



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, November 27, 2023
6:00 PM

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

AMENDED AGENDA

**AGENDA AMENDED ON 11/27/2023 TO ADD ITEM B AND
SUPPORTING FINAL DOCUMENTS FOR ITEM 17.**

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Members of the public who wish to attend may do so in-person, or by using Microsoft Teams Meeting ID **287 822 303 488**, Passcode **MGP9KV**. For questions please call the Administration Department at 763-706-3610. Auxiliary aids or other accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request when the request is made at least 72 hours in advance. Please contact Administration at 763-706-3610 to make arrangements.

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. Immaculate Conception Day Proclamation, December 8, 2023.**
- B. Update from School Board Liaison.**

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 a motion to approve the Consent Agenda following the statement of all items.)

- 1. Approve the November 13, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the November 13, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes.
- 2. Approve the November 13, 2023 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the November 13, 2023 City Council Work Session Meeting minutes.
- 3. Adopt Resolution 2023-72, Appointing Economic Development Authority Commission Members.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-72, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-72, appointing Lamin Dibba and Marlaine Szurek as City of Columbia Heights Economic Development Authority Commission Members.
- 4. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1690, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.111 of the City Code of 2005 to Establish Limited Retail Sales as a Permitted Use in the City's Light Industrial (I-1) and General Industrial (I-2) Districts.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1690, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance Amendment No. 1690, an Ordinance amending chapter 9.111 of the City Code of 2005 to establish limited retail sales as a permitted use in the City's I-1 Light Industrial and I-2 General Industrial districts, and direct staff to send a copy of the ordinance as presented for publication in the legal newspaper.
- 5. Second Reading of Ordinance 1691, being an Ordinance to Update Regulations Regarding Animal Control.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Ordinance 1691, an ordinance to update regulations regarding animal control, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance No. 1691, updating regulations regarding animal control. Additionally direct staff to send the summary ordinance for publication in the legal newspaper.
- 6. Authorize Mayor and Interim City Manager to enter into Contract for Police Service with the City of Hilltop.**
MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor and the Interim City Manager to enter into a Police Service Contract with the City of Hilltop for the years 2024 to 2026 at the rates specified in the contract.
- 7. Approve Joint Powers Agreement with Anoka County Sheriff's Office for Columbia Heights participation in Special Weapons and Tactics Team.**
MOTION: Motion to Authorize the Mayor, Interim City Manager and Police Chief to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office to participate in its Special Weapons and Tactics Team.
- 8. Authorizing Change to Police Vehicle Purchase.**
MOTION: Move to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2023 Dodge Chargers for patrol use

from Guardian Fleet Safety as a sole source purchase for \$77,039.50, and that the Mayor and City Manager are authorized to enter into a contract for same.

9. Approval Resolution 2023-73 Transfer Funds to the Fire Department 2023 Budget.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution No. 2023-73 there being ample copies to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-73, being a resolution amending the 2023 Fire Department budget

10. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for November 27, 2023, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

11. License Agenda.

MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for November 27, 2023, as presented.

12. 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 \$1,740,458.84.

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.

13. Consideration of Resolution 2023-74, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights Against the Rental Property at 4100 Monroe Street NE for Failure to Meet the Requirements of the Residential Maintenance Codes.

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of Resolution 2023-74, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-74, being a Resolution of the City Council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation, pursuant to City Code, of the rental license listed.

14. Consideration of Resolution 2023-76, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights Against the Rental Property at 4144 Quincy Street NE for Failure to Meet the Requirements of the Residential Maintenance Codes.

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of Resolution 2023-76, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-76, being a resolution of the city council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation, pursuant to city code, of the rental license listed.

15. Consideration of Resolution 2023-77, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights Against the Rental Property at 4144 Quincy Street NE for Failure to Meet the Requirements of the Residential Maintenance Codes.

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of Resolution 2023-77, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-77, being a Resolution of the City Council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation, pursuant to City Code, of the rental license listed.

16. Consideration of Resolution 2023-78, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights Against the Rental Property at 4510 Taylor Street NE for Failure to Meet the Requirements of the Residential Maintenance Codes.

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of Resolution 2023-78, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-78, being a Resolution of the City Council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation, pursuant to City Code, of the rental license listed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

17. Resolution 2023-79 and 2023-80 Sale of Bond Series 2023A and 2023B.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-79, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt resolution no. 2023-79, a resolution awarding the sale of taxable general obligation temporary tax increment refunding bonds, series 2023A, in the original aggregate principal amount of **\$6,615,000**; fixing their form and specifications; directing their execution and delivery; providing for their payment; and authorizing the execution of documents in connection therewith.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-80, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt resolution no. 2023-80, a resolution awarding the sale of general obligation improvement bonds, series 2023B, in the original aggregate principal amount of **\$2,635,000**; fixing their form and specifications; directing their execution and delivery; providing for their payment; and authorizing the execution of documents in connection therewith.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bid Considerations

New Business and Reports

18. Public Art at Huset Park.

MOTION: Move to Accept the monument from PACIM and Sister Cities Columbia Heights as a sister monument to Łomianki Poland, and authorize staff to prepare a site in Huset Park West.

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