



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE**  
**Monday, July 24, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

**Mayor**  
*Amada Márquez Simula*  
**Councilmembers**  
*Connie Buesgens*  
*Kt Jacobs*  
*Rachel James*  
*Justice Spriggs*  
**Interim City Manager**  
*Kevin Hansen*

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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 876 7918 4575 or by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679184575>. For questions please call the Administration Department at 763-706-3610.*

### **WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Columbia Heights is a vibrant, healthy and connected City. We are here to actively support the community, deliver equitable services, build and strengthen connections, improve upon our past, and uphold our successes. We strive to be better and ensure Columbia Heights is a great place for everyone, today and in the future.*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **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. International Day of Friendship Proclamation.**
- B. National Night Out Proclamation.**
- C. Gould Avenue Parking Enforcement Update.**
- D. Presentation on 2022 Financial Audit Report by Redpath and Company.**

### **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 the June 26, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION:** Move to approve the June 26, 2023 City Council meeting minutes.

**2. Approve the July 10, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.**

MOTION: Move to approve the July 10, 2023 City Council meeting minutes.

**3. Approval of Pathways Program for Police Officer Cadet**

MOTION: Move to approve the expenditure of approximately \$30,000 to send two police officer candidates through the Pathways to Policing program and enter into an agreement with Hennepin Technical College to provide the instruction.

**4. License Agenda.**

MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for July 24, 2023 as presented.

**5. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval**

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for July 24, 2023, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

**6. 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 \$1,131,331.34.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

This is the public's opportunity to speak regarding this matter. Speakers that are in-person are asked to complete a Speaker Form and submit it to the City Clerk. Speakers attending virtually should send a request to speak with this information to the moderator using the chat function and wait to be called on to speak. When speaking, virtual attendees should turn their camera on. Any comments made after the public hearing is closed will not be considered by the City Council and will not be included as part of the formal record for this matter as the item will have been voted on and the item formally closed by the Council.

**7. Ordinance 1687, Establishing a Moratorium Within the City on New Rental License Applications For Single-Family Homes.**

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1687, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance No. 1687, being an interim ordinance establishing a moratorium within the city on new rental license applications for single-family homes.

**8. First Reading of Ordinance 1685, Establishing a Detached Single-Family Dwelling Rental Density Cap.**

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1685, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to set the second reading of Ordinance No. 1685, being an ordinance amending chapter 5a article iv of the Columbia Heights City code to regulate rental density for detached single-family rental dwellings, for August 14, 2023.

## Ordinances and Resolutions

### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

**9. Approve Resolution 2023-43, Setting a Special Election for February 13, 2024.**

MOTION: Move to accept the petition.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-43, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-43, setting a special election for February 13, 2024.

### Bid Considerations

### New Business and Reports

**10. THC Moratorium Update.**

### CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

#### Report of the City Council

#### Report of the City Manager

### COMMUNITY FORUM

*The Community Forum is the public's opportunity to address the Council regarding any matter that has not had a public hearing earlier in the meeting.*

*Speakers that are in-person are asked to complete a Speaker Form and submit it to the City Clerk.*

*Once called to the podium, the speaker should state their name and connection to Columbia Heights.*

*Speakers attending virtually should send a request to speak as well as their connection to Columbia Heights to the moderator using the chat function and wait to be called on to speak.*

*When speaking, virtual attendees should turn their camera on.*

*All speakers should limit their comments to five (5) minutes.*

*Personal attacks, threats, the use of profanity, and other disrespectful comments are prohibited.*

*The City Council will listen to the public comments, 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.*