

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 2, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Hopkins City Council was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1st Street South.

Mayor Gadd called the meeting to with Council Members Beck, Brausen, Halverson and Hunke attending. Others attending included City Manager Mornson, City Clerk Domeier, Assistant City Manager Lenz, Police Chief Johnson, City Attorney Riggs, City Planner Lindahl and Director of Planning and Development Elverum.

Mayor Gadd provided information on the meeting format and other opening remarks.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Brausen. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to Adopt Agenda.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Beck. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes of the May 19, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Proceedings
2. Minutes of the May 27, 2020 City Council Emergency Meeting Proceedings
3. Approval of Business and Liquor License Renewals for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; Domeier
4. Authorize the Execution of First Amendment to Temporary Easement Agreement SWLRT Green Line Extension; Stanley
5. Minnesota Brownfields GAP Financing Program Grant for Community Housing Development Corporation; Elverum

Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

VII.1. Site Plan Review for Rehabilitation of 1201 Mainstreet – Bear Cave Brewing Brewpub; Lindahl

City Planner Lindahl provide a summary of Council Report 2020-042 where the applicant, Brian Grafton of FMD Architects (on behalf of Bear Cave Brewing), requests site plan approval to allow rehabilitation of the property located at 1201 Mainstreet into a Brewpub (microbrewery and tasting room). Mr. Lindahl added that staff is proposing additional screening for the rooftop patio to provide more of a buffer for neighbors to the north and west. He noted the recommendation was not part of the resolution.

Discussion ensued regarding parking concerns. Council Member Brausen stated he was most concerned about parking along 12th Avenue, near Citigables, and the spillover

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into the neighborhoods. Mr. Lindahl stated that the parking study did a general analysis of the parking system. The study showed there were more than enough parking spaces available. The City's downtown parking system is able to handle the additional cars. Mayor Gadd questioned if the parking study should have included 15th Avenue where the strip mall could be used for overflow parking. Council Member Beck was thankful that Driskills parking lot was not part of the study. Council Member Hunke stated that parking could be at Lot 800, Maetzold Field, and the public ramp also noting that some people will use bus, car sharing, light rail or bike but we need to accommodate cars.

Council Member Hunke complimented the additional windows. He also stated that the rooftop patio proposal has sufficient screening so he did not think additional screening was needed. Council Member Brausen had concerns about people accessing the staircase in the rear of the building questioning security. He was also sensitive to the lighting, shading and noise.

Brian Grafton, architect for the applicants, stated the owner did not plan to provide surveillance around the brewery. The stairs proposed are for emergency egress only and a clear path must be provided. He also added the intent of the rooftop patio screening was to visually screen off the neighbors to the north.

Nathan Bergeland, owner of Bear Cave Brewing, stated they love Hopkins and the walkability. He thanked the City for their support and the opportunity to submit their proposal.

Council Member Brausen acknowledged that with virtual meetings the City Council may hear more from residents about the project. He added the project is a wonderful chance to move something forward for the community on Mainstreet.

Motion by Halverson. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-033, approving the Site Plan application from Bear Cave Brewing to rehabilitate the property located at 1201 Mainstreet (PID 24-117-22-31-0059) into a Brewpub, subject to conditions.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

VII.2. 227 Homedale Road Side Yard Setback Variance; Lindahl

City Planner Lindahl provided a summary of Council Report 2020-043 where the applicant, Matt and Trish Sieh, requests a four (4) foot south side yard setback variance to allow construction of a 2-story addition to their existing single family home located at 227 Homedale Road.

Motion by Hunke. **Second** by Brausen.

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Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-034, approving a four (4) foot south side yard setback variance for the property located at 227 Homedale Road (PID 20-117-21-33-0068)..

Ayes: Beck, Hunke, Brausen, Halverson Gadd.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII.3. First Reading: Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Hopkins City Code Regarding Animals; Domeier

City Clerk Domeier provided a summary of Council Report 2020-036 requesting a first reading of changes to City Code Chapter 6 regarding animals.

Motion by Hunke. **Second** by Halverson.

Motion to adopt for first reading Ordinance 2020-1149 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Hopkins City Code Regarding Animals.

Ayes: Beck, Hunke, Brausen, Halverson Gadd.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII.4. First Reading: Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Hopkins City Code Regarding Off-Sale Licenses; Domeier

City Clerk Domeier provided a summary of Council Report 2020-037 requesting a first reading of changes to City Code Chapter 4 regarding a change to the number off-sale liquor licenses issued by the City.

Council Member Halverson questioned the reason for the number change. Ms. Domeier replied that the amendment allows for The Vine Room Shop off-sale to open.

Motion by Halverson. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to adopt for first reading Ordinance 2020-1153 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Hopkins City Code Regarding Off-Sale Licenses.

Ayes: Beck, Hunke, Brausen, Halverson Gadd.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII.5. Resolution Approving Refunds for On-Sale Liquor License Fees; Domeier

City Clerk Domeier provided a summary of Council Report 2020-038 asking the City Council to consider a resolution providing a refund of license fees to on-sale liquor license holders.

Council Member Halverson thanked staff for working with the business owners to find a solution to help them during this time. Council Member Brausen concurred. Mayor Gadd added that the City is looking at all options to help our businesses noting that license holders were only required to pay half of their renewal fees. Ms. Domeier commented that about half of the on-sale liquor license holders took advantage of making the partial payment at renewal.

Motion by Beck. Second by Brausen.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-029 a Resolution Approving Refunds for On-Sale Liquor License Fees.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII.6. Creation of 2020 Early Retirement Incentive Program; Lenz

City Manager Mornson provided a summary of Council Report 2020-039 creating a 2020 Early Retirement Incentive Program. The proposed program gives another tool for the City to use in addressing the revenue reductions and will result in a cost savings. Assistant City Manager clarified the cost savings resulting from the program.

Council Member Beck thanked staff for creating this program. Mayor Gadd concurred.

Motion by Brausen. Second by Kristi.

Motion to Approve the Creation of the 2020 Early Retirement Incentive Program.

Ayes: Beck, Hunke, Brausen, Halverson Gadd.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Mornson commended great staff for their work moving forward during COVID-19. He provided updates that the City Hall will be open by appointment; the Arts Center and Pavilion will be allow meeting in smaller groups; Minnetonka will be starting some softball practice but with groups less than 10; the issuing of liquor refunds; and creating outdoor patios. Mr. Mornson invited Chief Johnson to provide comments on the recent tragic events and impacts to the City.

Police Chief Johnson stated that the Police Department is going to rebuild trust in the community and continue to do what sets them apart. Safety of the community is paramount as the department protects the life and property in the community. He shared information about the intelligence reports his team receives and that the ready reaction team was on all weekend and currently is on standby. Mr. Johnson also shared that additional resources were brought in to cover Mainstreet and were also placed strategically throughout the City. Based on the intelligence information, a curfew was not warranted. He thanked the City Council for their support and the support from the community based upon the relationships the department has built. Mayor Gadd thanked Mr. Johnson for sharing the information. He added that the department has his full confidence and faith and that Mr. Johnson's recommendation helped make his decision about not enforcing a curfew.

Mayor Gadd shared a written comment submitted by Ted Volk, 6301 Belmore Lane, Edina: Dear Mayor and Councilmembers, Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services announced that they won't open Shady Oak beach because they are not sure how to operate it safely until 2021. The good news is a smaller beach on the Libbs Lake is

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ready to open in a COVID-19-safe manner, requiring just a "No Lifeguards on Duty" sign and the buoys outlining the swim area. Plymouth has done exactly the same at the Medicine Lake. The City owns the beach area and its huge parking lot. I am urging you to direct the City to prepare Shady Oak beach in the same way, which is compliant with Minnetonka City Code. With no diving boards and challenge courses to prepare, and no lifeguards around, it would be mainly about distancing planning, like blocking every other parking space. To help Minnetonka Police catch reckless conduct or littering, adding real-time monitoring of the existing security cameras may be helpful too. Reallocating some of the Recreational budget from the cancelled programs, and seasonal parking passes would pay for this and other necessities. Facebook page Shady Oak Beach is already online and can mobilize the needed volunteers. For many families, a no-frills functioning Shady Oak beach is the only way to enjoy one of the most attractive Minnesota amenities: being on the lake when it's so hot outside. Let's not wait until the residents express their displeasure with the lockout the beaches en masse. For young people, engaging in a healthy activity is especially important as an alternative to anti-social conduct. Opening Shady Oak beach would become one "of the necessary steps to prevent and deter crime ", taking the words from the Mayor's and Police Chief's recent statement. It's one of the Council's roles to find a balanced temporary solution when the joint powers authority, designed to act on a complete consensus, needs a year to properly scale down a seasonal program. Thank you for your attention, and, hopefully, for taking a timely action.

Mayor Gadd responded that the decision to close the Shady Oak Beach was difficult but the decision was made by both cities taking CDC recommendations into consideration.

Mayor Gadd shared closing remarks regarding the recent events in Minneapolis and across the nation.

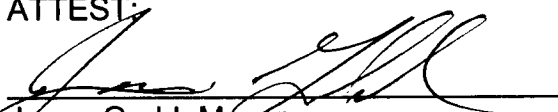
The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further information to come before the City Council and upon a motion by Halverson, second by Hunke, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Domeier City Clerk

ATTEST:



Jason Gadd, Mayor



Amy Domeier, City Clerk