



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2023 AT 5:30 PM
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present: Council Member: Ryan Nelson
Council Member: Heather Nesemeier
Council Member: Laura Caroon
Council Member: Steve Lindaas
Council Member: Larry Seljevold
Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson
Mayor: Shelly Carlson

Absent: Council Member: Matthew Gilbertson
Council Member: Deb White

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Amendments

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve made by Heather Nesemeier and seconded by Steve Lindaas

Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Nesemeier, Caroon, Lindaas, Seljevold, Hendrickson

Against: 0;

Abstain/Recuse: 0;

Absent: 2; Gilbertson, White

5. Recognitions - Presentations

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Pat Lenertz

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode presented the MoorHeart recognition to Pat Lenertz. Ms. Bode shared notes of accolades from the nomination for Mr. Lenertz.

B. Presentation: Cass-Clay Food Partners, Michelle Draxten & Janice Tweet

Michelle Draxten & Janice Tweet shared an update and overview of the Cass Clay Food Commission and partnership network.

C. Presentation: Fowzia Adde, Executive Director, Immigrant Development Center

Immigrant Development Center Executive Director Fowzia Adde presented the proposed Cultural Mall project. Ms. Adde shared the vision of the Cultural Mall which is introducing goods and services from local entrepreneurs and offering a platform to integrate new and innovative ideas and products in the local economy.

6. Approve Minutes
 - A. May 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve May 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Laura Caroon
Motion Passed
For: 6; Nelson, Nesemeier, Caroon, Lindaas, Seljevold, Hendrickson
Against: 0;
Abstain/Recuse: 0;
Absent: 2; Gilbertson, White
7. Citizens Addressing the Council (Time Reserved: 15 Minutes)
8. *Mayor and Council Appointments
9. Public Hearings (5:45 pm)
10. Economic Development
 - A. Resolution to Authorize City Manager to assist in filing a Highway 10 Corridor Main Street Economic Revitalization Grant through West Central Initiative

Derrick LaPoint shared information and background on a planned grant filing application to the West Central Initiative's Main Street initiatives for redevelopment projects on the Highway 10 corridor.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize City Manager to assist in filing a Highway 10 Corridor Main Street Economic Revitalization Grant through West Central Initiative made by Laura Caroon and seconded by Steve Lindaas
Motion Passed
For: 6; Nelson, Nesemeier, Caroon, Lindaas, Seljevold, Hendrickson
Against: 0;
Abstain/Recuse: 0;
Absent: 2; Gilbertson, White
11. Engineering Department
 - A. *Resolution to Approve Biennial Routine Maintenance Agreement No. 1053876 with MnDOT
12. Parks and Recreation Department
 - A. Resolution to Proceed with Construction of the Inclusive Playground at Southside Regional Park

Moorhead Parks & Recreation Director Holly Heitkamp and Public Works Director Paul Fiechtner shared information on the proposed Inclusive Playground at Southside Regional Park. The proposed project is \$554,000 and the City of Moorhead will continue to fundraise for future expansion of the playground.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Proceed with Construction of the Inclusive Playground at Southside Regional Park made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Heather Nesemeier
Motion Passed

For: 6; Nelson, Nesemeier, Caroon, Lindaas, Seljevold, Hendrickson
Against: 0
Abstain/Recuse: 0
Absent: 2; Gilbertson, White

13. Community Development Department

- A. *Resolution to Approve Grant Agreement with MN Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics for Maintenance and Operations - Moorhead Municipal Airport Florence Klingensmith Field
- B. *Resolution to Approve Vacation of Easements within Prairie Parkway First Addition

14. Police Department

- A. *Resolution to Authorize Budget Adjustment #23-026 to Approve Purchases from the State of MN Drug Seizure Fund
- B. *Resolution to Approve Budget Adjustment #23-027 to Accept 2023-2024 Pathway to Policing Grant

15. Administration

- A. 2023 Legislative Recap - Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode shared an update on the 2023 Minnesota legislative session.

- B. *Resolution of Support - Minnesota Capital Investment Funding Request for Flood Mitigation
- C. Resolution to Authorize Staff to Submit Preliminary Minnesota Capital Investment Application on behalf of the Immigrant Development Center

Governmental Affairs Director Lisa Bode noted that submitting a preliminary application to Minnesota Management and Budget does not obligate the City of Moorhead to pursue projects in the 2024 legislative session. It does allow the project to move forward for further evaluation and discussion. If the project receives General Obligation Bond approval, regulations will require the City to own the facility and leased to the Immigrant Development Center for eligible purposes subject to a formal agreement.

Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize Staff to Submit Preliminary Minnesota Capital Investment Application on behalf of the Immigrant Development Center made by Steve Lindaas and seconded by Heather Nesemeier

Motion Passed

For: 4; Nesemeier, Caroon, Lindaas, Seljevold
Against: 2; Nelson, Hendrickson
Abstain/Recuse: 0
Absent: 2; Gilbertson, White

- D. *Resolution to Authorize Advertisement for Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) Services for the Moorhead Community Center/Public Library
- E. *Resolution to Award Contract to KLJ for a Transit Reorganization Study

- F. *Resolution to Approve 2023-2024 Liquor License Renewals
- G. *First Reading of Ordinance 2023-07 Relating to Administrative Procedures for Utility Service Disconnection Due to Nonpayment of Municipal Services
- H. *Resolution to Authorize City Manager and Mayor to execute Memorandums of Agreement with labor unions recognizing Juneteenth as a paid holiday

16. Mayor and Council Reports

Council member Laura Caroon shared her participation in the Minnesota Young American First program and the great opportunity to learn and meet emerging leaders from across the State of Minnesota.

Council member Heather Nesemeier spoke about a ribbon cutting at MSUM to celebrate the expansion of the Oceanarium on the campus. Council Member Nesemeier thanked Jennifer Jamieson and the Girl Scouts for asking her to be a judge at the Savannah Cup Pinewood Derby. Ms. Nesemeier talked about budget approval for the Clay County Collaborative and noted that a new Executive Director will start July 1.

Mayor Shelly Carlson shared the opportunity to welcome the Minnesota Public Health Association at its annual conference at Concordia College. Mayor Carlson provided a summary of the Fargo Moorhead Diversion project and spoke of her participation in a listening session with Star Tribune Publisher Steve Grove. Mayor Carlson talked about judging a pet show at the Moorhead Public Library and her attendance at the Midwest Ag Summit for the Chamber of Commerce. She also met with the Executive Director of the Cass Clay Community Land Trust. Mayor Carlson spoke of her attendance and participation in a program called Native Americans and the Criminal Justice System in the Fargo Moorhead Area.

17. City Manager Reports

City Manager Dan Mahli spoke of a presentation with Mayor Shelly Carlson at Eventide University. Mr. Mahli invited all to a groundbreaking of the Rotary Natural Playground and Bike Park on Thursday June 15 at 4:00 at River Front Park. He added a reception is to follow at River Haven. Dan Mahli shared that the Moorhead Community Center Regional Library design team is hosting an open house at the Moorhead Public library on June 28 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Mr. Mahli also reminded the public that Monday, June 19 is the Juneteenth holiday and City offices will be closed.

18. Executive Session

19. New Business

20. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm

APPROVED BY:



Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Rust
City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.