixes would be welcome. He commented on the process to include a differing planting mix than what is currently proposed via a bid alternate; discussed the timeline for bid receipt, award, and start of the project; and how a maintenance contract could be worked into the price of the landscaping materials through the bid package.

Park Board Member Cindy Borgert indicated she would have an interest in reviewing and offering suggestions for the planting mixes proposed. She further suggested that efforts be made to inform the public about the project, as it will be taking place during the prime park use season.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Carpenter, to accept the Plans and Specifications for the Nelson Lakeside Park Surface Water Improvement (SWM) project and to authorize advertisement for bids. Ayes: all.

Appointment of Park Board Members

Post indicated that in a work session prior to the regular meeting, the Council did have a discussion on the applicants interested in serving on the Park Board. There are three applicants for two open positions. Based on the discussion during the work session, it appeared the Council was prepared to make recommendations for appointment to the positions.

A motion was made by Carpenter, seconded by Henderson, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-12 appointing Nancy Dougherty and Charlie Hirt to three-year City of Long Lake Park Board terms ending December 31, 2011. Ayes: all.

Summary of First Quarter Fire Department Operations

Fire Chief Van Eyll appeared before the Council to provide an update on first quarter 2009 Fire Department operations. Van Eyll reviewed quantities and different types of calls, and provided comparisons and similarities to the previous year. He noted that the Department had experienced a

big loss in the retirement of three long-time firefighters; but he hopes they will continue to be involved with the Department in other ways. He also updated the Council on the status of the new Tanker 11 soon to be delivered, and commented on the success of this year's Pancake Breakfast.

Chief Van Eyll indicated a Fire Advisory subcommittee meeting would be held at the end of the month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Developer Feedback – Council member Carpenter had met with a few developers in town over the past three weeks. Though no immediate interest was expressed, Council member Carpenter had found it interesting to hear their comments about Long Lake. While driving around, he had noticed the dumpsters at the east end of the Town Center were not behind enclosures and asked staff to look into the matter.

Shoreline Planting Burn – Mayor Gilbert thanked Fire Chief Van Eyll and Public Works Director Wurzer for a job well done on the recent shoreline planting burn at Nelson Lakeside Park.

Coffee With the Mayor – Mayor Gilbert stated he would be hosting a coffee meeting on May 16 at the Country Cake Cupboard from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Long Lake Amenity Plan – Council member Olson indicated that she and Council member Henderson had met following the last Council work session to brainstorm ideas for enhancing the appearance of Long Lake, with a focus on the lake park and working with community organizations. She distributed copies of their notes and ideas.

Renaming of Old Highway 12 – Administrator Post informed the Council that the Chamber of Commerce had come forward with a letter requesting the City pursue renaming of old Highway 12/Wayzata Boulevard W to Long Lake Parkway. Parties that would need to be involved in discussion of renaming the roadway would be the cities of Long Lake, Orono, and Wayzata; as well as area post offices. Hearings open to the public would also need to be held.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk