

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 6, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Hopkins City Council was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 6:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1st Street South.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hunke called the meeting to order with Council Members Beck and Garrido attending. Council Member Balan participated via interactive technology pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 133.02 but with minor technology issues was only able to observe the meeting. Mayor Hanlon was absent. Others attending included City Manager Mornson, Assistant City Manager Lenz, City Clerk Domeier, City Planner Krzos, Planner Howard, City Engineer Klingbeil, City Attorney Riggs and Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: Beck, Garrido, Hunke

Nays: None. Absent: Balan, Hanlon. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

III.1. Appointments to Park Board and Planning Commission and Oath of Office; Domeier

Mayor Pro Tempore Hunke summarized the process for selecting the new board and commission members.

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

Motion to appoint Callie Flynn and Wendy Woodfill to the Park Board; reappoint Matthew Miller and Kimberly Stiele to the Park Board; appoint Travis Fauchald and Diane Ilstrup to the Planning Commission; and reappoint Andrew Wright to the Planning Commission all with terms ending June 30, 2025.

Ayes: Beck, Garrido, Hunke

Nays: None. Absent: Balan, Hanlon. Motion carried.

City Clerk Domeier issued the Oath of Office to Callie Flynn, Diane Ilstrup and Wendy Woodfill.

III.2. Update of Hopkins Pride 2023; West Kokesh

Hopkins Pride applicant West Kokesh and Jeremy Hale with LTD Brewing provided an update on the Hopkins Pride 2023 event.

III.3. Proclamation Recognizing June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth in Hopkins; Imihy Bean

Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean summarized City Council Report 2023-047. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending

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of slavery in the United States. MN ROOTS! coordinators provided more information about the Juneteenth event.

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

Motion to Adopt a Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth in Hopkins.

Ayes: Beck, Garrido, Hunke

Nays: None. Absent: Balan, Hanlon. Motion carried.

III.4. Equity Update; Imihy Bean

Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean summarized the ongoing work within the organization listed in the memorandum including the recent work with consultant firm, CultureBrokers LLC to develop an Equity Strategic Action Plan (ESAP). Council Member Garrido questioned the performance measurements for the ESAP. Ms. Imihy Bean anticipated that the progress will be continuously measured and reviewed approximately every 10 years. Mayor Pro Tempore Hunke questioned how often the City Council would be updated on equity work. Ms. Imihy Bean provided the timelines for updating stakeholders and residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes of the May 16, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Proceedings
2. Approval of Temporary Liquor License for American Legion 320 DBA John Wilbur Moore Post; Domeier
3. Approval of Temporary Liquor License for BPOE Lodge 2221 DBA Hopkins Elks Lodge; Domeier
4. Approval of Temporary Liquor License for JCI Hopkins; Domeier
5. Extension of On-Sale Liquor License for LTD Brewing LLC DBA LTD Brewing Co.; Domeier
6. Resolution Approving Repair and Maintenance Addendum to Cooperative Agreement Between City of Hopkins and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District (NMCWD); Klingbeil
7. Approval of Miller's Application for Deferral of Special Assessment; Bishop
8. Ratify Checks Issued in May 2023; Bishop

Ayes: Beck, Garrido, Hunke

Nays: None. Absent: Balan, Hanlon. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

VII.1. First Reading: Ordinance Granting Comcast a Cable Television Franchise; Lenz/Grogan

Brian T. Grogan, Esq. with Moss & Barnett summarized City Council Report 2023-063. Mr. Grogan's summary included information about the Southwest Suburban Cable Commissions goals and franchise negotiations.

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

Motion to hold First Reading of Ordinance 2023-1192 an Ordinance Renewing the Grant of a Franchise to Comcast of Minnesota, Inc. to Operate and Maintain a Cable System in the City of Hopkins, Minnesota; Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Grant of the Franchise; Providing for City Regulation and Administration of the Cable System; and Terminating Ordinance No. 2012-1051.

Ayes: Beck, Garrido, Hunke

Nays: None. Absent: Balan, Hanlon. Motion carried.

VII.2. Resolution Denying the Variance Request for the property located at 13 Harrison Avenue South; Howard/ VII.3. First Reading: Ordinance Amending Chapter 102 of the Hopkins City Code Regarding Attached Garages in N3-B Zones; Howard

Planner Howard summarized City Council Report 2023-053. The property owner requested variances from standards to locate a garage 10.5 feet in front of the main building's front façade and to locate the garage door on the front façade. Based on the findings detailed in the report, staff determined the applicant did not demonstrate a practical difficulty with meeting the City zoning requirements as required by Minnesota State Statute 462.357, Subdivision 6. Mr. Howard recommended the City deny the applicant's request.

Discussion was held about the variance request including the neighboring property with a similar garage as proposed. Mr. Howard explained how a proposed garage would work under the current code and proposed code.

Mr. Howard summarized City Council Report 2023-062. The proposed ordinance would grant an exception to the attached garage setback and garage door location standards to properties in the N3-B zone that are not served by an improved alley, allowing garages under such circumstances to be designed according to the standards that apply to N3-A, Mid Lot Traditional Neighborhood zones.

Council Member Beck questioned if the lot was considered non-conforming. City Attorney Riggs stated given the use of the lot it was not considered non-conforming.

Brianna Frederick share concerns about the proposed setbacks and the lack of precedence in the neighborhood. Council Member Beck suggested further amendments to the zoning code to allow this single family home and garage to be built. He suggested further modifying the code with something similar with different setbacks. Council Member Garrido concurred; however, Mayor Pro Tempore Hunke supported the proposed ordinance. Council Member Beck wanted feedback from the absent Council Members. He requested it be considered under Old Business on future agenda and revised to allow for different setback options. City Attorney Riggs stated a proposed ordinance would not be ready for June 20 and may require Planning Commission review. Mayor Pro Tempore

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suggested the second reading come back with same ordinance for full City Council review.

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

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-020 denying the variance request for the property located at 13 Harrison Avenue South.

Ayes: Beck, Garrido, Hunke

Nays: None. Absent: Balan, Hanlon. Motion carried.

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

Motion to Adopt for First Reading, Ordinance 2023-1191 Amending Chapter 102 of the Hopkins City Code Regarding Attached Garages in N3-B Zones.

Ayes: Beck, Garrido, Hunke

Nays: None. Absent: Balan, Hanlon. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tempore Hunke reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule including the Fire Department Staffing Study virtual town hall meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, and upon a motion by Garrido, second by Beck, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Domeier, City Clerk