

DRAFT



Approved: July 25, 2022

**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2022
7:00 P.M. - ARDEN HILLS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor David Grant called to order the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor David Grant, Councilmembers Brenda Holden, Fran Holmes, David Radziej, and Steve Scott

Absent: None

Also present: City Administrator Dave Perrault; Public Works Director/City Engineer David Swearingen; City Planner Jessica Jagoe; Finance Director Gayle Bauman; and City Clerk Julie Hanson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Holden moved and Councilmember Radziej seconded a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion carried (5-0).

2. PUBLIC INQUIRIES/INFORMATIONAL

Mayor Grant commented he was made aware that anti-Semitic literature was distributed in Arden Hills and several neighboring communities. He reported these actions were hateful and condemned by the City of Arden Hills. He explained such literature will not be tolerated by the City. He explained the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department was aware of this situation and would be investigating the matter further.

Chris Hughes, 3515 Snelling Avenue North, discussed the need for affordable housing within TCAAP. He commented on the agreement that was previously considered and approved by the Council with Alatus. He stated he was pleased that this agreement included more affordable housing. He understood Ramsey County did not support the agreement between Alatus and the City because they would like to see more housing units and even more affordability. He reported the rejection was not unexpected. He stated when fully developed over 4,000 jobs will be created

within TCAAP and would create a \$1 billion development. He encouraged the Council to take action and work with Ramsey County versus hoping this project would move forward because he wanted to witness the completion of the TCAAP project. His question to the City Council was “What are they doing today to work with Ramsey County?”

Katy Muckala, 1147 Karth Lake, stated she would like the City Council to consider changing the residential pool barrier requirement. She requested the barrier height be changed from five feet to four feet. She noted this change would be in alignment with neighboring communities. She indicated the federal government recommends pool barriers be 48 inches.

3. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES

A. Public Inquiry Response from June 27, 2022 City Council Meeting

Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen provided the Council with a response to the public inquiry from the June 27, 2022 City Council meeting. He commented further on the improvements that were being made at Old Snelling Avenue and County Road E. He noted Ramsey County was currently reviewing the feedback that had been provided to the public and would be holding an in person open house in September or October of this year.

4. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Transportation Update

Public Works Director Swearingen reported paving of the northbound lanes of Lexington Avenue was completed. He noted northbound traffic would reopen mid-July. He encouraged residents to drive safely through the project area and to visit Ramsey County’s website for further information regarding this project.

Public Works Director Swearingen stated work on Old Snelling continues and the first paving course was in place. He explained the multi-use trail was in place and would be open for use in the coming weeks.

Public Works Director Swearingen explained the Arden Oaks Street Improvement Project would begin the week of July 18 and newsletters have been sent to residents regarding the project.

B. Night to Unite

City Clerk Hanson stated Night to Unite would be held on Tuesday, August 2. She encouraged residents that were looking to host an event to register with the City by Friday, July 15 in order to have a visit from the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Department.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 20, 2022, City Council Worksession

MOTION: Councilmember Holden moved and Councilmember Radziej seconded a motion to approve the June 20, 2022, City Council Worksession meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried (5-0).

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Item - Claims and Payroll
- B. Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-038 Regarding Application for Trident Development for Comprehensive Plan Amendments at 1700 West Highway 96 – Planning Case 22-009
- C. Motion to Approve Payment No. 1 – Bituminous Roadways, Inc. – City Hall Parking Lot Project

MOTION: Councilmember Holden moved and Councilmember Radziej seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented and to authorize execution of all necessary documents contained therein. The motion carried (5-0).

7. PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Radziej stated he attended the Lake Johanna Boulevard Trail open house’s walking/bicycle path display. He reported the path would be installed on the northwest side of the lake and would take five years to complete.

Councilmember Scott thanked the community for turning out at the Lake Johanna Boulevard trail meeting. He appreciated the fact that the Council and many members from the community were in attendance.

Councilmember Scott stated the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon would be hosting a family night on Wednesday, July 13 at the Hamline Readiness Center where remote control cars would be brought in for children to use.

Councilmember Scott reported a penny carnival would be hosted by the City on Friday, July 22.

Councilmember Holden asked what was going on with the parking issue at International Paper.

City Administrator Perrault stated he received an email from International Paper earlier in the day and noted he had to review this further.

Councilmember Holden asked that the tree fund be changed to a landscaping fund.

City Administrator Perrault indicated staff would be discussing this further with the City Attorney.

Councilmember Holden reported she picked up the anti-Semitic hate mail on Saturday that was thrown into her yard and the yards of her neighbors during the night. She said that in speaking with members of her neighborhood, there was agreement that this type of behavior is not acceptable.

Councilmember Holden discussed issues on Sandeen Road, noting the roadway was too narrow when cars were parked on both sides of the street.

Councilmember Holden, in response to a comment made during Public Inquiries portion of the meeting, explained the City Council was very surprised by the fact Ramsey County turned down the agreement between the City and Alatus.

Mayor Grant stated he attended the Lake Johanna Boulevard presentation for the trail on the north side. He reported this trail would greatly improve pedestrian safety.

Mayor Grant stated the City was in the midst of a drought and could benefit from purchasing watering bags for trees.

Mayor Grant commented further on work that would be done by Ramsey County on two retaining walls that were deteriorating in the City.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Holden moved and Councilmember Radziej seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried (5-0).

Mayor Grant adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Julie Hanson
City Clerk

David Grant
Mayor