



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, August 26, 2024
6:00 PM

Mayor
Amáda Márquez Simula
Councilmembers
Connie Buesgens
Kt Jacobs
Rachel James
Justice Spriggs
City Manager
Aaron Chirpich

AMENDED AGENDA

AGENDA AMENDED ON AUGUST 26TH TO REMOVE ITEM 7

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Members of the public who wish to attend may do so in-person, or by using Microsoft Teams Meeting at columbiaheightsmn.gov/joinameeting: **287 822 303 488**, Passcode **MGP9KV**. Additionally, members of the public may view the meeting live at columbiaheightsmn.gov/watch. For questions, please call the Administration Department at 763-706-3610.

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WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MISSION STATEMENT

Columbia Heights is a vibrant, healthy and connected City. We are here to actively support the community, deliver equitable services, build and strengthen connections, improve upon our past, and uphold our successes. We strive to be better and ensure Columbia Heights is a great place for everyone, today and in the future.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(The Council, upon majority vote of its members, may make additions and deletions to the agenda. These may be items submitted after the agenda preparation deadline.)

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITION, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GUESTS

- A. 2024 Outstanding Business of the Year Award Presentation.**

Columbia Heights Pizza Man

- B. Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation.**

- C. Recognition of the 2024 Northern Lights Award.**

CONSENT AGENDA

These items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted as part of the Consent

Agenda by one motion. Items removed from consent agenda approval will be taken up as the next order of business. (The City Council will make motion to approve the Consent Agenda following the statement of all items.)

1. Approve the August 12, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Move to approve the August 12, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes.

2. Accept the June 11 & July 9, 2024 Sustainability Commission Minutes.

MOTION: Move to accept the June 11 & July 9, 2024 Sustainability Commission minutes.

3. License Agenda.

MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for August 26th, 2024, as presented.

4. Partnership with CHPS on Mentorship Program.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Police Chief and City Manager to partner with Columbia Heights Public Schools on the creation of a volleyball program with a police mentorship component. Up to \$28,528 in 2023 Public Safety Aid is authorized for this purpose.

5. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for August 26, 2024, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

6. Review of Bills.

MOTION: Move that in accordance with Minnesota Statute 412.271, subd. 8 the City Council has reviewed the enclosed list to claims paid by check and by electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$1,438,579.83.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

This is the public's opportunity to speak regarding this matter. Speakers that are in-person are asked to complete a Speaker Form and submit it to the City Clerk. Speakers attending virtually should send a request to speak with this information to the moderator using the chat function and wait to be called on to speak. When speaking, virtual attendees should turn their camera on. Any comments made after the public hearing is closed will not be considered by the City Council and will not be included as part of the formal record for this matter as the item will have been voted on and the item formally closed by the Council.

~~**7. Consideration of Resolution 2024-59, revocation of the license to operate rental units within the city of Columbia Heights against the rental property at 1087/1089 Polk Circle NE for failure to meet the requirements of the Residential Maintenance Codes.**~~

8. First Reading of Ordinance No. 1704, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, Article IV – 1583: Granting a Franchise to Comcast Of Minnesota, Inc. to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable System in The City Of Columbia Heights.

MOTION: Move to close the hearing and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1704, there

being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to set the second reading of Ordinance 1704, being an ordinance to amend Chapter 12, Article IV – 1583: Granting a Franchise to Comcast Of Minnesota, Inc. to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable System in The City Of Columbia Heights for September 9th, 2024 at approximately 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1700, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9 - Land Use: 9.103 Definitions, 9.104 Administration and Enforcement, 9.105 Nonconformities, 9.106 General Development Standards, 9.107 Specific Development Standards, 9.109 Residential Districts, 9.110 Commercial Districts, and 9.111 Industrial Districts.**

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1700, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1700, being an ordinance to amend Chapter 9 - Land Use: 9.103 Definitions, 9.104 Administration and Enforcement, 9.105 Nonconformities, 9.106 General Development Standards, 9.107 Specific Development Standards, 9.109 Residential Districts, 9.110 Commercial Districts, and 9.111 Industrial Districts, and direct staff to send the summary ordinance for publication in the legal newspaper.

- 10. First Reading of Ordinance No. 1701, an Ordinance to amend 5.607 Pet Shops and Commercial Kennels.**

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1701, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to set the second reading of Ordinance 1701, being an ordinance to amend 5.607 Pet Shops and Commercial Kennels in the City of Columbia Heights for September 9, 2024 at approximately 6:00pm.

Bid Considerations

No New Bid Considerations.

New Business and Reports

No New Business or Reports.

CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Report of the City Council

Report of the City Manager

COMMUNITY FORUM

The Community Forum is the public's opportunity to address the Council regarding any matter that has not had a public hearing earlier in the meeting.

Speakers that are in-person are asked to complete a Speaker Form and submit it to the City Clerk.

Once called to the podium, the speaker should state their name and connection to Columbia Heights.

Speakers attending virtually should send a request to speak as well as their address and connection to Columbia Heights to the moderator using the chat function and wait to be called on to speak.

When speaking, virtual attendees should turn their camera on.

All speakers should limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

Personal attacks, threats, the use of profanity, and other disrespectful comments are prohibited.

The City Council will listen to the public comments, ask clarifying questions, and if needed, request staff to follow up or direct the matter to be added to an upcoming agenda. Generally, the City Council will not take official action on items raised at the Community Forum at the meeting on which they are raised.

ADJOURNMENT

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