

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
MAY 16, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Hopkins City Council was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1st Street South.

Mayor Hanlon called the meeting to order. Council Members Balan, Beck, Garrido, and Hunke were in attendance. Others attending included City Manager Mornson, Assistant City Manager Lenz, Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean, City Attorney Riggs, Public Works Director Autio, Director of Planning and Development Elverum, City Planner Howard, City Engineer Eric Klingbeil, Finance Director Bishop, and Deputy City Clerk Vidoloff.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Balan. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

PRESENTATIONS

III.1. Proclamation for LGBTQIA+ Pride Month (Pride Month); Imihy Bean

Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean summarized Council Report 2023-046, which included a motion to adopt a proclamation declaring June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month (Pride Month), and to hang Pride flags from every other flagpole along Main Street. Council Member Balan stated he would abstain from the vote because although he supported Pride Month, he had received many calls last year from people about the Pride Flags on Mainstreet and there were good people on both sides of the issue.

Motion by Garrido. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion Adopt a Proclamation for LGBTQIA+ Pride Month (Pride Month) in Hopkins, and to hang Pride flags from every other flagpole along Mainstreet.

Ayes: Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. **Abstain:** Balan. **Motion carried.**

III.2. Update on Park System Master Plan; Imihy Bean

Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean provided the City Council with an update on the Park System Master Plan. Discussion ensued about the fact that the plan is still in a concept phase, that the public was engaged to get initial needs and wants for the park system and this concept would be shared with the public for feedback.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Motion by Balan. **Second** by Garrido.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes of the May 9, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting Proceedings
2. Approval of Liquor License Renewals for the term of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024; Domeier
3. Approval of Business License Renewals for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; Domeier
4. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Appendix A of the Hopkins City Code to Establish a Tree Replacement Fee; Krzos
5. Approval of First Amendment to Temporary Easement Agreement between the City of Hopkins and the Metropolitan Council; Elverum

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

VII.1. Enter into an Operations and Maintenance Agreement and Cottageville Park Cooperative Agreement with the Minnehaha Watershed District; Imihy Bean

Special Projects and Initiative Manager Imihy Bean summarized Council Report 2023-049. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Project Planning Manager Hayman explained that the history of the partnership between MCWD and the City and how the new Agreement better incorporated that partnership.

Council Member Beck asked about the timeline for process. MCWD staff noted the Cottageville Park component could bid and start next year.

Motion by Beck. **Second** by Balan.

Motion to enter into an Operations and Maintenance Agreement and Cottageville Park Cooperative Agreement with the Minnehaha Watershed District.

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII.2. Update on Alatus Development at 325 Blake Road; Elverum

Bob Lux and Erica Miller, representatives from the Alatus Company, provided an update on the redevelopment of 325 Blake Road. Building A is on schedule for possible occupancy by December 2023. There is not yet a name for Building A, but the company is working with a branding group and hopes to release that name soon.

VII.3. Resolution 2023-018 establishing Legislative Policy 7-H Inclusionary Housing Policy; Elverum

Director of Planning & Development Elverum summarized Council Report 2023-048 regarding inclusionary housing policy. Discussion ensued about the policy.

Motion by Beck. **Second** by Garrido.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-018 establishing Legislative Policy 7-H Inclusionary Housing Policy.

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke
Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII.4. Commercial Façade Loan Program; Elverum

Director of Planning and Development Elverum and Planner Howard provided an overview of the Commercial Façade Loan Program and asked for Council's input on continuing this program in the future.

The City Council discussed whether properties eligible to apply could be expanded all the way down Mainstreet to the Shady Oak intersection and whether or not to allocate more funding. Council Member Hunke was open to expanding the eligible territory but was cognizant that there would be more requests. Council Member Balan noted that the program seems to be working just fine as it is. Council Member Beck stated he would be in favor of expanding the eligible area to Shady Oak but was hesitant to allocate more funding.

Mayor Hanlon asked if staff had inquired about possible tax credits for possible applicants. Ms. Elverum stated there would be a lot of work that goes into that analysis but would certainly be open to pursuing it with applicants who are interested in investing that amount of time and effort into the process.

Mayor Hanlon asked staff to determine if there was funding available for the businesses that did not make the cut for program loans in the 2022 funding process.

The entire City Council was in support of continuing the program in 2024.

VII.5. Discussion of Historic Items for Mainstreet; Autio

At the request of Council Member Beck, Public Works Director Autio provided a review on the possibility of Historic Signage on Mainstreet/the Historic District.

Discussion ensued on whether to have signs that read, "Historic Downtown" or "Historic Main Street" and determining in what area the signs should be hung. Agreement was reached that the signs would say, "Historic District" and the signs should be hung in the entire historical district, not just on Mainstreet. The City Council also liked the idea of medallions or badges on the sidewalks as well.

VII.6. Approval of Amendment to the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan; Bishop/Klingbeil

Finance Director Bishop and City Engineer Klingbeil summarized Council Report 2023-052 regarding a motion to approve an amendment to the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, increasing the cost of the Street Rehabilitation Improvements by \$70,000. This request was supported by a recommendation from Council Member Hunke.

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Mr. Bishop explained the financing basis for the improvement and Mr. Klingbeil explained how the two-block area was a good candidate for a mill and overlay procedure as it is just the pavement surface that is deteriorating, and the underlying surface is in good shape.

Motion by Hunke. **Second** by Garrido.

Motion to approve an amendment to the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan increasing the cost of the Street Rehabilitation Improvements by \$70,000.

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hanlon reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion by Balan, second by Hunke, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ann M. Vidoloff, Deputy City Clerk