



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**City Hall—Council Chambers, 590 40th Ave NE**  
**Monday, January 24, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

**Mayor**  
*Amáda Márquez Simula*  
**Councilmembers**  
*John Murzyn, Jr.*  
*Connie Buesgens*  
*Nick Novitsky*  
*Kt Jacobs*  
**City Manager**  
*Kelli Bourgeois*

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**AGENDA**

**ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC**

*Members of the public who wish to attend may do so in-person, by calling **1-312-626-6799** and entering meeting ID **812 0698 9074** or by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81206989074>. For questions please call the Administration Department at 763-706-3610.*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Our mission is to provide the highest quality public services. Services will be provided in a fair, respectful and professional manner that effectively addresses changing citizen and community needs in a fiscally-responsible and customer-friendly manner.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*(The Council, upon majority vote of its members, may make additions and deletions to the agenda. These may be items submitted after the agenda preparation deadline.)*

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITION, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GUESTS**

- A. Black History Month Proclamation.**
- B. Health Care Month Proclamation.**
- C. International Holocaust Day of Remembrance Proclamation.**
- D. Climate Awareness Proclamation.**
- E. Introduction of New IT Director Jesse Hauf.**
- F. Introduction of New Police Officer Anthony Guzdiewicz.**
- G. Introduction of Imbedded Social Worker Eileen Sowry.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*(These items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted as part of the Consent Agenda by one motion. Items removed from consent agenda approval will be taken up as the next order of business.)*

**MOTION:** Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. **Approve January 10, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.**  
MOTION: Move to approve the City Council Meeting minutes of January 10, 2022.
2. **Approve January 13, 2022 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.**  
MOTION: Move to approve the Special City Council Meeting minutes of January 13, 2022.
3. **Approve Resolution 2022-12 Appropriating \$25,000 From the General Government Special Projects Fund 226 and Entering Into An Agreement with the Morris Leatherman Company to Conduct a Community Survey.**  
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2022-12 there being ample copies available to the public.  
MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 2022-12 being a resolution appropriating \$25,000 from the fund balance of the general government special projects fund 426 to the 2022 budget, and authorizing the city manager to enter into a related agreement with the Morris Leatherman Company for completion of a community survey.
4. **Approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the State of Minnesota and Local Governments and Authorizing Participation in the National Opioid Settlements.**  
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2022-13 there being ample copies available to the public.  
MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 2022-13 being a resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of Minnesota and local units of government and authorizing participation in the national opioid settlements.
5. **Approve 2021 Pay Equity Report.**  
MOTION: Move to accept the City of Columbia Heights 2021 Pay Equity Report.
6. **Award Contract to Replace Entry Doors at Top Valu Liquor Store II.**  
MOTION: Move to award a contract to replace the entry doors at Top Valu Liquor Store II, to Stanley Access Technologies for \$16,800.
7. **Authorization to Seek Bids for 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project.**  
MOTION: Move to authorize staff to seek bids for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project on Central Avenue, 37<sup>th</sup> to 45<sup>th</sup> Avenues.
8. **Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.**  
MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for January 24, 2022, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.
9. **Approve License Agenda.**  
MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for January 24, 2022 as presented.
10. **Review of Bills.**  
MOTION: Move that in accordance with Minnesota Statute 412.271, subd. 8 the City

Council has reviewed the enclosed list to claims paid by check and by electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$974,013.95.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 11. Consideration of Resolution 2022-009, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights Against the Rental Property at 1401/1403 Circle Terrace Blvd. NE for Failure to Meet the Requirements of the Residential Maintenance Codes.**

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of Resolution 2022-009, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2022-009, being a Resolution of the City Council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation of the rental license listed.

- 12. Consideration of Resolution 2022-010, Emergency Abatement at 841 49th Ave NE.**

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and to waive the reading of Resolution 2022-010, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution Number 2022-010, being resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights declaring the property listed a nuisance and approving the emergency abatement, and any subsequent abatements, of the hazardous situation located at 841 49th Ave NE.

- 13. Consideration of Resolution 2022-011, Emergency Abatement at 4501 4th Street NE.**

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and to waive the reading of Resolution 2022-011, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution Number 2022-011, being resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights declaring the property listed a nuisance and approving the emergency abatement, and any subsequent abatements, of the hazardous situation located at 4501 4th St NE.

- 14. Approve Suspension of Alcohol License for Jeff's Bobby and Steve's Autoworld, Located at 3801 Central Avenue NE.**

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of suspension of Alcohol License for Jeff's Bobby and Steve's Autoworld, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to suspend the Alcohol License issued to Jeffrey Bahe and Robert Williams, on behalf of Jeff's Bobby and Steve's Autoworld, located at 3801 Central Avenue NE. The minimum three-day suspension shall be effective on the dates determined by the City Council.

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

### **Bid Considerations**

**New Business and Reports**

**15. Accept 2021 Compensation Study.**

MOTION: Move to accept City of Columbia Heights Employee Compensation Study.

**CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Report of the City Council**

**Report of the City Manager**

**Report of the City Attorney**

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

*At this time, individuals may address the City Council about any item not included on the regular agenda. Speakers that are in-person are requested to come to the podium. All speakers need to state their name and connection to Columbia Heights, and limit their comments to five (5) minutes. All speakers are also asked to fill out this information as well as their address on a form for the Council Secretary's record. Those in attendance virtually should send this information in the chat function to the moderator. The City Council will listen to brief remarks, ask clarifying questions, and if needed, request staff to follow up or direct the matter to be added to an upcoming agenda. Generally, the City Council will not take official action on items raised at the Community Forum at the meeting on which they are raised.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Auxiliary aids or other accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request when the request is made at least 72 hours in advance. Please contact Administration at 763-706-3610 to make arrangements.*