



City of Blaine

City Council

July 5, 2023 | 7:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

MINUTES

1. Call to Order by the Mayor

The meeting was called to order at 07:00PM by Mayor Sanders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Tim Sanders, Councilmembers Terra Fleming, Leslie Larson, Chris Massoglia, Tom Newland, Jess Robertson and Lori Saroya.

ABSENT: None.

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Eric Thorvig; City Planner Sheila Sellman; Safety Services Director/Police Chief Brian Podany; Deputy Finance Director Ali Bong; Assistant City Engineer Stefan Higgins; City Attorney Tom Loonan; and Communications Manager Ben Hayle.

4. Awards - Presentations - Organizational Business

None.

5. Communications

None.

6. Open Forum

Open Forum is an opportunity for the public to present an issue or concern to City Council. There is a maximum of fifteen minutes set aside for open forum. Each presentation should be limited to no more than three minutes. If your item needs follow-

up from the City, staff will arrange for that follow-up and will contact you to let you know what is being done. Thank you for coming this evening.

Mayor Sanders opened the Open Forum at 7:01PM.

Jessica Bahr, 116 91st Lane NE, requested the council consider adopting a humane pet store ordinance. She explained more than 450 communities have passed a humane pet store ordinance across the United States. She noted she cared about the treatment of animals along with the transparent business practices for consumers.

_____ Davis, 11537 Austin Court, thanked the council for their time. He explained he lived in the North Oaks Ponds East neighborhood and stated he had a petition on behalf of the 25 homes in his development requesting the council maintain the resolution set forth unanimously by the previous council regarding the street connectivity issue. He asked that the council not rush into an ill-informed and emotional decision. He noted his street was within a low-density neighborhood and was not designed for a higher density connection. He reported his neighborhood does not have sidewalks, which meant pedestrians had to share the street with vehicular traffic. He feared that asking pedestrians to share the street with more traffic could have disastrous consequences. He commented on the wildlife in his neighborhood and asked that the wildlife be protected. He commented further on the street situation in his neighborhood and urged the council to keep the road closure in place. He then presented the city attorney with his petition.

Zach Arko, 12041 Madison Street NE, explained the Anoka Hennepin School District would be holding an election in 2023. He requested the council allow yard signs to be posted earlier than 46 days prior to the election in order to allow him to have signs posted prior to the beginning of early voting.

Danielle Clanton, 3993 114th Lane NE, stated she has lived in the North Oaks Ponds East neighborhood with her husband and four children for almost seven years. She believed this was a unique neighborhood that had 25 homes on 80 acres. She indicated she lived on a dead end street that was very quiet. She appreciated how quiet her street was because it offered a great deal of safety for her four children. She commented on the high level of traffic that would flow past her house from the Sanctuary Preserve neighborhood if the barricade were removed. She asked that the barricade at 114th Lane and the Sanctuary Preserve neighborhood remain in place. She commented on the previous discussions that were held regarding this matter and urged the council to keep the barricade in place.

There being no further input, Mayor Sanders closed the Open Forum at 7:12PM.

7. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda:

All items listed under the "Consent Agenda" are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these

items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Massoglia, that the following be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

8.1. 2023-281 Approval of Minutes
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

8.2. 2023-285 Consider a Special Event for the Minnesota Street Hockey Series Presented by the Minnesota Wild located at the National Sports Center on July 27, 2023
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

8.3. 2023-286 Schedule of Bills Paid
Sponsors: Alison Bong, Deputy Finance Director

8.4. 2023-287 Approve 3M Open Security Plan, Including Proposed Temporary Road Closures
Sponsors: Mark Boerboom

8.5. 2023-288 Approve a Tobacco and Tobacco Products License for Blaine Gas Inc.
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

9. 7:00 PM - Public Hearing and Items Published for a Certain Time

None.

10. Development Business

10.1. RES 23-105 Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to Allow Overnight Outside Storage of Up to 13 Vehicles in a B-2 (Community Commercial) Zoning District at 9664 Central Avenue NE. Blaine Quality Automotive (Case File No. 23-0042/EES)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, City Planner

City Planner Sellman stated the applicant has operated an auto repair business on the subject property for over 20 years and is requesting an amendment to the current CUP to allow for storage of passenger vehicles overnight. Staff commented further on the request and recommended approval with conditions.

Moved by Councilmember Massoglia, seconded by Councilmember Fleming, to adopt a Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to Allow Overnight Outside Storage of Up to 13 Vehicles in a B-2 (Community Commercial) Zoning District.

Councilmember Newland stated he did not support additional outdoor vehicle storage for this property, noting the site was already an eyesore.

Motion adopted 6-1 (Councilmember Newland opposed).

- 10.2.** RES 23-106 Resolution Granting a Variance to Allow a Six Foot Privacy Fence in the Front Yard Along Radisson Road NE at 12640 Radisson Road NE. Aaron Jordan (Case File No. 23-0046/SLK)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, City Planner

Ms. Sellman stated the applicant is requesting a variance to construct a six foot privacy fence in the front yard, adjacent to Radisson Road. Staff commented further on the request and recommended approval with conditions.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Massoglia, to adopt a Resolution Granting a Variance to Allow a Six Foot Privacy Fence in the Front Yard Along Radisson Road NE at 12640 Radisson Road NE.

Motion adopted unanimously.

- 10.3.** RES 23-107 Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Preschool/Daycare in the Christ Lutheran Church Building in the R-1 (Single Family) Zoning District at 641 89th Avenue NE. Montessori School of Chantilly (Case File No. 23-0049/SLK)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, City Planner

Ms. Sellman stated the applicant, Montessori School of Chantilly, is requesting to open a daycare in Christ Lutheran Church. Staff commented further on the request and recommended approval with one condition.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Preschool/Daycare in the Christ Lutheran Church Building in the R-1 (Single Family) Zoning District at 641 89th Avenue NE.

Motion adopted unanimously.

- 10.4.** RES 23-109 Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Construct an Eight Foot Fence in the Rear Yard on a Property Adjacent to a County Roadway in the R-1B (Single Family) Zoning District at 2857 108th Lane NE. Ben Saefke (Case File No. 23-0050/EES)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, City Planner

Ms. Sellman stated the applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to have an eight foot fence on a property adjacent to a county road, rather than the six foot fence that is permitted. This deviation is permitted with a CUP. Staff recommends approval with three conditions.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to adopt a Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Construct an Eight Foot Fence in the Rear Yard on a Property Adjacent to a County Roadway in the R-1B (Single Family) Zoning District at 2857 108th Lane NE.

Motion adopted unanimously.

- 10.5.** RES 23-108 Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Year-Round Golf Experience with Indoor Virtual Golf Simulators in the B-3 (Regional Commercial) Zoning District at 12571 Central Avenue NE. On the Green, Indoor Golf (Case File No. 23-0051/SLK)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, City Planner

Ms. Sellman stated the applicant is requesting approval to allow indoor virtual golf simulators at 12571 Central Avenue. Staff commented further on the request and recommended approval with conditions.

Moved by Councilmember Massoglia, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Year-Round Golf Experience with Indoor Virtual Golf Simulators in the B-3 (Regional Commercial) Zoning District at 12507 Central Avenue NE.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11. Administration

- 11.1.** 2023-283 Approve 3-Year Contract with Insight Public Sector for the Purchase of Network Switch Infrastructure Upgrade
Sponsors: Paul Grosse, IT Manager

Deputy Finance Director Bong requested the council approve a 3-year contract with Insight

Public Sector for to upgrade all of the network switches at City Hall and Public Works for \$81,934.59 per year for three years.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to Approve a 3-Year Contract with Insight Public Sector for the Purchase of Network Switch Infrastructure Upgrade.

Motion adopted unanimously.

- 11.2. RES 23-110** Resolution to Initiate Project, Order Preparation of Feasibility Report and Approve Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Spring Lake Park for the Reconstruction of Sanburnol Drive (85th Avenue) from Elm Drive NE to University Avenue Service Drive, I/P 23-14
Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Assistant City Engineer Higgins stated the proposed Joint Powers Agreement will allow the portion of Saburnol Drive (85th Avenue from Elm Drive to University Avenue Service Drive, which lies within the city of Blaine and the city of Spring Lake Park, to be reconstructed as a part of the city of Spring Lake Park road reconstruction project. The city of Spring Lake Park has expressed a desire to engage in a joint project with the city of Blaine to reconstruct Sanburnol Drive (85th Avenue), which lies within the cities of Blaine and Spring Lake Park, from Elm Drive to University Avenue Service Drive. The road has deteriorated to a point where reconstruction is needed. A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the city of Blaine and the city of Spring Lake Park has been prepared to clarify such things as division of cost, design, contract administration responsibilities and other miscellaneous details. The city of Spring Lake Park approved the JPA at their June 19, 2023 city council meeting and has forwarded the signed JPA to the city of Blaine for consideration by the council. Staff commented further on the proposed project and recommended approval of the resolution.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution to Initiate Project, Order Preparation of Feasibility Report and Approve Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Spring Lake Park for the Reconstruction of Sanburnol Drive (85th Avenue) from Elm Drive NE to University Avenue Service Drive.

Councilmember Newland asked when this project would be completed. Mr. Higgins explained this was a project that would be completed in 2024.

Motion adopted unanimously.

- 11.3. RES 23-112** Resolution Accepting a Bid from Park Construction Company in the Amount of \$1,063,639.77 for the 99th Avenue at Baltimore Street Intersection Improvements, Improvement Project No. 23-01
Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Mr. Higgins requested the council accept a bid from Park Construction Company to construct a roundabout at the intersection of 99th Avenue and Baltimore Street. He reported bids have been

checked and tabulated, and it has been determined that Park Construction Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota is the lowest bidder. The Engineering Department has worked with Park Construction Company on previous contracts and recommends that the low bid be accepted, and a contract be entered into with Park Construction Company. City council is also asked to approve a 10% contingency to bring the total project budget to \$1,170,000. The funding sources for this project are the a Highway Safety Improvement Grant and the city's Municipal State Aid funds and there are sufficient funds budgeted to cover these costs.

Moved by Councilmember Fleming, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution Accepting a Bid from Park Construction Company in the Amount of \$1,170,000 for the 99th Avenue at Baltimore Street Intersection Improvements.

Motion adopted unanimously.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Fleming, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31PM.

Motion adopted unanimously.



Signed by

Tim Sanders, Mayor

Signed by

Cathy Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk