

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 12, 2020

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. remotely using the ZOOM videoconferencing website.

Members present: Mayor Ray Salazar; Council members Phil Velsor, Jeff Bergquist, Paula Larson, and Sherrie Pugh

Members absent: None

Others present: City Manager Eric Hoversten, Fin Dir/Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Pausche, Community Development Director Sarah Smith, City Engineer Brian Simmons, Phyllis Stoiaken

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 Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence.

1. Open meeting

Mayor Salazar called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pausche noted a number of phone numbers participating but not identifying themselves and noted no one contacted her in advance to be able to participate in the discussion, so she will be muting those participants.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Salazar read each Council Member's name and they replied 'here.'

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve agenda

Hoversten noted additional and replacement pages for Consent Item 5D, pages 839A and 845-852 respectively.

MOTION by Pugh, seconded by Bergquist, to approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote In Favor: Larson, Velsor, Bergquist, Pugh, Salazar Opposed: None Abstain: None. Motion carried.

5. Consent agenda

MOTION by Velsor, seconded by Bergquist, to approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote In Favor: Larson, Velsor, Bergquist, Pugh, Salazar Opposed: None Abstain: None. Motion carried.

A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$197,535.41

B. Approve minutes: April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting

C. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-45: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 19-70
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES**

D. RESOLUTION NO. 20-46: RESOLUTION APPROVING REMOVAL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE HAZARDOUS BUILDING LOCATED AT 4801 TUXEDO BLVD. IN THE CITY OF MOUND

E. Approve Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$31,136.25 to G.F. Jedlicki Inc for the 2019 Commerce Blvd Watermain Project PW 19-04

F. Approve Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$88,358.55 to Kusske Construction for the 2019 Sherwood Street and Utility Improvements Project PW 19-01

G. Approve Pay Request #3 (and final) in the amount of \$20,845.75 to Thul Specialty Contracting for the 2019 Manhole Rehabilitation Project PW 19-09

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

None were offered.

7. Catherine Pausche, Director of Finance and Administrative Services requesting discussion

and action on a Resolution Suspending Depot Rentals and Limiting Public Gatherings During COVID-19

Pausche said this resolution is being proposed to give event planners clarification for what conditions will need to be met in order to hold a public gathering on City owned lands and suspension of the Depot rentals is recommended in recognition that large public gatherings, particularly indoors, are unlikely to be sanctioned until there is a vaccine for COVID-19. Pausche noted the Depot is not an essential service and that the City should not be liable for cleaning between uses and social distancing during use. Hoversten clarified that people can still go boating and use parks/beaches, but current recommendations are that households do not mix.

Salazar said although one could argue they can take all precautions but he recognizes the city would still be liable.

Larson said she understands the logistics of the Depot rental constraints and asked how we will contact/inform renters. Pausche said many have already requested refunds but the remainder would be notified in the morning and full refunds given. Larson asked if there was a way to remain more flexible. Larson asked if the League of Minnesota Cities has advised cities on liability and how to handle rental spaces. Pausche said she did not get legal advice but does not see large gatherings being condoned before a vaccine. Pausche said the Council could place a different timeline on the restriction and revisit it at that time. Larson asked for the Spirit of the Lakes status and Hoversten said they are considering one day in September if at all.

Mayor Salazar asked for an informal poll on whether to change the Depot rental suspension to August 31st and then revisit at that time. Velsor, Bergquist and Pugh were fine with December 31st and Larson and Salazar preferred August 31st.

MOTION by Bergquist, seconded by Velsor, to adopt the following resolution. Roll call vote In Favor: Velsor, Bergquist, Pugh, Salazar Opposed: Larson Abstain: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-47: RESOLUTION SUSPENDING DEPOT RENTALS AND LIMITING PUBLIC GATHERINGS DURING COVID-19

8. City Manager Hoversten requesting discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing an Engineering Study for replacement of pervious pavers, and paver and concrete sidewalks in the Transit District and along county roads 15 and 110 in Mound

Hoversten noted federal stimulus funds may become available for shovel ready projects and that the City participated in the 2009 stimulus with a street light replacement project. Hoversten asked Simmons to propose a study for four different project areas, referred to as Downtown Decorative Pavers on sidewalks, Transit District Permeable Pavers on streets since specifications are different, and the remainder concrete sidewalks around downtown, and a retaining wall. Hoversten showed maps highlighting each area and said the products of the study would be rudimentary surveys and plans and specs at a cost not to exceed \$5,200. Hoversten said if stimulus funds do not materialize, these projects will be broken up and addressed at different times in the future and noted that these expenditures are not in the current CIP. Hoversten said the study will look at alternatives to the pervious pavers especially in the high traffic areas.

Pugh asked if there was any consideration to add the Harbor District dock arbor area. Hoversten said the pavers are in better condition in that area on the sidewalks and the upcoming project is expected to address pavers in the street, but the staining of the cedar in the docks/ pergola area is better dealt with as a separate maintenance project. Pugh asked to confirm this won't delay any current projects and Hoversten said he intentionally left out Harbor District area/Auditor's Road. Pugh noted Wells Fargo did a handicapped ramp and new walkway.

Velsor asked if they will study if the pervious pavers really hold up with the Metro Transit busses. Simmons said low-speed turning movements is very hard on pervious pavers. Simmons said design standards have changed to address this, noting they will work to meet the design standards of innovative storm water management while remaining cost conscious and doing what is feasible. Simmons also noted this is an opportunity to add more ADA compliance in the area.

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Velsor, to adopt the following resolution. Roll call vote In Favor: Larson, Velsor, Bergquist, Pugh, Salazar Opposed: None Abstain: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-48: RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF ENGINEERING STUDY SIDEWALK AND PAVER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

9. Information/Miscellaneous

A. Comments/reports from Council members/City Manager:

Hoversten noted City Hall summer hours have begun, M-TH 7:30-5 and Fri 7:30 – 11:30 to accommodate longer days and higher construction/permit activity.

Hoversten noted Council and Commission meetings are scheduled as normal and information is available on the City website under the Government tab. Meetings are currently being conducted via ZOOM video conferencing tool.

Mayor Salazar noted we are currently still in shelter in place with 5 days to go and uncertainty about whether it will be lifted. Salazar thanked everyone for efforts to social distance, wearing protective masks, and complying with orders and noted it is a good thing and don't stop now.

Salazar noted he knows of more people infected with COVID-19 and are suffering. Salazar said the City Council and Staff are here to serve and invited people to call if needed.

- B. Reports: Liquor Store – April 2020
Orono Police Department – Mound Activity April 2020
- C. Minutes:
- D. Correspondence:

10. Adjourn

MOTION by Bergquist, seconded by Pugh, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Roll call vote In Favor: Larson, Velsor, Bergquist, Pugh, Salazar Opposed: None Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Raymond J. Salazar

Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk