



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 16, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

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

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Terrance Post; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; City Engineers: Dan Boxrud and Brad Woznak; City Attorney: Andrea McDowell; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

**Absent:** Council: Brian Carpenter (with prior notice)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of June 2, 2009 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of June 2, 2009 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-18 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for Corn Days 2009
- E. Authorize Administrator to Hire Temporary City Hall Office Employee
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-19 Continuing All Conditional Use Permits until June 30, 2010

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

**OPEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Resolution Supporting Highway 12 Bypass Signage Option**

Post indicated that at the last Mn/DOT Highway 12 construction update meeting on May 15, 2009, Heather Lott of the Mn/DOT signage department made a specific request of the cities of Long Lake and Orono to formally communicate their preference for two signing options Ms. Lott presented at the meeting. The locations to which these two signs are to be located are immediately east of the exit ramp for westbound old Highway 12 traffic coming from Wayzata on I-394/Highway 12. The sign options were either "Long Lake Orono" or "Wayzata Blvd". The Long Lake Chamber of Commerce Branding Task Force has communicated their preference for the "Long Lake Orono" signage option. Mayor Gilbert attended the June 8, 2009 Orono City Council meeting and reported

that they also expressed support for the "Long Lake Orono" signage option over the "Wayzata Blvd" signage option.

Staff recommends adoption of the proposed resolution and prompt communication of the Council action taken to Heather Lott at Mn/DOT.

*A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Rettinger, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-20 supporting the "Long Lake Orono" Highway 12 Bypass Mn/DOT signage option and communicate this action before June 19, 2009 to Heather Lott at Mn/DOT. Ayes: all.*

### **Discussion of Highway 12 Business Signage Options**

Post reported that the topic of Highway 12 business signage had also been discussed at the last Mn/DOT Highway 12 construction update meeting. Heather Lott of the Mn/DOT Signs department provided information concerning business signage highlighting and describing the three types of business sign categories. They included General Motorist Service, Specific Service, and Logo signs. She cautioned that the business signage type chosen for Highway 12 was not a "mix and match" type decision in that the various categories could not be combined. Ms. Lott had asked that the cities of Long Lake, Orono and Wayzata weigh in and provide input on the preferred business signage option prior to June 19.

Bob Erickson, Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce member, introduced other Chamber of Commerce members present and indicated that a group of interested Chamber members had met to discuss the business signage options offered. After debating the three options, the group ultimately indicated a preference for the logo type signage. He discussed the types of eligible businesses and process for applying for sign space on the logo signs proposed.

Council members were appreciative of the Chamber members' proactive efforts in reviewing the sign options.

*A motion was made by Rettinger, seconded by Olson, to endorse the logo sign option and direct that staff communicate that decision to MNDOT. Ayes: all.*

### **Award Contract for the Downtown Redevelopment Surface Water Improvement Project**

Post reported that bids were previously solicited for the Downtown Redevelopment Surface Water Improvement Project and opened on June 9, 2009. Seven firms bid on the project with the low bidder being Sunram Construction, Inc., and the second lowest bidder was Veit & Company. Overall the bids were relatively close, indicating that the contractors had a good understanding of the project. Post pointed out that Sunram Construction was awarded the bid last year for the City's Wayzata Boulevard Landscaping Project which currently remains incomplete.

Mayor Gilbert and Council members questioned Mr. Sunram, owner of Sunram Construction, regarding past performance issues and the current unsatisfactory condition of the Wayzata Boulevard Landscaping Project area.

Mr. Sunram responded to the Council's concerns and discussed how the condition of the landscaping project area would be improved and the timeline for completion of that project.

Council member Rettinger emphasized that the surface water project must be fully completed on time as it is being paid for by grant funds, and questioned whether Sunram Construction could do so.

Post noted that the Park Board had discussed the type of seed mixture proposed for the surface water project and had decided on an alternative seed mixture – essentially the same mix but shorter growing varieties to maximize parkland views.

City Engineer Boxrud commented on the Council members concerns relative to the contractor's past performance and SEH's role in project oversight. He indicated if Sunram Construction receives the bid award SEH will be actively overseeing the contractor's performance. He also noted that the seed mixture change would be completed by a project change order.

Brad Woznak, SEH, responded to Council member questions about the new seed mixture proposed.

*A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Olson, to award the construction contract for the Downtown Redevelopment Surface Water Improvements Project to Sunram Construction, Inc. and to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a contract for said services. Ayes: Henderson, Gilbert, Olson. Nays: Rettinger. Motion carried.*

### **2009 Seal Coating Project**

Public Works Director Wurzer stated the City's Pavement Management Plan rates the pavement and drainage of all City streets on an annual basis. Depending on the rating, streets are scheduled for maintenance and minor repair until they reach a condition that requires reconstruction. The plan was updated in 2007 to allow for the continued maintenance of the entire City roadway system. Part of the plan includes using a seal coat process to protect and extend the life of street surfaces. Wurzer reviewed the list of streets currently proposed for seal coating and described the seal coating process.

City staff solicited quotes and received two proposals, with the low quote submitted by Allied Blacktop Company of Maple Grove, MN. After review of the quotes and consideration of the contractor's ability to perform, Wurzer recommended the City Council award the 2009 Seal Coating Project to Allied Blacktop Company in the amount of \$35,832.40. The amount quoted is within the approved budget for the project.

*A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Henderson, to award the 2009 Seal Coating Project to Allied Blacktop Company and authorize the City Administrator to execute an agreement for completion of the project at a total cost of \$35,832.40. Ayes: all.*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Nelson Lakeside Park** – Council member Henderson noted that on a recent visit to the park, she noticed that the view from the park benches is completely blocked by the tall shoreline plantings and the split rail fence. She questioned whether the fence could be removed and plantings cut down in a section to allow for a view of the lake. Mayor Gilbert and Post responded that the shoreline planting and fencing was a Mn/DOT project and the City does not have the authority to solely remove a part of it. Council member Olson suggested the topic would be good for the Park Board to discuss.

**Stop Sign at Daniels Street / Shaughnessy Avenue** – Post stated that Council member Rettinger had brought up the idea of reconsidering an earlier Council's decision not to have a three-way stop at the intersection of Daniels Street and Shaughnessy Avenue. Post intends to add discussion of this intersection to a future work session agenda.

**Access to West Industrial Boulevard** – Post informed the Council that Jim Groub, Hennepin County Engineer, was seeking input from the Council relative to whether the median on Highway 12

that currently blocks access to West Industrial Boulevard could or should be removed. It was the consensus of the Council that with the current traffic counts on old Highway 12, the median could be removed and the intersection opened. Council member Rettinger suggested the Police Chief be contacted for his input on the intersection as well.

**No Parking Signage Along Willow Drive** – Post had received a request from a business owner for the no parking signs to be removed and parking to be allowed on the west side of Willow Drive from the AmericInn Hotel down to the CSM office building. The request was inspired by the upcoming June 25 to June 27 city-wide garage sale event. Council member Rettinger did not agree with removing the signs without additional info. Mayor Gilbert suggested the Police Chief be contacted about this matter as well.

**Lindawood Lane Cul-de-Sac** – Post indicated that residents of Lindawood Lane had recently contacted staff to ask that the City reduce the size of the island in the cul-de-sac; however, protect the tree that lies within the island. The island as it is now creates a tight turning radius for residential, school and maintenance vehicle traffic. Wurzer clarified that the residents are asking for the island to be reduced and more curbing added, but shrinking down to a six to eight foot circle may affect the root system of the tree. Council member Rettinger suggested the City vacate the right-of-way and let the residents make the changes they would like. Mayor Gilbert asked that Council members drive up to the site before further discussion or action.

**Orono 2030 Comprehensive Plan** – Post stated he had received a draft copy of Orono's 2030 Comprehensive Plan accompanied by a letter asking that any review be completed by December 10. Mayor Gilbert suggested the City's Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force be reconvened for a review of Orono's plan. Council members agreed.

**Meeting Regarding Branding** – Post commented that he would be meeting with Ron Ridgeway as requested by Council members on the coming Thursday to hear a presentation from Mr. Ridgeway regarding city branding/re-branding efforts.

**Highway 12 Watermain Break** – Wurzer stated that he had received an update regarding the Highway 12 watermain break from City Engineer Toby Muse. Mn/DOT staff are still reviewing sketches for the repair plan and have not yet granted formal approval. Only verbal approval has been received thus far.

**Ponds in Nelson Lakeside Park** – Mayor Gilbert said he had been walking around the ponds in Nelson Lakeside Park and noticed that near the screen grate, one was in need of skimming. Wurzer responded that Public Works staff do occasionally skim and clean out by the screens and it is the City's responsibility; however, it is a risky situation to clean in higher water flows. SEH is looking into alternatives for keeping the sites cleaner.

## **ADJOURN**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller  
City Clerk