

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 –6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Independence City Council was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Betts (via remote location), Grotting, McCoy and Spencer

ABSENT: City Attorney Vose

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Assistant to Administrator Horner

VISITORS: WHPS Director Kroells

4. \*\*\*\*Consent Agenda\*\*\*\*

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Council and will be acted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the March 2, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 19504-19549.
- c. Agriculture Preserve Enrollment Application: **RESOLUTION No. 20-0317-01** Approving a Request to Enroll the Property Located at 2750 County Line Road in the Metropolitan Agriculture Preserve Program.
- d. Large Assembly Permit Approval: To Permit a Farm Auction on the Property Located at 7949 County Road 11 on May 30, 2020.
- e. Request for a One Year Subdivision Approval Extension for the Property Located at 2365 County Road 92 N.

**Motion by Grotting, second by McCoy to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, McCoy, Spencer and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

5. SET AGENDA – ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA CAN BE PLACED UNDER OPEN/MISC.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- None

**Grotting attended the following meetings:**

- Highway 12 Safety Corridor Coalition Meeting

**McCoy attended the following meetings:**

- None

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Highway 12 Safety Corridor Coalition Meeting

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- Highway 12 Safety Corridor Coalition Meeting
- League of Minnesota Cities Webinar
- Northwest League Municipalities Meeting
- Orono Healthy Youth Meeting

**Horner attended the following meetings:**

- Presidential Primary Election

**Kaltsas attended the following meetings:**

7. West Hennepin Public Safety Director, Gary Kroells, February 2020 Monthly Report.

Kroells stated there have been a total of 892 incident complaints as of February 29, 2020. In the month of February there were 292 were in the City of Independence and 167 in the City of Maple Plain.

\*for a full report see the packet\*

Johnson asked about the arrest on the 29<sup>th</sup> and Kroells said that it is part of the effort working the Highway 12 Corridor towards the zero-death initiative. Betts said she really appreciated the Code Red notifications. Kroells said they are working daily with Covid-19 alerts and information and taking all the necessary precautions to care of the officers and residents. He noted burn permits and gun licenses will all be done online. There is a table in the lobby for people to leave burn permit information or pick up a permit in order to avoid contact.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** A Public Hearing to Consider the Following:

- a. **RESOLUTION No. 20-0317-02** - 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan and Preliminary Approval to Issue Bonds to Finance the Costs of the Street Reconstruction.
- b. **RESOLUTION No. 20-0317-03** - 2020-2024 Street Reconstruction Plan and Preliminary Approval to Issue Bonds to Finance the Costs of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Kaltsas said the City has determined that certain streets in the City need reconstruction, repair and improvements. The City based its findings on the long-range street improvement plans which assess all streets in the City based on their age, condition, number of users and current condition. The City's engineer has prepared detailed plans and specifications for the 2020 Street Overlay Project. The overlay project will provide for an approximately one and half inch bituminous overlay on top of the existing roads included in the project. The project will also include the installation of a gravel shoulder, specific crack repair and the installation of a bituminous apron at certain road intersections. Approximately 6 miles of existing bituminous roads will be included in the project and are identified below:

- Stephanie Way
- Brei Kessel Road

- Merz Way
- Waldemar Way
- Providence Place
- Providence Court, Warren Way
- Providence Curve
- Providence Path
- Turner Road
- Polo Club Road
- Copeland Road
- Lindgren Lane
- Independence Road
- Budd Street
- Fieldstone Place
- Stone Court
- Hillstrom Road
- Drake Court
- Drake Drive
- Painter Creek Green
- Timber Island Trail

The City has prepared a 5-year street plan which corresponds with the bituminous overlay of the aforementioned streets.

**Public Hearing Open**

Johnson asked Betts if she had any comments on the Resolutions and she said she was in favor of them and anxious to get them approved as rates are good right now.

Motion by Grotting, second by Spencer to close the Public Hearing.

**Public Hearing Closed**

**Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to approve RESOLUTION No. 20-0317-02 - 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan and Preliminary Approval to Issue Bonds to Finance the Costs of the Street Reconstruction. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

**Motion by Grotting, second by Betts to approve RESOLUTION No. 20-0317-03 - 2020-2024 Street Reconstruction Plan and Preliminary Approval to Issue Bonds to Finance the Costs of the Capital Improvement Plan. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

9. Appointment of Members to the Accessory Building Height Review Committee.

a. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-0317-04 - Committee Member Appointment Resolution.**

**Motion by McCoy, second by Grotting to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20-0317-04 - Committee Member Appointment Resolution. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

10. Open/Misc.

11. Adjourn.

**Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting, Spencer and McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary