

Maple Grove City Council meeting

meeting minutes

September 19, 2022

Call to order

Pursuant to call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Maple Grove City Council was held at 7:30 p.m. on September 19, 2022 at the Maple Grove Government Center/Public Safety Facility, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Members present were Mayor Mark Steffenson and Councilmembers Judy Hanson, Karen Jaeger, Phil Leith, and Kristy Barnett. Absent was none. Present also were Joe Hogeboom, Community and Economic Development Director; Brett Angell, Assistant Community and Development Director; Ken Ashfeld, Acting City Administrator/Public Works Director/City Engineer; and Justin Templin, City Attorney.

Mayor Steffenson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the city in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions or deletions to the agenda

Mayor Steffenson asked if there were any additions and/or deletions to the consent agenda to which Ken Ashfeld stated the following:

Item amended to the agenda

None

Item amended to the consent agenda

None

Item added to the agenda

None

Item removed from the consent agenda for discussion

None

Consent items

The following consent items were presented for Council's approval:

MINUTES

- A. Regular City Council meeting – September 6, 2022
- B. City Council closed special meeting – September 6, 2022

HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS

- C. Appointment of appraiser

Motion to approve the appointment of Jordan Crowe to the position of appraiser in the Assessing Department at an annual salary of \$77, 987.52 effective October 10, 2022, subject to a twelve-month probationary period. All required screenings and background checks have been successfully completed.

D. Appointment of police records management technician

Motion to approve the appointment of Kelly Ruff to the position of police records management technician in the Police Department at an annual salary of \$54,589.60 effective October 4, 2022, subject to a twelve-month probationary period. All required screenings and background checks have been successfully completed.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

E. 2022 Comprehensive plan amendment: Territorial Road area staging plan, forecast adjustment, text amendment, and land use map changes

Motion to table the application for 2022 Comprehensive plan amendment until October 3, 2022.

F. Rush Hollow planned unit development concept stage plan, development stage plan, rezoning, and final plat

Motion to table the application for Rush Hollow until October 3, 2022, so they can continue revising their plans.

G. Second amendment to the purchase agreement with Beta Equity Investments, LLC

Motion to approve the second amendment to the purchase agreement with Beta Equity Investments, LLC.

ENGINEERING ITEMS

H. Edgewater on Cook Lake Project No. 18-23 - Change Order No. 1

Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Edgewater on Cook Lake Project No. 18-23 in the amount of \$114,070.03.

I. Main Street Rehabilitation Project No. 19-10 - overnight working hours

Motion to approve overnight working hours for the concrete work for the Main Street Rehabilitation Project No. 19-10.

J. Palisades at Nottingham 3rd Addition Project No. 21-09 - final acceptance

Motion to approve the final acceptance of the Palisades at Nottingham 3rd Addition Project No. 21-09 completed by S.R. Weidema, Inc. subject to the warranty provisions of the contract and statutory law.

K. Preparation of assessment rolls and assessment hearing establishment - Resolution No. 22-145

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-145 ordering preparation of assessment rolls and establishing hearings for certain projects.

L. Sureties - September 19, 2022

Motion to approve the surety actions.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

M. Findings of fact on Angels Liquor Inc. dba Angels Liquor - Resolution No. 22-147

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-147 making findings, conclusion, and decision imposing a civil penalty of \$2,000 and a three (3) day suspension on Angel's Liquor Inc. dba Angel's Liquor, 7496 East Fish Lake Road, Maple Grove, Minnesota.

N. Findings of fact on Benihana National Corporation dba Benihana Resolution No. 22-148

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-148 making findings, conclusion, and decision imposing a civil penalty of \$2,000 and a five (5) day suspension on Benihana National Corporation dba Benihana, 11840 Fountains Way, Maple Grove, Minnesota.

O. Findings of fact on Grill Hall Churrascaria dba Grill Hall - Resolution No. 22-149

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-149 making findings, conclusion, and decision imposing a civil penalty of \$2,000 and a five (5) day suspension on Grill Hall Churrascaria dba Grill Hall, 9695 63rd Avenue N, Maple Grove, Minnesota.

P. Findings of fact on Sams West Inc. dba Sams Club

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-150 making findings, conclusion, and decision imposing a civil penalty of \$2,000 and a three (3) day suspension on Sam's West Inc. dba Sam's Club #6254, 16701 94th Avenue, Maple Grove,

Minnesota.

Q. Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters

Motion to proclaim October 2 to October 9, 2022 as Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters in memory of Firefighter Michael Paidar.

R. Canceling tax levies - Resolution No. 22-144

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-144, a resolution canceling tax levies.

S. Approve claims

Motion to approve claims totaling \$ 5,168,625.97.

Motion by Councilmember Leith, seconded by Councilmember Hanson, to approve the consent items as presented. Upon call of the motion by Mayor Steffenson, there were five ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Councilmember Barnett discussed Item 3Q and noted October 2 through October 9 has been proclaimed as Light the Night for fallen firefighters in memory of Michael Paidar. She noted Town Green would be lit red and she invited residents to light their property with red lightbulbs to honor the service and sacrifice of firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

**Consideration
of items pulled
from the
agenda**

None.

**Special
business**

Open forum

There were no open forum issues brought before the Council at this meeting.

**Maple Grove
Moments
Photography
Contest
recognition**

Mayor Steffenson presented awards for the Maple Grove Moments Photography Contest and thanked all of the residents who participated in this event.

**Minneapolis
Regional
Chamber**

Hanna Zinn, Public Policy Manager for the Minneapolis Regional Chamber, provided the Council with a presentation that highlighted policy and advocacy work that was being done by the Chamber. She reported in 2021, the Twin West Chamber merged with the Minneapolis Chamber, forming the combined

presentation

Minneapolis Regional Chamber. She commented on the city's priorities for 2023 which were funding for TH610/I-94 interchange, transit lines, economic development hubs and attracting workforce to live and work in the community. She discussed the local option sales tax that was being proposed for the November ballot and noted the Chamber recently discussed this topic. She commented further on how the Chamber advocates for the City of Maple Grove.

Cheri Gengler, Vice President of Talent and Workforce for the Minneapolis Regional Chamber, discussed the workforce initiatives the Chamber was working on. She commented on how the Elevate Futures website was benefitting the regional workforce. Further discussion ensued regarding the programs Elevate Futures was developing for positive prosperity for all in the region.

Mayor Steffenson thanked the Chamber for all of the good work they do on behalf of the community.

Community and economic development items

Magnifi Financial planned unit development stage plan

Assistant Community Economic and Development Director Angell stated the applicant is seeking PUD development stage plan approval for the redevelopment of 7951 Elm Creek Boulevard North, which is currently Broadway Pizza. The proposal includes a demolition of the existing structure to accommodate a new 6,000 square foot one-story building with drive-thru lanes. The new building would be occupied by Magnifi Financial and an additional tenant which has not been identified but is anticipated to be a coffee or food service user. Staff commented on the plans in further detail and reported the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Councilmember Jaeger requested further information on how traffic would flow through this site. Assistant Community Economic and Development Director Angell described how traffic would enter and exit this site for both tenants.

Councilmember Jaeger commented on how most banks were transitioning to video ATM's.

Councilmember Hanson requested further information regarding the drive thru lanes. Assistant Community Economic and Development Director Angell reviewed the location of the two drive thru lanes and explained an exit or bypass lane was available for both users.

Mayor Steffenson asked if the proposed building colors were blue, gray and red. Assistant Community Economic and Development Director Angell stated this was correct noting these were the identifying colors for Magnifi Financial.

Gary Meyer, Magnifi Financial, thanked staff for all of their assistance on this plan. He introduced Magnifi Financial to the City Council stating they have been around for the past 83 years and have 25 branches in the State of Minnesota. He stated he was excited to have a site in Maple Grove.

Mayor Steffenson questioned how much of the space would be occupied by Magnifi Financial and how much of the space would be occupied by a coffee user. Josh Longood, HKGi Architects, explained the Magnifi would have approximately 3,500 square feet and the coffee tenant would have 1,800 square feet. He reported there would be a shared lobby space for the two uses.

Councilmember Jaeger stated she supported Magnifi Financial coming to the City of Maple Grove.

Councilmember Barnett requested further information on the shared lobby space. Mr. Meyer discussed how the shared lobby would join the two uses, while also allowing the coffee tenant to use the space if the bank was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Leith, seconded by Councilmember Jaeger, to direct the city attorney to draft a resolution and a planned unit development agreement approving the Magnifi Financial PUD development stage plan subject to:

- 1. The applicant addressing to the satisfaction of the city any remaining applicable comments contained in the memorandums from:**
 - a. The Community & Economic Development Department dated August 17, 2022**
 - b. The Engineering Department dated August 18, 2022**
 - c. The Fire Department dated August 15, 2022**
- 2. The proposed landscaping plans are subject to the review and comments of the Arbor Committee.**

Upon call of the motion by Mayor Steffenson, there were five ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

**Report on
upcoming
community
and economic
development
items**

Community and Economic Development Director Hogeboom updated the Council regarding the following:

- The Rush Hollow development would be coming back to the City Council on October 3.
- The Housing for All virtual bus tour would be held on Thursday, September 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Experience Maple Grove would be holding an annual meeting at the Rush

Creek Golf Course on Tuesday, September 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

- The Planning Commission would meet next on Monday, October 10.

Engineering- public works items

Report on upcoming engineering items

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ashfeld updated the Council regarding the following:

- The fall curbside clean-up would be held on Monday, October 3 and the drop off event at Public Works would be held on Saturday, October 8.

Items added to the agenda

Councilmember Jaeger stated Floor & Décor was now open in Maple Grove.

Councilmember Jaeger reported Keller Williams held a grand opening last week.

Councilmember Jaeger noted the last two weeks of the outdoor farmers market were upon the city. She encouraged residents to get out and take advantage of the local farmers market.

Councilmember Leith stated the concert in the park was very well attended this past weekend.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Jaeger, seconded by Councilmember Barnett, to adjourn to the regular City Council meeting on October 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Upon call of the motion by Mayor Steffenson, there were five ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. by Mayor Steffenson.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Ashfeld
Acting City Administrator/Public Works Director/City Engineer