

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 12, 2016

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Centennial Building.

Members present: Mayor Mark Wegscheid, Council Members Heidi Gesch, Ray Salazar, Kelli Gillispie, and Jennifer Peterson

Members absent: None

Others present: City Manager and Public Works Director Eric Hoversten, Finance Director Catherine Pausche, Bob Lien, Eric Lien, Emily Lien, Ken Nash, L. Torborg, John Mott, Earl Zent

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 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve agenda

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

4. Consent agenda

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

A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$504,964.83

B. RESOLUTION NO. 16-39: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR THE 2016 STREET, UTILITY AND RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - BARTLETT BOULEVARD, TUXEDO BOULEVARD PHASE II, CYPRESS LANE/MAYWOOD ROAD (PW-16-01, PW-16-02, PW-16-03)

C. RESOLUTION NO. 16-40: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING RECEIPT OF QUOTES FOR THE 2016 CRACK SEAL AND SEAL COAT PROJECTS, CITY PROJECTS PW-16-07 AND PW-16-08

D. Approve a 1 Day to 4 Day Temporary on-Sale Liquor License for Northwest Tonka Lions April 24, 2016 pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Gillespie Center, with fee paid

E. RESOLUTION NO. 16-41: RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPANSION PERMIT FOR 1555 DOVE LANE, PLANNING CASE NO. 16-06, PID NO. 12-117-24-43-0059

- F. RESOLUTION NO. 16-42: RESOLUTION APPROVING VARIANCE FOR 4928 CRESTVIEW ROAD, PLANNING CASE NO. 16-07**
- G. RESOLUTION NO. 16-43: RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGN VARIATION/MODIFICATION FOR 2544 COMMERCE BOULEVARD, PLANNING CASE NO. 16-10**
- H. RESOLUTION NO. 16-44: RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT AND MUSICAL CONCERT PERMIT FOR 2016 MUSIC IN THE PARK AT SURFSIDE PARK AND BEACH WITH FEES WAIVED DUE TO PUBLIC PURPOSE OF GATHERING**

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

None offered.

6. Action to approve minutes from March 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, to approve minutes from the March 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. The following voted in favor: Wegscheid, Salazar, Gesch, Gillispie. The following voted against: none. The following abstained: Peterson. Motion carried.

7. Representatives from the Hennepin County Assessor's Office presenting the 2016 Sale Book/Property Valuation Report

Earl Zent and John Mott gave highlights of the 2016 property valuation for taxes payable 2017. Zent said the assessors watch the market closely and aim for valuations to be 95% of average sales but it is a moving target. Zent remarked that lakeshore values tend to follow the stock market. Zent said a statistic from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) is that the Mound market increased just under 7% on average from 2014 to 2015, and noted that all statistics showed positive growth.

John Mott is Mound's residential assessor and he provided his work cell phone number of 612.462.5407 for any resident who had a question on their property valuation.

Mayor Wegscheid said he relates to the difficulty of the task. Zent said properties on Arbor Lane increased 15% and that Arbor and Edgewater are very strong. Zent said the goal is to substantiate valuations with what is going on in the market while attempting to balance the waves, adding that last year's valuation was somewhat conservative at 1% but now the data is much stronger to justify the increase. Zent said statutory guidelines exist for valuations but that he would still like to see control over valuations remain at local level.

Salazar asked for an additional explanation of the goal of 95% assessed value to sale price. Zent noted that the non-time adjusted ratio of assessed value to sales price is at 85% on 11 actual sales, so that would indicate the valuations are low and another increase is anticipated. Zent said it is both an art and a science and that details like location on the lake needs to be considered. Salazar added that it should apply to private lakeshore vs. commons lakeshore.

Salazar noted that it seems when values are on the rise, assessed values catch up, but that four years ago when values were declining, short sales were cast aside. Zent said short sales are factored in but foreclosures are not. Gesch said during the recession a few years ago, many were foreclosures and the City Council believed they were relevant and had an impact on existing properties.

8. Discussion and Action on a Resolution Supporting Principles for Reform of the Metropolitan Council

Hoversten said multiple meetings have taken place to discuss the role of the Metropolitan Council and, due to the evolution of the agency becoming more of a regional planning authority, some believe they should be representative of the areas they represent and not just appointed by the governor. Hoversten said a draft resolution has been provided by the Twin Cities' Local Government Coalition and that Senator Osmek, Representative Pugh and Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson have supported it. For the record, Hennepin County has not.

Wegscheid added that four counties, including Anoka, Carver, Dakota and Scott, and 26 cities have signed on in support to create a collective voice to question the current structure and functioning of the Met Council as it exists today. Wegscheid stated he and Hoversten attended a League of Minnesota Cities / Metro Cities meeting and Mound hosted a meeting for the Southwest metros cities. Wegscheid stated he supports the process.

Salazar concurred and said he would like to see more counties involved and that he believes there are already some bills in the legislature, including one that would have elected officials replace the appointed officials. Salazar said he believes this is the basis behind fair government, or taxation with representation, and that when business owners came up with the Met Council concept in 1967, they did not foresee it becoming what it is today.

MOTION by Salazar, seconded by Gesch, to approve the following resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-45: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRINCIPLES FOR REFORM OF THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

9. City Manager Eric Hoversten, requesting the following items tabled from March 22, 2016 Council Meeting be remanded to Staff for further review and study.

- A. Discussion and action on An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Mound City Code as it relates to Administration and provisions for Administrative Fines
- B. Discussion and action to approve Resolution Authorizing Publication of An Ordinance by Title and Summary, as it relates to Administration
- C. Resolution Amending 2016 City of Mound Fee Schedule

Hoversten said these items were tabled to this meeting but subsequent conversations among staff indicated more work needs to be done before bringing it back for formal action.

Wegscheid said he agrees this is wise as there is no immediate need and noted that there is a course of action in place for code enforcement in the meantime that needs to be maintained. Wegscheid noted the apparent hesitation by the Council during the last discussion regarding fines warrants more study.

MOTION by Wegscheid, seconded by Gesch, to remand the discussion and analysis on Administrative Fines back to staff for further review and study. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Information/Miscellaneous

A. Comments/reports from Council Members

Hoversten noted upcoming meeting dates including the State of the County meeting in Hopkins on April 19th and the May 7th Heart Safe Community training at the Gillespie Center. Hoversten also noted the April 19th special meeting for department head annual reports and that photos will be taken before the meeting on April 26th.

Wegscheid noted the sirens were erroneously sounded on Monday morning due to a software issue.

- B. Reports: Mound Fire Department - March 2016
- C. Minutes: Planning Commission - March 15, 2016 Special Meeting
- D. Correspondence:

11. Adjourn

MOTION by Gesch, seconded by Salazar, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Mark Wegscheid

Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk