

**MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 11, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building.

Members present: Mayor Mark Wegscheid, Council Members Ray Salazar, Jeff Bergquist, and Kelli Gillispie

Members absent: Council Member Jennifer Peterson

Others present: City Manager and Director of Public Works Eric Hoversten, Director of Community Development Sarah Smith, Administrative Assistant Mary Mackres, Field Officer Stewart Simon, Consultant Planner Rita Trapp, Christine Valerius, Jason Biddle, and Kevin Peterson

*Consent agenda: All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature by the Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council Member or citizen so requests, in which event it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence.*

**1. Open meeting**

Mayor Wegscheid called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approve agenda**

Hoversten requested a change to Item #7 of the agenda. The action was tabled to the April 11 meeting from the meeting of March 14 not March 17.

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Bergquist, to approve the agenda with amendment. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Consent agenda**

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gillispie, to approve the consent agenda.  
Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$403,801.95

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 17-49: RESOLUTION APPROVING MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR 1833 SHOREWOOD LANE**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. 17-50: RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT FOR WESTONKA COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT WOLNER FIELD AND WAIVING FEE DUE TO PUBLIC PURPOSE OF GATHERING**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. 17-51: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR THE 2017 STREET, UTILITY AND RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - LYNWOOD BOULEVARD/FAIRVIEW LANE, WILSHIRE BOULEVARD/MAYWOOD ROAD/HIDDENVALE LANE, TUXEDO BOULEVARD PHASE III (PW-17-01, PW-17-02, PW-17-03)**

**E. RESOLUTION NO. 17-52: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING RECEIPT OF QUOTES FOR THE 2017 CRACK SEAL AND SEAL COAT PROJECTS, CITY PROJECT PW-17-07**

**5. Comments and suggestions from citizens present on any item not on the agenda.**

None offered.

**6. Action to approve minutes from 3/28/17 regular meeting**

MOTION by Gillispie, seconded by Salazar, to approve minutes from 3/28/17 regular meeting. Salazar, Gillispie, and Wegscheid voted in favor, Bergquist abstained. Motion carried.

**7. Planning Commission Recommendation**

Consideration/action on PC Case No. 16-40 - Variance (tabled to April 11, 2017 City Council meeting at March 17, 2017 City Council meeting)

Proposed house/garage addition project at 5488 Tonkawood Road

Applicant: Christine Valerius

Rita Trapp, Consultant Planner, presented the variance request for 5488 Tonkawood Rd. Trapp said applicant submitted a variance application for two-story addition with a four-car garage and living space above. Property is approximately 17,750 sq ft. on a corner lot. Staff determined that Tonkawood is the front of the home. Applicant's original request was for a garage located 4.3 feet from the rear property line. Trapp explained that there is a 15' rear setback requirement.

On December 27, Staff received updated plans with two options. One was a revised concept showing a rear yard setback of 9.5 ft., shrinking the garage depth by 2' but expanding the width to 73'. Trapp said there is an existing single-car garage which is not adequate according to the applicant as it floods.

The other option was presented with no variance, meaning that the garage width would go to 86'. Trapp said the neighbor is concerned that the proposed garage would be too close to their property line.

Trapp said the Planning Commission reviewed and consideration was given to both the request as well as another neighbor's concern, which is mainly storm water management. The Planning Commission felt the variance should not be approved as this is a fairly large lot and the applicant should be able to make things work, so no practical difficulty was seen. Trapp said there is really nothing significant about the property, nothing unique requiring a variance and that there is room between the house and the lake to construct a conforming addition. Planning Commission recommended denial. Trapp mentioned that the applicant is concerned with the windows on that side of house relative to the garage, whereas concerns from Staff and the Commission stemmed from the large lot size with no practical difficulty.

Salazar asked if there were any practical difficulties.

Christine Valerius showed house plans and explained that she wants to keep windows in kitchen as house is north facing and very dark, noting that the house is placed on lot

differently. Valerius noted that the patio was brought up a foot because basement floods. Valerius says the house was built in 1905 and is only a 2-bedroom but it has lots of character.

Salazar asked why she doesn't raise the house and build a new one. Ms. Valerius says she doesn't have that kind of money and likes the character of the original house, noting the single car garage that is there does flood every time it rains or snows.

Kevin Peterson, 5429 Spruce, said his mother owns this property which abuts Ms. Valerius and that his mother is against the variance. Peterson says this proposed building is massive, including 30-ft high. Peterson says there are no practical difficulties with Valerius's property as her lot is 90x100. Peterson wants Valerius to meet the 15-ft setback restrictions and noted the proposed structure would affect Peterson's sunlight. Peterson noted his mother has been in Mound since 1950 and doesn't think Valerius should violate setbacks.

Salazar said he wants Peterson to know that the Council treats all residents the same.

Gillispie said she doesn't see any practical difficulties. Mayor Wegscheid says this property does not have any practical difficulties.

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gillispie to approve resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-53: RESOLUTION DENYING A VARIANCE FOR 5488 TONKAWOOD ROAD**

**8. Field Officer Stewart Simon presenting emergency management training for elected officials**

Simon presented an emergency management training for Council.

**9. Information/Miscellaneous**

A. Comments/reports from Council Members

Hoversten mentioned upcoming events:

- 4/18/17 at 6:30 pm - Special Meeting workshop. This meeting is for Staff to report annual reports to Council.
- 4/27/17 at 7:00 am - Community prayer breakfast
- 4/03/17 - Closure of Wilshire Blvd bridge at channel at Cooks Bay. Closed for duration of summer. Channel under bridge is open for boat navigation.
- 5/01/17 - City hall summer hours start. Hours are M-Th 7:30-5:00; Fri 7:30-11:30

Hoversten mentioned that the City is open for public comment and feedback for the Mound 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Links found on City website where viewers will see a large banner taking them to the survey.

Gillispie encouraged people to Google Sophie's Law, which requires people with enclosed compartments on boats to have a carbon monoxide detector on board. Gillispie noted this is a new state statute.

- B. Reports: BMI Engineering - 3/31/17 YTD  
Finance Dept - February, 2017  
Comm Development - Memorandum dated April 5, 2017 -  
2040 Mound Comprehensive Plan project update
- C. Minutes:
- D. Correspondence: Hennepin County 2017 Assessment Open Book Meeting  
WeCAN's 2016 Annual Report  
WeCAN invitation to April 27th Prayer Breakfast

**10. Adjourn**

MOTION by Gillispie, seconded by Bergquist, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All voted in favor.  
Motion carried.

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Mayor Mark Wegscheid

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Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk