



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

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Voting Yea: Bolkcom, Eggert, Lund, Ostwald, Tillberry

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce Update
2. Recognition Officer Todd Des Jardin by Brian Weierke, Director of Public Safety

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

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Motion made by Bolkcom, Seconded by Tillberry.

Voting Yea: Bolkcom, Eggert, Lund, Ostwald, Tillberry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approve Minutes from the City Council Meeting of December 21, 2020, and January 4, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

4. Resolution No. 2021-04 Authorizing Use of Municipal State Aid System (MSAS) Funding for Street Rehabilitation Project ST2021-02
5. Resolution No. 2021-05 Approval of Gifts, Donations and Sponsorships received between December 22, 2020 and January 11, 2021
6. Resolution No. 2021-06 Approving and Authorizing a Drainage Easement and Utility Agreement with Willows Bend Senior Living LLC

CLAIMS

7. Claims

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

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Motion made by Bolkcom, Seconded by Tillberry.

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OPEN FORUM, VISITORS: Consideration of Items not on Agenda – 15 minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

Brian Brohag, project engineer, stated that each year the City of Fridley performs major rehabilitation of selected streets in planned neighborhoods according to its pavement management plan. The City received a petition from the neighborhood in 2019 to repair streets from residents on Monroe Street. Staff prepared a new Pavement Management Plan and the City Council authorized substantial budget modifications to create adequate funding and prioritization for this project. The City authorized initiation of this project November 9, 2020. The neighborhoods include Rice Creek Terrace East, Spring Valley and Harris Lake. The Rice Creek Terrace neighborhood streets include Rick Creek Terrace, Monroe Street, 67th Avenue, 68th Avenue, and Brookview Drive. The Spring Valley/Harris Lake neighborhood streets include 64th Avenue, Arthur Street, Camelot Lane and Square Drive.

The work elements include removal of pavement, water main/hydrant replacements, storm sewer utility and sanitary sewer improvements, curb replacement, re-paving streets and restoration. The tentative schedule is to open the bids and award a contract in March 2021, private utility work in May 2021, construction from June-September 2021, final hearing and notice of assessment in October 2021 and assessments begin in January 2022.

In December 2020, property owners and Council Members were invited to view a virtual presentation in lieu of an open house due to the COVID pandemic to introduce the project. Preliminary information was presented and emphasized the importance of communicating with staff with questions or concerns before and during construction. 246 properties were mailed the notice and the presentation has currently been viewed 38 times.

Staff developed a feasibility report that evaluated streets in the area and considered roadway conditions, utility improvements, and provided details on the extent of construction. City Council received the report at its December 21, 2020 meeting. The feasibility report concluded that the project is cost effective, necessary and feasible. The estimated project cost is \$1,320,000. \$140,145 City of Fridley Municipal State Aid, \$456,855 Assessments to Adjacent Properties, \$601,000 Water Utility Fund, \$25,000 Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund and \$97,000 from Storm Sewer Utility Fund.

There are two accessible parcel categories, Low Density Residential (LDR) and Non-Low Density Residential (NLDR) - no NLDR on 2021-02. LDR properties are assessed for street rehabilitation

only. Properties with driveways on the project streets are assessed. Corner lots are assessed on one side only. Assessment is based on dividing the proportional street improvement costs for the assessed area by the number of residential properties. The paving cost for the streets less the intersections and other non-accessible properties like City parks and State Highways. Multi unit residential properties up to four units pay the lower of the NLDR rate, or the residential rate reduced by 50% for each unit over one. Final assessments are based on actual construction costs and all LDR units receive an equal assessment. The estimated cost per unit is \$1,995 for this project.

There are three payment options. Lump sum payment within 30 days of the Final Assessment Hearing, the amount can be assessed to property taxes and paid over a 10-year term with an interest rate to be calculated by the Finance Director as 2% over the prime rate. Annual tax payment would increase an estimated \$300 in the first year and diminish as time goes by, senior citizens, retirees and individuals with a qualifying disability meeting certain criteria may request to have the assessment deferred. Interest accrues until the deferment is terminated.

Staff requests that the City Council continue the preliminary assessment hearing and hear all those who desire to address the Council. If so in order, move to adopt the resolution directing preparation of final plans and ordering advertisement for bids for Project No. ST2021-02. IF approved staff would have a geotechnical company onsite to drill soil borings along the corridor, finalize design/plans and work to receive approvals from State Aid, continue to coordinate with private utility companies with schedules and update the neighborhood via the project page on the City's website - fridley.mn.gov/projects.

Bolkcom - 38 times it was viewed, but don't know how many people as one person could view more than once.

brohag - 38 views on you tube but one person could review more than once

bolkom - any questions or call ins of people who couldn't make it tonight

brohag - yes, about the process and how everything would work and the assessments and how they could pay.

bolkom - no one object to the project

brohag - correct

james wolf monroe and pandora drive, address street is pandora. monroe is largest area of his home and driveway. assessed for what happens on moroe since my address is pandora drive.

mayor - you do not get assessed for both streets. don't know if address side or driveway side.

jim kosluchar - only assess one side of corner lot. policy for rehab streets may differ from curb and it is on the driveway side. if you have two driveways, address side will dictate. using the road you would be accessing that street from your driveway. some discussion about if don't use road why am i being assessed.

james wolf - not fair. what if you do pandora street i would be assessed again.

mayor - no you are only assessed for one side - driveway side. you would not get assessed for pandora street. that is policy not to assess from both streets and that would be unfair.

norma rice creek terrace 593, irrigation set up

mayor - if it gets damaged we would repair it at no cost.

sorma - flags this paper says I have to contact my provider to mark where sprinkler heads are. rain garden is that something you provide the plants.

jim - ask folks to mark known irrigation with flags and will send out a reminder. if they don't do that and contractor breaks we do repair and have allowance in the bid for that type of work. marking them can save time if they are able to mark them. they don't have to pay a contractor to do that. the rain garden is storm water quality element if folks interested in improving environment can contact us and staff will follow up with information. there is information on website about this too. prevents things like erosion. not every property is capable or suitable. we will access one by one as we get requests. contact staff if you are interested.

dorothy 6870 bookview, presentation on youtube and how do we find that.

jim - fridley website project will see the link to the project and presentation materials are listed there.

mayor - any problems on accessing the information on the project, contact staff.

phil porrer 561 ricecreek terrace rain garden. didn't understand is there a fee.

mayor - no charge. trying to mitigate stormwater runoff. voluntary and no cost.

phil - i did check the box to have one if my property would work.

mayor - have to do minimal maintenance.

phil - what do they mean by repave

mayor - mil and overlay take off two inches and repave

phil rice creek terrace very busy with people walking. any sidewalk in the future? people don't wear reflective gear and serious on street and hard to see them.

mayor - possibly may be able to put a line to separate walker/bike lane. not sure if there is room.

jim active transportation plan for walks and trails in fridley, rice creek is not in that plan. with requests of individuals for walk/bikeways on street we can look at that. can work up questionnaire to share with residents on ricecreek terrace.

tillberry - able to see sample of rain garden. something we have on website for people to see what it would look like

jim - yes, make sure we refresh the page to put a link on there with raingarden 101 informaiton. property owner has to maintain the vegetatoin and keep free of litter and debris.

bolcom maybe list addresses throughout the city who have raingardens and people could see come spring.

jim - following up on requests of interest and evaluating property, grade and utilitiis to see if this is possible.

gary stockwell 549 rice creek terrace, final assessment option 1 pay directly. how does that work after project done final assesment and send out bill

mayor -another hearing and then when approved, it is 30 days to pay the bill. bill be will mailed to homeowners.

paul hangle 1081 rice creek terrace, possiblity make two payments. half beginning and rest in six months.

mayor - you can make as much in 30 days and charged interest a few months until balance is paid.

paul - rain gardens - have one next to property. a lot of upkeep. cut junk trees out of there. put in great idea the first year and now on 6-7 years. its a mess. garbage. don't see anyone maint except me. oppoused to sidewalks on rice creek terrace, wear reflective material.

jim - raingarden pretty expansive rain garden with pre treatment device. put in by rc watershed dist. and maint to city of fridley. it has been a challenge and trying to get better with maint. paul has done more than his fair share being a neighbor. usually out there 2-3 times a year. thankful for neighbors who help out but not mode of maint and trying to clean more often. this one is larger and encourage paul to call staff to help with this raingarden. call public works to clean it up.

phil - watershed dist installed rain garden a lot of native plants. city sprayed and killed them and it looks like a mess. havent' replaced any with new native plants. found out from watershed dist they put in and then city maintains it. city doesn t'know how to take care of native plants an dkills them.

mayor - public works iwll look and see if plants can be replaced.

alex bruns. 6800 oakley street ne, second notice sent out? didn't know there were online resources and not listed on the notice. throughout th eproject process, when will we know when our street will be torn up.

mayor - got second letter or first letter?

alex - only aware the second letter about tonight. I may have missed the first one.

mayor - you will be kept abreast with weekly comments to let you know what is coming up. they have a good system of notifying properties and what is happening.

bolkcom - this is different year with pandemic. would have had meeting with presentations and boards and asking questions and feedback. keep good information on the website or sign up for email updates.

eggert - portions of oakley but not all.

alex - attached garage on oakley and detached on 68th.

dorothy - in letter states interested in redoing driveway concrete curbing can be adjusted to coordinate with service providers if you would like to change it.

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Motion made by Eggert, Seconded by Tillberry.

Voting Yea: Bolkcom, Eggert, Lund, Oswald, Tillberry

8. Public Hearing on 2021 Street Rehabilitation Project No. 2021-02

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Motion made by Eggert, Seconded by Tillberry.

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NEW BUSINESS

9. Resolution No. 2021-03 Ordering Final Plans, Specifications and Calling for Bids: 2021 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST 2021-02

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Motion made by Tillberry, Seconded by Oswald.

Voting Yea: Bolkcom, Eggert, Lund, Oswald, Tillberry

INFORMAL STATUS REPORTS

ADJOURN

meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Motion made by Oswald, Seconded by Eggert.
Voting Yea: Bolcom, Eggert, Lund, Oswald, Tillberry

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Peterson
Recording Secretary

Scott J. Lund
Mayor