



# City Council Meeting

November 13, 2023

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

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## Minutes

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of November 13, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Present**

Mayor Scott Lund  
Councilmember Dave Ostwald  
Councilmember Tom Tillberry  
Councilmember Ryan Evanson  
Councilmember Ann Bolcom

### **Absent**

### **Others Present**

Walter Wysopal, City Manager  
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director  
Joe Starks, Finance Director

### **Pledge Of Allegiance**

### **Proclamations/Presentations**

1. Proclamation Honoring and Remembering Veterans

Mayor Lund presented the proclamation to Commander Roger Bilderback. Commander Bilderback introduced himself, and the Council thanked him for his service. Mayor Lund also recognized members of City staff who served in the armed forces of the United States.

### **Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Bolcom to adopt the proposed Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval/Receipt of Minutes**

2. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of October 23, 2023.

3. Receive the Minutes from the City Council Conference Meeting of October 23, 2023.
4. Receive the Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of October 18, 2023.

**New Business**

5. Resolution No. 2023-131, Approving Plat Request, PS #23-02, by the City of Minneapolis.
6. Resolution No. 2023-132, Approving a State of Minnesota Voting Operations, Technology, and Elections Resources Account County-Municipal Agreement.
7. Resolution No. 2023-136, Authorizing Special Appropriation Application to State of Minnesota for Fridley Inclusive Playground.
8. Resolution No. 2023-136, Scheduling a Public Hearing on November 27, 2023 on a Proposed Amendment to the Fridley City Charter Chapter 4, Nominations and Elections and Directing Publication of the Text of Ordinance No. 1417 in Full.

**Claims**

9. Resolution No. 2023-137 Approving Claims for the Period Ending November 8, 2023.

**Adoption of Regular Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to adopt the regular agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkom.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

**Open Forum, Visitors:** (Consideration of Items not on Agenda – 15 minutes.)

No one from the audience spoke.

**Regular Agenda**

**Public Hearing(s)**

10. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-133, Approving a Street, Alley, and Public Road Easement Vacation Request, SAV #23-03 for the City of Minneapolis Property Located at 4300 Marshall Street N.E. (Ward 3)

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkom to open the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Ostwald.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Hickok, Community Development Director, presented a request from the City of Minneapolis that goes along with the replat request just considered on the consent agenda. He stated that this would vacate the existing streets, alleys, and a public roadway easement, noting that these are located on private property and are not accessible to the public. He noted that the alleys and easements do not serve a purpose and would clean up the lot to simplify legal descriptions as well. He recommended approval of the resolution as presented.

Councilor Bolkcom asked the type of improvements that are planned for this site. Mr. Hickok stated that he was able to have a tour of the Emergency Operations Center and Minneapolis Waterworks where he learned about the planned improvements. He provided an overview of the planned improvements.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to close the public hearing, Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

11. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-134, Approving a Street and Highway Easement Request, SAV #23-03 for Bona Brothers, Located at 5311-5333 University Avenue N.E. (Ward 1)

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to open the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Hickok, Community Development Director, stated that Mr. Bona is requesting to vacate a portion of the University Avenue Service Drive. He highlighted the area that would still be retained as a public access easement. He noted that in 2013, the petitioner submitted a similar request which was denied by MnDOT. He explained that over the last year staff and the petitioner have worked with MnDOT to find a solution that would benefit all, and all parties have agreed to this action tonight. He provided an analysis of the request and noted improvements that the applicant plans to make to their site. He stated that comments were received from one neighbor who did not oppose the request but would like to see the surface of the alley improved. He noted that the resident also expressed concern that the alley was being gated on nights and weekends.

Mr. Bona has stated that he will stop doing that.

Mayor Lund asked and received confirmation that the large vehicles would now be parked in the parking lot and not along the alley.

Mr. Hickok agreed that will be an improvement on the site. He commented that the building is beautiful, and therefore the plan for parking large and small vehicles will ensure the building and landscaping will remain visible.

Councilor Ostwald asked for clarification on the assessment that would occur if the alley were to be repaved. Mr. Hickok explained that improvement of an alley that does not go through to another road occurs only when a 100 percent petition is received from that neighborhood. The charge is then assessed 100 percent to those residents.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to adopt Resolution No. 2023-134, Approving a Street and Highway Easement Request, SAV #23-03 for Bona Brothers, Located at 5311-5333 University Avenue N.E. Seconded by Councilmember Ostwald.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

12. Resolution No. 2023-130, Approving Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Water and Solid Waste Abatement Charges and Rates for the Year 2024.

Joe Starks, Finance Director, presented a request to consider the proposed water, sanitary sewer, storm water and solid waste abatement charges and rates for 2024. He provided an overview of each of the funds, along with the proposed rate increase for each fund. He stated that based on the process and multiple discussions that staff and the Council have had, he would recommend approval of the resolution as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to approve Resolution No. 2023-130 Approving Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Water, and Solid Waste Abatement Charges and Rates for the Year 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Hearing(s) (Continued)**

10. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-133, Approving a Street, Alley, and Public Road Easement Vacation Request, SAV #23-03 for the City of Minneapolis Property Located at 4300 Marshall Street N.E. (Ward 3) (Continued)

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkom to adopt Resolution No. 2023-133, Approving a Street, Alley, and Public Road Easement Vacation Request, SAV #23-02 for the City of Minneapolis Property Located at 4300 Marshall Street N.E. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

**Informal Status Reports**

Council noted a Turkey Run which will take place at Springbrook this Saturday, as well as the holiday mart which will begin this Thursday at North Suburban Center for the Arts.

Mr. Hickok thanked everyone who participated in the paper shredding and recycling event . It was a huge success.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Melissa Moore  
City Clerk

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Scott J. Lund  
Mayor