

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF FRIDLEY  
APRIL 25, 2016**

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The City Council meeting for the City of Fridley was called to order by Mayor Lund at 7:00 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  
James Kosluchar, Public Works Director  
Jack Kirk, Parks and Recreation Director

**PRESENTATION:**

Certificates of Appreciation to AmeriCorps Volunteers.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

City Council Meeting of April 11, 2016.

**APPROVED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Motion to Authorize Issuance of an Estoppel Certificate Relating to the WoodSpring Suites Projects.**

**APPROVED.**

- 2. Appointments – City Employee.**

**APPOINTED.**

- 3. Claims (172244 – 172398).**

**APPROVED.**

**4. Estimate:**

Sunram Construction Inc  
20010 – 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Corcoran, MN 55340

Springbrook Nature Center  
Project No. 478  
FINAL ESTIMATE.....\$3,563.75

**APPROVED.**

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Barnette to adopt the proposed consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Varichak.

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

**OPEN FORUM, VISITORS:**

No one from the audience spoke.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bolkcom to add item 7A. Extension of Nelsonparks Hospitality Inc. to the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Saefke.

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

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt the agenda with the addition of 7A. Seconded by Councilmember Saefke.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**5. Receive Petition No. 2016-01, Requesting a Permanent Speed Limit Sign on Lucia Lane**

**James Kosluchar**, Public Works Director, stated that a petition was received requesting a permanent speed limit sign on Lucia Lane. The sign is requested in the northbound direction.

These signatories represent 16 addresses on Lucia Lane, 14 of these were verified as owners. Staff recommends that the City Council move to receive the attached Petition Number 2016-01.

**Mayor Lund** is not opposed to this request because the cost isn't very much but doesn't think it will change the traffic much. Success may be achieved better through an engagement or neighborhood meetings. He does not want to set precedence either.

**Councilmember Barnette** noted that the speed limit throughout the city is 30 mph unless posted otherwise.

**Mayor Lund** asked if residents would like to see a lower speed limit.

**Mr. Kosluchar** replied that the petition did not specify a lower speed.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Varichak to receive Petition No. 2016-01 requesting a permanent speed limit sign on Lucia Lane. Seconded by Councilmember Barnette.

**Councilmember Bolkcom** asked if this meant a sign would be put up.

**Mayor Lund** asked if there have been meetings regarding this request.

**Mr. Kosluchar** replied yes but staff will schedule a neighborhood meeting. Discussions have been done on an individual basis too.

**Mayor Lund** stated that there is no recommendation for Council to do something, this is to just receive the petition and get residents engaged as part of the solution.

**Mr. Kosluchar** replied that staff is working on that.

**Mayor Lund** thought the meetings would be effective. He is not against a sign but would like to hold off until we see the outcome from the meetings before we commit to a sign.

**Mr. Kosluchar** said that staff will report back recommendations to Council after the meetings take place.

**Councilmember Bolkcom** asked if the city replaces existing signs that are old or fall down.

**Mr. Kosluchar** replied yes, many of the 30 MPH signs on frontage roads along University and Hwy 65 have been replaced; it may be a good project for a summer intern to determine the history of these signs.

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

- 6. Set a Public Hearing Date for the Draft Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Columbia Arena Redevelopment**

**James Kosluchar**, Public Works Director, stated that the master plan for the Columbia Arena site was developed over the past year with input from the community. On December 28, 2015, an open house was held at which additional input was gathered. As part of the approval for the master plan development, a draft Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) was prepared. An EAW is part of a standardized environmental review process. Characteristics and impacts are published to disclose information about the potential negative environmental effects and to determine if there are ways to avoid or minimize impacts before the project is permitted and built.

**Mr. Kosluchar** stated that the Columbia Arena site redevelopment requires an EAW process because the Comprehensive Plan does not specifically identify redevelopment beyond the Columbia Arena property and the number of housing units proposed exceeds a statutory threshold where a mandatory EAW must be performed. While there is no requirement for a Public Hearing with the EAW process, staff believes it improves the transparency and understanding of the project to hold a hearing. The recommended schedule associated with the public hearing is as follows:

- Draft of EAW complete 4/29/16
- EAW published on website week of 5/2/16
- Publication of official newspaper 5/6/16
- Publication of EQB 5/9/16
- Public Hearing 5/23/16, 7:00 p.m.
- End of comment period 6/9/16

Staff recommends the City Council move to set a public hearing date for the Columbia Arena Redevelopment Draft EAW for May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Councilmember Bolkcom** asked where residents can find this information on the webpage.

**Mr. Kosluchar** replied from the home page. There is a page for the Columbia Arena Redevelopment too.

**Councilmember Bolkcom** asked if residents would have the ability to click and give responses back on the website.

**Mr. Kosluchar** replied that is a good idea; he will have staff look into that option.

**Councilmember Bolkcom** added that if they can't respond that way maybe say how someone who cannot attend can give their comment.

**Councilmember Barnette** thought that the more public involvement and reaction there is, the better off everyone will be.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Saefke to set a public hearing date for May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the draft Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Columbia Arena Redevelopment. Seconded by Councilmember Varichak.

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**7. Resolution Authorizing Staff to Proceed with the Phase 2 Landscaping Package, Trail Additions, and Site Furnishings for the Springbrook Nature Center Improvements Project.**

**Jack Kirk**, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the construction is progressing nicely with the phase 1 of the Springbrook project. A completion date was set for the end of June and this phase will be done by the deadline. The building is being worked on and staff is working hard with landscape architects on phase 2 of the project. Staff would like to move forward with phase 2 of this project which is the entry area to the building and to realign a portion of the trail to line up the entry with the trail, plant trees, shrubs and grass, and install the outdoor benches, bike racks and fencing to send the message not to walk on the new roof.

**Mr. Kirk** noted that there are five parts; landscape, concrete entry path area, trail realignment, site furnishings and railing and chain link fence. Staff is getting quotes for the different sections of work and is asking Council to approve once the quotes are received to get the work done. Ideally we would like the work done by the early part of June. The estimated budget is \$90,000 and Springbrook will cover all the costs. The grand opening is on July 30 and we would like these amenities done prior to the grand opening so it looks like a complete package. Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution so staff can proceed with the landscaping packaging for phase 2.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt Resolution 2016-20. Seconded by Councilmember Saefke.

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

**7A. Request for Extension of Nelsenparks Hospitality Inc.'s, dba GB Leighton's Pickle Park's, Liquor License.**

**Wally Wysopal**, City Manager, stated that Pickle Park license will expire at the end of this month. Pickle Park received information late today from the State and the petitioner will have the necessary information available by the May 9 City Council meeting. Staff checked with city code and state statute and City Council can extend the current license until May 9 when significant information is available to make a recommendation for next year's license. Staff is trying to be responsive and assist businesses to do business in the City of Fridley. The petitioner is here to answer any questions. Staff is requesting to extend the existing liquor license through May 9, 2016.

**Clifton Thomas Parks II**, Owner of Pickle Park, said he was unable to get paperwork filed properly and is battling with the State of MN. There was miscommunication if taxes should be filed monthly or annually which put Pickle Park on a list so they could not renew their license.

Now everything is resolved and paid in full. Pickle Park also has had no issues or incidents with Fridley police.

**Mayor Lund** asked how long Mr. Parks has owned the property.

**Mr. Parks** replied a year.

**Mayor Lund** noted the report indicated there were 10 calls for service but police have no issues.

**Mr. Parks** replied those were for the alarm service.

**Mayor Lund** asked if there was a fee charged from the City for repeated false alarms. He said he thought each business got three.

**Mr. Parks** replied that he has not had to pay any money to the City for those calls.

**Mayor Lund** noted that it is ok to call police if the need arises.

**Mr. Parks** replied that his staff makes sure they are protected and covered. They have not had any issues to report.

**Mr. Wysopal** noted that unless the City Council extends or creates a new license on May 9 the current license will expire the end of the business day on May 9, 2016.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Saefke to extend the Request for Extension of Nelsenparks Hospitality Inc.'s, dba GB Leighton's Pickle Park's, Liquor License to May 9, 2016. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

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**8. Informational Status Reports:**

**Wally Wysopal**, City Manager, provided the following reports:

- May Meetings at 7:00 p.m.
  - Charter Commissioner – Monday, May 2
  - Park & Rec – Monday May 2
  - HRA – Thursday, May 5
  - City Council – Monday, May 8 and 23
  - EQE – Tuesday, May 10
  - Planning – Wednesday, May 18
  
- The City had a Job Fair on April 20 and had over 300 attendees and 25 local businesses. This was sponsored by the Fridley HRA and Minnesota WorkForce Center.

- Resident notices have gone out for the 2015 Street Project in Summit Manor Neighborhood. Contractor has been advised of work starting within the week. We are working with the 2016 Street Project contractor on preliminary matters prior to their start in May. Center Point Energy has been working on this project in the Plymouth Neighborhood.
- A water efficiency grant is now available to residents for upgrading water fixtures to more energy efficient models. Eligible fixtures include toilets, clothes washers and irrigation system audits resulting in replacement controllers. Contact Beth Kondrick in Engineering at 763-572-3554 for application information.
- Spring Drop-off Day is May 7 from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. at the Public Works Garage. Electronic will cost a bit more for disposal. Car/pickup tires taken. Appliances first 3 are free to drop off. Bikes are needed. Confidential paper shredding, unlimited.
- Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Sale is Saturday April 30 from 9-1 at Commons Park. Family Fun, Kids Activities & Prizes, Tree Planting Ceremony, Tree Care Information, Starter Trees for Sale for your Yard.

**Mayor Lund** asked about the water conservation grant if there was a time window to be included.

**Jim Kosluchar**, Public Works Director, replied that it is on a first come, first serve basis so the sooner the better. If you are thinking about replacing appliances call first.

**Councilmember Bolkcom** asked about the irrigation system audit and if people wanted to hire someone how they would do that.

**Mr. Kosluchar** replied that they should call Beth at 763-572-3554. There are companies that charge a flat rate for the audit.

**Mayor Lund** received an invitation from the Alexandria House for a free breakfast but donation are optional on Thursday, May 12 from 8-9 at Christ Lutheran Church in 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Blaine. Mayor Lund is looking for 9 other people to share a table with him.

**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 7:45 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Peterson  
Recording Secretary

Scott J. Lund  
Mayor