City of Blaine
City Council

July 15, 2024 | 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 7:00PM 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 (attending remotely from The Wheelhouse Restaurant, E1209 County Q, Waupaca WI 54981-8432), Tom Newland, and Jess Robertson.

ABSENT: Councilmember Lori Saroya.

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; City Planner Sheila Sellman; Safety Services Director/Police Chief Brian Podany; Finance Director Jason Zimmerman; Director of Engineering Dan Schluender; Director of Administrative Services Scott Johnson; Community Development Specialist Elizabeth Showalter; Senior Parks and Recreation Manager Jerome Krieger; City Attorney Tom Loonan; Communications Manager Ben Hayle; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

4. Awards - Presentations - Organizational Business

None.

5. Communications

Councilmember Robertson shared that 1,200 teams from over 23 countries would be in Blaine for the USA Cup soccer tournament.

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 7:06PM.

Derek Lind, Anoka County Election Integrity Team, shared information regarding election integrity and requested the opportunity to share more information with the council at a future workshop meeting.

Erik van Mechelen, Anoka County Election Integrity Team, shared support for election transparency. He discussed how ballots could go missing and encouraged the city to require additional precincts be included in the post-election review for general elections.

Roxann Henderson, Anoka County Election Integrity Team, explained she wanted further transparency in elections and thanked the Council for their time.

There being no further input, Mayor Sanders closed the Open Forum at 7:17PM.

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.

Councilmember Massoglia requested the removal of consent agenda item 8.6.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted 5-0-1 (Councilmember Newland abstained regarding Item 8.1).

8.1. 2024-294 Schedule of Bills Paid
Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director

8.2. 2024-306 Approval of Minutes
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

8.3. RES 24-155 Election Judge Appointments for the 2024 State Primary
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

8.4. 2024-287 Approve a Tobacco and Tobacco Products License for MAM Smoke Shop LLC, located at 11724 Ulysses Land NE, Suite 130
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

8.5. RES 24-130 Resolution to Receive Petition and Order Public Hearing for Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easements, along with restricted access lying over, under and across part of Lot 2, Block 1, Aspen Ridge Second Addition; according to the recorded plat thereof, Anoka County, Minnesota; Vacation No. V24-03
Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

8.6. RES 24-139 Resolution to Approve a Purchase From the SBM Fire Capital Fund
Sponsors: Michelle Wolfe, City Manager

Councilmember Massoglia stated he was confused to see this item on the consent agenda given the fact the council just recently received an update from the fire chief. He recalled the SBM Fire Department was downsizing their equipment. He requested comment from staff on this request. City Manager Wolfe reported this purchase was time sensitive because there were new requirements coming forward for fire engines. She indicated the fire department was opting to get this purchase in prior to those new requirements coming online. She explained this fire truck would replace an 18 year old engine. She explained there was a plan for downsizing and commented on the equipment and units that had already been transferred out of the fleet.

Mayor Sanders added that delivery of this piece of equipment was two or three years out after placing an order.

Moved by Councilmember Massoglia, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution to Approve a Purchase From the SBM Fire Capital Fund.

Councilmember Newland stated he asked the same question to Fire Chief Retka over the weekend and noted it would take three years before this new truck was ready for delivery.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

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

9.1. RES 24-149 Resolution granting an Interim Use Permit for a Land Reclamation Permit to Allow for Removal of Excess Soil
Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Director of Engineering Schluender stated the city of Blaine received an application for earth removal and or land reclamation permit on June 27, 2024 from EB Blaine Development LLC (c/o Bader). The contractor is proposing to screen and sift existing stockpiles of soils on site, export screened soils off site, and return areas to original grade (stockpile work only) at 1985 105th Avenue NE.

Mayor Sanders opened the public hearing at 7:24PM.

There being no public input, Mayor Sanders closed the public hearing at 7:24PM.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution granting an Interim Use Permit for a Land Reclamation Permit to Allow for Removal of Excess Soil.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

10. Development Business

10.1. RES 24-127 Adoption of the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for the 105th Redevelopment Project. (Case File No. 24-0043/SAS)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, City Planner

City Planner Sellman stated the Alternative Urban Areawide Review for 105th Redevelopment District has gone through the agency review process and is complete for adoption.

Todd Mclouth, Louks, reviewed the AUAR for the 105th Redevelopment District in detail with the city council. He explained the AUAR would be updated every five years as this project was built out. He summarized the comments he received on the draft AUAR from the DNR, MPCA, Met Council and Anoka County Highway Department. He noted the draft AUAR and Mitigation Plan was revised and finalized per the comments received.

Mayor Sanders that Mr. McIouth for his efforts on the AUAR for this 105th Redevelopment Project.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to adopt the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for the 105th Redevelopment Project.

Councilmember Newland stated he appreciated the fine level of detail that was included within the AUAR.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

10.2. RES 24-122 Resolution Granting Master Plan Approval for the 105th Redevelopment Project at 10550 Nassau Street NE. 105th Avenue Redevelopment Area Master Plan (EB Blaine Development LLC) (Case File No. 24-0034/SAS)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, City Planner

Ms. Sellman stated as part of the 105th Redevelopment Project, site plan approval is required. The proposal is a master plan for the area and subsequent approvals will be brought forward with Conditional Use Permits (CUP) for those uses requiring a CUP.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution Granting Master Plan Approval for the 105th Redevelopment Project at 10550 Nassau Street NE.

Councilmember Larson asked if the council was approving the proposed apartment complexes and number of units at this time. Ms. Sellman explained the council was approving the general location of the apartment buildings and the unit count would come forward at a later date. She reported the properties suggested for apartments were reguided for high density residential.

Councilmember Larson stated she understood the properties were guided for high density, but she wanted assurance that the finer details regarding the apartment buildings could be addressed in the future.

Community Development Director Thorvig reported this was a high level approval for this project. He explained a development agreement was being drafted that would address timing and actions of the city council. He indicated the EDA owns the underlying property and there would be future discussions on when those sales go forward. He anticipated there would be a TIF ask from the developer.

Councilmember Robertson stated the council has heard multiple presentations from the developer. She commented on how the project design has evolved over time and indicated some of the properties have flexible uses. She reported when she viewed the master plan she understood that plans could still change based on the market.

Councilmember Massoglia agreed this was a high level plan and he was pleased this project was moving forward. He understood Blaine residents were excited to have new restaurants and entertainment options in the community. In addition, residents appreciated the fact the city was incentivizing a commercial district. He noted this district would be a net zero tax increase to residents and residents were thrilled about the overall idea behind this plan. He commented further on how the master plan was a vision document and was subject to changes with council approval. He explained he appreciated how the plans have evolved over time. He stated he would support and amendment to Exhibit A within the master plan.

Amendment motion moved by Councilmember Massoglia, seconded by Councilmember Larson, to amend Exhibit A to include apartments, commercial, or professional/office use for Sites 3 and 5.

Mr. Thorvig explained he discussed this proposed change with the developer and indicated the proposed amendment would offer more flexibility to the plan.

Councilmember Newland stated he appreciated the intent of the motion, but asked what this would do to the revised comprehensive plan as these properties were reguided for high density residential. Ms. Sellman commented this plan was identifying uses for the master plan and does not change the comp plan designation at this time. She reported the council was deciding what they would like to see in this area and if commercial or office were to come forward for Sites 3 or 5 in the future, a comp plan amendment would be required.

Councilmember Robertson explained she understood the intent of the amendment, but noted because the comprehensive plan has already been amended to support the proposed use, she would not be supporting the amendment.

Councilmember Fleming stated she appreciated the fact staff spoke with the developer and that this amendment would offer more flexibility in the future. For this reason, she indicated she would be supporting the amendment.

A roll call vote was taken. Amendment motion failed 3-3 (Councilmembers Newland, Robertson and Mayor Sanders opposed).

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

10.3. RES 24-140 Resolution Granting Preliminary Plat Approval to Create 9 Lots and 6 Outlots to be Known as Blaine Town Center Addition. EB Blaine Development LLC (Case File No. 24-0044/SAS)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, City Planner

Ms. Sellman stated the applicant is requesting a preliminary plat creating 9 lots and 6 outlots as part of the 105th Redevelopment Project. Staff commented further on the request and recommended approval with conditions.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to adopt a Resolution Granting Preliminary Plat Approval to Create 9 Lots and 6 Outlots to be Known as Blaine Town Center Addition.

Councilmember Robertson encouraged the development team to continue to address the ongoing concerns that have been raised by Invictus. She indicated she did not want Invictus to feel isolated.

Councilmember Newland agreed with Councilmember Robertson and noted Invictus planted the flag for what the future of this area could be.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

10.4. RES 24-126 Adoption of the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) and Mitigation Plan for the Redevelopment of the Northtown Mall and Surrounding Area. (Case File No. 24-0042/SAS)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, City Planner

Ms. Sellman stated the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for Northtown Mall and surrounding area has gone through the agency review process and is complete for adoption.

Alison Harwood, WSB, reviewed the AUAR for the Northtown Mall in detail with the city council. She explained this AUAR covered roughly 245 acres of land in the southwest corner of Blaine. She summarized the comments that were received regarding the AUAR noting they focused on transportation system mitigation, surface water improvements, stormwater mitigation and water/wastewater mitigation. She explained the final responses to the comments were included in Appendix E within the AUAR.

Mr. Thorvig reported an AUAR was the environmental review for a property and serves as the legal environmental (EAW) document for the overall project area.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to adopt the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) and Mitigation Plan for the Redevelopment of the Northtown Mall and Surrounding Area.

Councilmember Newland explained this was an incredibly thorough document and he thanked the WSB team for their efforts.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11. Administration

11.1. RES 24-141 Resolution Identifying the Need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account Funding and Authorizing Application for Grant Funds
Sponsors: Elizabeth Showalter, Community Development Specialist

Community Development Specialist Showalter stated staff is proposing the city apply for a pre-development grant from the Met Council Livable Communities Program to complete a feasibility and needs assessment to determine how the city can best support pre-HUD manufactured homes, and whether a replacement program is in the best interest of the city and residents.

Moved by Councilmember Fleming, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution Identifying the Need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account Funding and Authorizing Application for Grant Funds.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11.2. RES 24-136 Resolution Supporting DEED Grant Application
Sponsors: Erik Thorvig, Community Development Director

Community Development Director Thorvig stated the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), through its Brownfields and Redevelopment Unit, is accepting grant applications through the Redevelopment Grant Program. The grant program assists local communities with redevelopment projects by filling the financial gap that often prevents reuse of land. Due to the presence of dilapidated structures and inadequate infrastructure, previously or currently developed sites are often more costly and complex to redevelop than undeveloped parcels. The program is not intended for parties that have operated on the site long-term, but rather to assist new parties with site redevelopment. Grants are awarded based on statewide, statutory criteria. Eligible applicants are cities, counties, housing and redevelopment authorities, economic development authorities and port authorities. He explained to qualify for the grant program, it is expected that the site will be redeveloped into a different and/or more productive use, and that a developer is committed to the redevelopment plan. Sites can be privately or publicly owned. Only sites that have been previously developed or are currently developed qualify for a grant. Sites that were never historically developed with buildings or infrastructure do not qualify. A local match of 50% of the eligible redevelopment costs is required for each project receiving a grant. This match can come from any source available to the municipality. Approximately $2 million is available for the program. Projects are scored on the following criteria:

1. The need for redevelopment in conjunction with contamination remediation needs. (15 points)
2. The redevelopment project meets the current tax increment financing requirements for a redevelopment district and tax increments will contribute to the project. (25 points)
3. The redevelopment potential within the municipality. (85 points)
4. The proximity to publish transit if located in the metropolitan area. (5 points)
5. Multi-jurisdictional projects that consider the need for affordable housing, transportation and environmental impact. (15 points)

Mr. Thorvig reported the city of Blaine is seeking a grant of $400,000 to assist in the demolition of existing structures owned by the EDA in the 105th Avenue Redevelopment Area. Estimates indicate the total demolition cost to be approximately $800,000. Grant applications are due August 1, 2024, and a resolution from the local municipality is required for the application.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Fleming, to adopt a Resolution Supporting DEED Grant Application.

Councilmember Newland reported the city would proceed with the demolition whether or not the grant was received. He questioned what the time frame was for the grant results. Mr. Thorvig indicated the project would move forward with or without the grant. He stated he did not know when the grant funding would be distributed.

Councilmember Newland thanked staff for pursuing this grant funding on behalf of the city.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11.3. RES 24-134 Resolution to Initiate Project and Order Preparation of Feasibility Report for Zest Street Construction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-04

Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Mr. Schluender stated council is being asked to initiate a 2025 Pavement Management Program project for the Zest Street Construction, Improvement Project No. 25-04. The project will construct the above streets to meet current city and state aid standards, including the construction of a street storm water drainage and treatment system. A bituminous trail and concrete sidewalk will also be installed. Sanitary sewer and water main facilities were previously installed along the proposed corridor in 2009 and 2018. Permanent right-of-way and utility easements were acquired from the adjacent properties with these previous projects. If approved, this Resolution initiates the proposed 2025 Zest Street Construction and orders the preparation of a feasibility report.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Larson, to adopt a Resolution to Initiate Project and Order Preparation of Feasibility Report for Zest Street Construction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-04.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11.4. 2024-282 Motion to Authorize Mayor and City Manager to Enter into a Contract with WSB for Professional Engineering Services for the Zest Street Construction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-04

Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Mr. Schluender stated council is requested to approve a contract for Professional Services for preliminary design and preparation of a feasibility report for the Zest Street Construction, Improvement Project No. 25-04. WSB has provided the requested letter of proposal for the Zest Street Construction project, Improvement Project No. 25-04. The proposal, in the amount of $92,987, is for preliminary design and preparation of a feasibility report for the project. Staff reviewed the proposal, and compared it with previous proposals for similar projects, and determined that the fees are justified and reasonable. After completion of the feasibility report and upon ordering the improvements, a contract for final design and construction services would be negotiated with WSB. This project with be funded through proposed project assessments, Pavement Management Program funds, Public Utility Funds, and Municipal State Aid System funds.

Moved by Councilmember Fleming, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to Authorize Mayor and City Manager to Enter into a Contract with WSB for Professional Engineering Services for the Zest Street Construction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-04.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11.5. RES 24-135 Resolution to Initiate Project and Order Preparation of Feasibility Report for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, Improvement Project No. 25-05

Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Mr. Schluender stated council is being asked to initiate a 2025 Pavement Management Program project for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, Improvement Project No. 25-05. The project consists of city streets with concrete curb and gutter, except for Area 4 which has a rural section and no curb and gutter. The method of rehabilitation will vary between the streets and will be further explained in the feasibility report. If approved, this Resolution initiates the proposed 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project and orders the preparation of a feasibility report.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution to Initiate Project and Order Preparation of Feasibility Report for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, Improvement Project No. 25-05.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11.6. RES 24-137 Resolution to Initiate Project and Order Preparation of Feasibility Report for the 2025 Southwest Area Street Reconstruction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-06

Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Mr. Schluender stated council is being asked to initiate a 2025 Pavement Management Program project for the 2025 Southwest Area Street Reconstruction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-06. The project consists of city streets with rural sections and no curb and gutter. The method of reconstruction will be a full reconstruction to the city standard residential street with concrete curb and gutter and will be further explained in the feasibility report. If approved, this Resolution initiates the proposed 2025 Southwest Area Street Reconstruction Project and orders the preparation of a feasibility report.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to adopt a Resolution to Initiate Project and Order Preparation of Feasibility Report for the 2025 Southwest Area Street Reconstruction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-06.

Councilmember Newland explained he appreciated the time that went into this project.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11.7. 2024-283 Motion to Authorize Mayor and City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Short Elliott Henrickson, Inc. (SEH) for Professional Engineering Services for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, Improvement Project No. 25-05

Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Mr. Schluender stated Council is requested to approve a contract for professional services for preliminary design and preparation of a feasibility report for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, Improvement Project No. 25-05. SEH has provided the requested letter of proposal for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation project, Improvement Project No. 25-05. The proposal, in the amount of $84,145, is for preliminary design and preparation of a feasibility report for the project. Staff reviewed the proposal, and compared it with previous proposals for similar projects, and determined that the fees are justified and reasonable. After completion of the feasibility report and upon ordering the improvements, a contract for final design and construction services would be negotiated with SEH. This project with be funded through proposed project assessments, Pavement Management Program funds, Public Utility Funds, and Municipal State Aid System funds.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Fleming, to Authorize Mayor and City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Short Elliott Henrickson, Inc. (SEH) for Professional Engineering Services for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, Improvement

Project No. 25-05.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11.8. 2024-284 Motion to Authorize Mayor and City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Bolton & Menk for Professional Engineering Services for the 2025 Southwest Area Street Reconstruction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-06
Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Mr. Schluender stated council is requested to approve a contract for Professional Services for preliminary design and preparation of a feasibility report for the 2025 Southwest Area Street Reconstruction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-06. Bolton & Menk has provided the requested letter of proposal for the 2025 Southwest Area Street Reconstruction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-06. The proposal, in the amount of $98,710, is for preliminary design and preparation of a feasibility report for the project. Staff reviewed the proposal, and compared it with previous proposals for similar projects, and determined that the fees are justified and reasonable. After completion of the feasibility report and upon ordering the improvements, a contract for final design and construction services would be negotiated with Bolton & Menk. This project with be funded through proposed project assessments, Pavement Management Program funds, and Public Utility Funds.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to Authorize Mayor and City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Bolton & Menk for Professional Engineering Services for the 2025 Southwest Area Street Reconstruction Project, Improvement Project No. 25-06.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11.9. RES 24-143 Resolution Accepting a Bid from Diversified Paving in the amount of $248,576.81 for the 2024 Blaine Trail Maintenance Project, Improvement Project Number 24-42
Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Mr. Schluender stated accept bids for the 2024 Trail Maintenance Project, Improvement Project 24-42 and award the contract in the amount of $248,576.81 to Diversified Paving. The project replaces/adds new ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, reclaims and paves approximately 2900 feet of trail and seal coat approximately 2400 feet of trail. Bids have been checked and tabulated, and it has been determined that Diversified Paving of St. Augusta, Minnesota is the lowest bidder. The Engineering Department has not worked with Diversified Paving on previous contracts. The engineering staff has checked references for Diversified Paving and they have successfully completed similar projects in the Twin Cities area. Staff recommends that the low bid be accepted, and a contract entered into with Diversified Paving. The funding for this trail maintenance project was approved within the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program, with an appropriation of $265,000 from the Parks and Trail Fund.

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Newland, to adopt a Resolution Accepting a Bid from Diversified Paving in the amount of $248,576.81 for the 2024 Blaine Trail Maintenance Project, Improvement Project Number 24-42.

Councilmember Newland asked what the time frame would be for this project. Mr. Schluender stated if approved, contracts would be sent out this week and the project would be completed yet this year.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

11.10. RES 24-148 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Connexus Energy for Energy and Maintenance and Installation of Outdoor Lighting for 117th Avenue and Ulysses Street Roundabout, Improvement Project No. 23-09 and Associated Budget Amendment
Sponsors: Daniel Schluender, Director of Engineering

Mr. Schluender stated council is requested to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Connexus Energy for the installation of streetlights and Energy and Maintenance services for outdoor lighting in the amount of $78,305.75 for Ulysses Street and 117th Avenue Roundabout, Improvement Project No. 23-09 and associated budget amendment. Construction of the Ulysses Street and 117th Avenue has started. Bolton-Menk has provided the lighting design and determined 12 new streetlights will be necessary for the roundabout. Staff has been working with Connexus Energy to provide lighting within the roundabout. Connexus will provide all materials and labor necessary for the installation of the new lights. Connexus Energy will also provide all future maintenance of the lights under the terms of the agreement. Staff commented on Connexus's standard agreement for the installation of the 12 lights for the amount of $78,305.75. A separate agreement for the ongoing Energy and Maintenance was also shared. This project will be funded through the City's internal State Aid funds.

Moved by Councilmember Massoglia, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Connexus Energy for Energy and Maintenance and Installation of Outdoor Lighting for 117th Avenue and Ulysses Street Roundabout, Improvement Project No. 23-09 and Associated Budget Amendment.

Councilmember Massoglia appreciated how the city was working to getting ahead in light of the TH65 project. He indicated his only concern was with how this roundabout would impact safety services/fire response times. He noted Fire Chief Retka has stated the roundabout would impact Fire Station 3. He hoped that going forward all roundabout plans could be more closely considered. He asked when this project would be fully completed. Mr. Schluender indicated the contractor would have a 90 day window to complete construction with a full closure and the city was two weeks into the project.

Councilmember Robertson reported she recalled Fire Chief Retka eluded to the final product would not impact response times, but understood the construction would impact response times. Mr. Schluender commented there was a two-fold response from Fire Chief Retka. He recalled that Fire Chief Retka did not object to the roundabout long term, but noted there was some displeasure with the construction being a full closure. He indicated he was working to bring Fire Chief Retka and his team in to gain feedback on future projects.

Safety Services Director/Police Chief Podany explained he has been working with Fire Chief Retka to modify response areas for Station 3 and Station 5 during the day and to ensure they have a plan in place overnight. He commented last Thursday he met with Fire Chief Retka to discuss the 105th Avenue project.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Robertson, seconded by Councilmember Larson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31PM.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

Signed by ______________________________
Tim Sanders, Mayor

Signed by ______________________________
Catherine M. Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk