



Approved: August 22, 2022

**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 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 Dave Swearingen; Community Development Director Jessica Jagoe; Finance Director Gayle Bauman; and City Clerk Julie Hanson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. PUBLIC INQUIRIES/INFORMATIONAL

Gregg Larson, 3377 North Snelling Avenue, stated Snelling Avenue has been under construction for the past several months. He explained this project was something he has been waiting for for the past 20 years. He reported the neighbors were all very grateful for the roadway and trail improvements. He thanked City staff and the contractor for managing the project well. He indicated he was surprised to learn that the speed limit had been posted at 40 miles per hour. He encouraged the City Council to reconsider this given the fact the roadway had been narrowed and the shoulders had been removed.

3. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES

None.

4. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Transportation Update

Public Works Director Swearingen reported paving of the northbound lanes of Lexington Avenue had been completed from County Road E to I-694. He explained the utility work was taking longer than anticipated, which meant work on this project would continue through August. He encouraged residents to contact Ramsey County with any questions or concerns regarding this project.

Public Works Director Swearingen stated the final paving was complete for the Old Snelling improvement project and striping of the roadway would be completed in the next week.

Public Works Director Swearingen explained the Arden Oaks neighborhood street improvement project was underway and the drain tile improvements were complete. He reported crews had installed concrete curb and gutter which meant the first course would be installed next week, weather permitting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Item - Claims and Payroll
- B. Motion to Approve Capital Equipment Expenditure – Lake Johanna Fire Department
- C. Motion to Approve Purchase Agreement for City Owned Property located at 3588 Ridgewood Road
- D. Motion to Approve Payment to Klein Underground, LLC for Watermain Repair at 1230 Highway 96
- E. Motion to Approve Final Payment – Insituform Technologies USA, LLC – 2021 CIPP Lining 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 explained he received a complaint from a resident concerning the speed of traffic along Lake Johanna Boulevard. This resident suggested digital speed signs be installed to address this concern.

Councilmember Radziej reported a brewery was invited to Land O'Lakes and Boston Scientific and due to City Ordinance restrictions regarding small brewers, beer sales were not allowed. He encouraged the Council to consider changing City Code to allow for brewery/beer sales.

Councilmember Radziej stated he was pleased to meet with many neighbors on National Night Out, which was held on Tuesday, August 2.

Councilmember Scott sent his deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff Dallas Edeburn.

Councilmember Scott noted he and his wife attended seven different events on National Night Out and he thanked the residents of Arden Hills for hosting so many wonderful events.

Councilmember Scott encouraged residents to get out and vote on Tuesday, August 9 in the Primary Election.

Councilmember Holmes stated she attended a number of National Night Out parties. She appreciated the level of engagement that occurred at each event she attended.

Councilmember Holmes supported a permanent speed board being posted on Lake Johanna Boulevard.

Councilmember Holmes requested further information from staff on the Bark and Rec event.

Councilmember Holmes indicated she would like to know more about what was occurring at International Paper.

City Administrator Perrault reported the sheriff has been visiting the site but did not know if any citations were issued. He noted he'd report back.

Councilmember Holden stated she attended a number of National Night Out events and she was excited to see so many residents out visiting with their neighbors.

Councilmember Holden reported she would like the County to respond to the speed concerns along Lake Johanna Boulevard. She recommended this issue be addressed at a future work session in order to make this corridor safe for Arden Hills residents.

Councilmember Holden explained the Rotary Club’s Taste of Hops event would be held on Thursday, August 11.

Councilmember Holden stated she has had several residents ask for gaga ball courts in Arden Hills. She requested staff look into installing a gaga ball court within several City parks and that this be discussed at a future work session.

Councilmember Holden clarified for the record the Council did not vote down a Costco within TCAAP. She stated she was the only Councilmember against Costco going in right off of I-35W and County Road H for the following reasons: “welcome to TCAAP” would be a sea of asphalt; it was environmentally adverse; the building materials used produce lower taxes; and traffic issues at major access points. She commented on the history of TCAAP and explained she would like to see a lot of small businesses on the TCAAP site versus big box retail in order to really make the development special. She expressed further frustration with the County and questioned when they would begin negotiating with the City.

Councilmember Holden stated she received questions regarding the \$4 million the City spent on TCAAP, noting the City has been reimbursed for the majority of money by developers. Ramsey County, through the JPA/JDA, has not reimbursed the City as agreed to in the contract. She said the only expenses borne by the City alone are the TCAAP fiber conduit project and litigation costs not covered by insurance.

Mayor Grant explained it was great to see residents out and attending National Night Out events last Tuesday.

Mayor Grant stated he asked staff to create a Council Activity list to address Council requests such as a speed sign on Lake Johanna Boulevard.

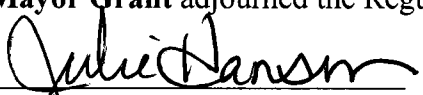
Mayor Grant reported he toured Venture Solutions today along with staff, Councilmember Holmes and Councilmember Scott.

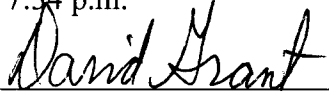
Mayor Grant indicated he would support the Council revisiting City Code to address the request from Omni Brewing.

ADJOURN

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

Mayor Grant adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:34 p.m.


 Julie Hanson
 City Clerk


 David Grant
 Mayor