



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

Mayor
Amada Márquez Simula
Councilmembers
Connie Buesgens
Kt Jacobs
Rachel James
Justice Spriggs
Interim City Manager
Kevin Hansen

AGENDA

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: **ID 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. Alexandra House.**
Connie Moore and Tina Bronson.

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 February 12, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the February 12, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes.
2. **Accept February 27, 2023 HRA Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to accept the February 27, 2023 HRA Meeting minutes.
3. **Accept December 12, 2023 Sustainability Commission Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to Accept December 12, 2023 Sustainability Commission Minutes.
4. **Approve Permit for the 2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade.**
MOTION: Move to authorize the Police Department to issue a parade permit for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, contingent on the above conditions, to be held on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. for the following streets: 40th Avenue at Van Buren Street; west on 40th Avenue to 5th Street; south on 5th Street; end at 5th Street/Mill Street.
5. **Adopt Resolution 2024-19 Accepting The Feasibility Report For Concrete Alley Reconstruction And Ordering The Public Improvement Hearing, City Project No. 2406.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-19, there being ample copies available for the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2024-19, being a resolution accepting the Feasibility Report for Concrete Alley Reconstruction, City Project No. 2406, and ordering the Public Improvement Hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. on March 26, 2024.
6. **License Agenda.**
MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for February 26th 2024, as presented.
7. **Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.**
MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for February 26, 2024, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.
8. **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 \$927,869.33.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

9. **Ceasefire and Humanitarian Aid in Gaza.**
MOTION: Move to read and approve Resolution 2024-20, a resolution of the City Council for the City of Columbia Heights, calling for ceasefire and humanitarian aid in Gaza.
10. **Review and Authorization of an Amendment to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.**
MOTION: Move to close the hearing and waive the reading of draft Resolution No. 2024-

013, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to recommend that the City Council approve draft Resolution No. 2024-013, authorizing the proposed amendment of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan per the staff report and recommending the City proceed with sending the amendment to the Metropolitan Council.

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.

11. First Reading of Ordinance No. 1691, an Ordinance proposing vacation of roadway, alley, and right-of-way easements serving 1650 40th Avenue NE.

MOTION: Move to close the hearing and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1691, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to set the second reading of Ordinance No. 1691, an Ordinance proposing vacation of roadway, alley, and right-of-way easements serving 1650 40th Avenue NE, for March 11, 2024, at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

12. First Reading of Ordinance No. 1692, an Ordinance proposing a new roadway, alley, and right-of-way easement serving 1650 40th Avenue NE.

MOTION: Move to close the hearing and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1692, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to set the second reading of Ordinance No. 1692, an Ordinance proposing new roadway, alley, and right-of-way easement to serve 1650 40th Avenue NE, for March 11, 2024, at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bid Considerations

New Business and 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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