

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FRIDLEY
JANUARY 4, 2016**

The City Council meeting for the City of Fridley was called to order by Mayor Lund at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lund
Councilmember Barnette
Councilmember Saefke
Councilmember Varichak
Councilmember Bolkcom

OTHERS PRESENT: Wally Wysopal, City Manager
Darcy Erickson, City Attorney
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 206 of the Fridley City Code, Adopting all Current Amendments to the State Building Code, and Allowing for Perpetual Future Adoption of Amendments as they Occur.**

WAIVED THE READING OF THE ORDINANCE AND ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. ON SECOND READING AND ORDERED PUBLICATION.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **Approve Comprehensive Sign Plan for North Park Business Center Located at 350 – 73rd Avenue N.E. (Ward 1).**

APPROVED.

3. **Resolution Designating Official Depositories for the City of Fridley.**

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01.

4. **Resolution Designating the Fridley Sun Focus as the Official Newspaper of the City of Fridley for the Year 2016.**

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02.

5. Approve 2016 City Council and Staff Appointments.

APPROVED.

6. Appointments (City Employees).

APPROVED.

7. Claims: 171023 – 171097.

APPROVED.

8. Licenses.

APPROVED LICENSES AS SUBMITTED AND AS ON FILE.

9. Estimate:

Kuechle Underground, Inc.
PO Box 509
Kimball, MN 56302

2015 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2015-01
Estimate No. 5.....\$77,717.57

APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Bolkcom asked on page 28 of the claims if a new tractor was bought for Parks and Recreation for \$42,000.

Wally Wysopal, City Manager, said he would check on that claim and get back to Council.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked on page 24 of the claims what a curb runner was for \$844 and on the bottom of page 23 if the expense was for high school dinner theater or senior center transportation.

Mr. Wysopal said he would check on those and get back to Council.

Councilmember Saefke said a curb runner goes on the end of plow to plow against the curb line so the plow does not jump the curb.

MOTION by Councilmember Barnette to approve the proposed Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Varichak.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OPEN FORUM:

No one from the audience spoke.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Saefke.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Resolution in Support of the 2015 Statewide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Grant Application

Scott Hickok, Community Development Director, stated that this is a request for a Statewide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Grant Application that is due January 8. This grant would fund a multi-use trail and walk expansion on the east side of 7th Street from 61st Avenue to Medtronic Parkway; plus planning for future SRTS for the City and Schools.

Mr. Hickok said that MnDOT has \$500,000 available statewide to fund SRTS planning. There is no local match required for this Planning Grant and it is very competitive. Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering and Evaluation all play a role. We participate through City and school staff time to support plan development. The Planning Grant increases the City's ability to obtain future walk and trail infrastructure grants. The primary goals are:

- Improve safety for walking/biking students on busy roads
- Provide safer access to after school programs for all students
- Reduce a.m. and p.m. parent traffic congestion near schools with fewer parent cars
- Increase opportunities for physical activity for students, the elderly, and the community at large

Mr. Hickok noted that the 7th Street project request was unfunded in 2014. SRTS infrastructure dollars can only be used for construction costs. Preliminary engineering, right-of-way work, administrative and construction engineering will be completed in-house. City Council resolution is required to certify support of the project, and indicate intention to provide maintenance of walks, trails and bike lanes of the proposed infrastructure project for its useful life. Awards will be announced in March. The construction will be completed in 2017. The SRTS Infrastructure Grant Request is for \$262,400 with a 20% local match from the City of Fridley for engineering.

Mr. Hickok stated that both grants are supported by school administrators, school transportation staff and have letters of support from Anoka County Multi-Modal Transportation Planning.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked if the budget sheet needed to be in the packet.

Mr. Hickok replied that he highlighted the most important numbers in his presentation.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked staff to explain the process.

Mr. Hickok replied that this is something done jointly with staff and the school district. These funds cannot be applied for independently and the school needs the City to assist. The City makes the grant application with the support of the school. This will support the health and wellness and help kids get to school safely. This connection is an important one to make.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked when residents would become part of the process.

Mr. Hickok replied here would be neighborhood meetings once the project is designed and there is something to talk about to citizens, similar to what they do for street projects.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked how the residents would be notified.

Mr. Hickok replied if this project gets funded, there will be a number of meetings with the citizens, showing drawings and to talk specifics about the project. Staff doesn't want to raise the hopes up of the citizens until it is confirmed the City will get the funds for the project.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked how high the red dotted area would be.

Mr. Hickok replied that it would be like a curb, less than 6", but would clearly be a separate surface. People would feel safer because of this elevation.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked if this would be plowed by City staff.

Mr. Hickok replied yes.

Mayor Lund asked if the aerial photo that showed a connection with Moore Lake and Community Park was included in this project or a future project.

Mr. Hickok replied that he is presenting this on behalf of Mr. Kosluchar. He does not believe this is part of the infrastructure for tonight and it is pointing out another segment that has been funded.

Councilmember Saefke said plans will already been drawn up for the neighborhood meetings. He asked if citizens wanted to input change if it would be possible.

Mr. Hickok replied that if it was a radical change it would have to go back to the funding source with a request for an amendment. Typically staff will put the best approach forward as a good

design that is safe and worthy of funding. If the design is changed, it may get taken out of the competition and may not be funded.

Councilmember Saefke asked if it would be better to have a meeting before the funding is available so if there are changes the City does not risk losing the funding.

Mr. Hickok replied there has been notification to the neighbors to some extent. We do not want them to believe there is a project with funding realities.

Councilmember Saefke noted that the objective is to create the best possible design. If that is the case, the citizens should be shown the design before the City is obligated to do it.

Mr. Hickok replied that he has only supervised this project and staff has been working with Mr. Kosluchar. There has been a great deal of discussion on this and some input has been taken from those citizens who would be affected by the project. If we modify too much, we may lose the ability to install the project.

Wally Wysopal, City Manager, added that if Council approves this request tonight there will be a future meeting before Council and neighborhood meetings to share the detailed plans. There would be a neighborhood meeting prior to Council approval. Tonight's action is more preliminary. This is the second attempt to get this funding and there is only \$500,000 available for the entire state. The goal is to try to get this funding to supplement our pedestrian walkways and bikeways. There will be future opportunities for public input.

Mr. Hickok said that the plan would be submitted with the application and that is what the score is based on. If the City is awarded a grant, money comes back like a street project for Council to approve and then meetings will be held with citizens.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked if some changes could take place by input from neighborhood meetings and Council even though the plan was submitted.

Mr. Hickok replied yes.

MOTION by Councilmember Barnette to adopt Resolution No. 2016-03. Seconded by Councilmember Varichak.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Informal Status Reports.

Mayor Lund announced that the Annual Raise the Roof Fundraiser to benefit the Lee Carlson Center is coming up January 8 from 5 to 8 pm with a chili contest. Come sample some chili and make a donation for this organization that relies heavily on donations. The event is at the Bridgeview, 7920 University Avenue N.E.

ADJOURN:

MOTION by Councilmember Barnette to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Varichak.

UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Peterson
Recording Secretary

Scott J. Lund
Mayor