

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Hopkins City Council was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1st Street South.

Mayor Gadd called the meeting to order with Council Members Beck, Brausen, Halverson and Hunke attending. Others attending included City Manager Mornson, Assistant City Manager Lenz, Director of Public Works Stadler, Finance Director Bishop, Director of Planning and Development Elverum, Community Development Coordinator Youngquist, City Clerk Domeier and City Attorney Riggs.

Mayor Gadd provided information on the meeting format and other opening remarks.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Brausen. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: Beck, Brausen, Halverson, Hunke, Gadd.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

III.1. 325 Blake Road Update and Information Sharing; Elverum

James Wisker with the MCWD provided an update on the 325 Blake Road redevelopment process and highlighted the collaborative process. Other MCWD representatives present included Michael Hayman, Gabe Sherman, Arun Hejmadi, Keith Dahl and Sherry White. Council Member Brausen requested that the video presentation be made available to the public.

HDR representatives Amy Shahar, Craig Churchwar and Kaia Nesbitt provided an opportunity to provide feedback on the project's restoration and redevelopment. Discussion was held about what makes the Blake Road Corridor special, potential contributions to the quality of life going forward, the complimentary features to the Downtown, relation to the comprehensive plan, the economic components, site goals, and events or overall experiences that could be part of the project, affordable housing options, quality development and priorities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Halverson. **Second** by Beck.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes of the March 2, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Proceedings
2. Minutes of the March 9, 2021 City Council Work Session Proceedings
3. Resolution Amending Fees in Appendix A of the Hopkins City Code; Domeier
4. GreenCorps Member Host Site Application; Youngquist

**Ayes: Beck, Brausen, Halverson, Hunke, Gadd.
Nays: None. Motion carried.**

VII.3. Fourth Quarter Financial Report; Bishop

Finance Director Bishop provided the fourth quarter financial report including the preliminary and unaudited results. He provided information on the general fund, special revenue funds and enterprise funds.

Discussion was held about the Financial Management Plan options. Mayor Gadd suggested taking a pause on projects after the 2022 project. Council Members Brausen and Beck agreed to explore the option. Concerns were raised regarding the construction near the Raspberry Ridge project. The City Council supported using franchise fees to pay for the debt service. Further debate was held about the use park dedication fees. Director of Public Work Stadler provided an update on park projects and the proposed street projects for 2022. Mr. Stadler stated a decision on street projects should be made by the end of April for bid purposes. The City Council supported moving forward with the feasibility report. Discussion ensued regarding the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Council Member Beck suggested paying the debt down faster by using the funds not currently allocated. The City Council supported budgeting to reduce the deficit by \$60,000 year and exploring other ideas to reduce the debt.

VII.4. Resolution Condemning the Use of Discriminatory Covenants, and Approving Participation in the Just Deeds Coalition; Lenz

Assistant City Manager provided a summary of Council Report 2021-030. The resolution proposed allows the City to join the Just Deeds Coalition. The City of Golden Valley has been working with a volunteer group called Just Deeds to partner to offer residents resources to renounce the racially restrictive covenants from their properties. By joining the Just Deeds Coalition, Hopkins will be a participating city and share resources with the community related to the project.

The City Council thanked Ms. Lenz for bringing this project forward and the resources available to residents.

Motion by Hunke. Second by Halverson.

Motion to adopt a Resolution 2021-010 Condemning the Use of Discriminatory Covenants, and Approving Participation in the Just Deeds Coalition.

**Ayes: Beck, Brausen, Halverson, Hunke, Gadd.
Nays: None. Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Gadd provided the upcoming meeting schedule.