



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, August 28, 2023
6:00 PM

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

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 **856 5504 4384** or by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85655044384>. 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. Constitution Week Proclamation.**
- B. Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.**
- C. Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation.**

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 August 7, 2023 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the August 7, 2023 City Council Work Session meeting minutes.
- 2. Approve the August 14, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the August 14, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes.

- 3. Approval of Premises Permit Application for Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters to Conduct Charitable Gambling at Jimmy’s Pro Billiards, 4040 Central Avenue NE.**
MOTION: Move to approve the Premises Permit application for the Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters to conduct legal gambling activities at Jimmy’s Pro Billiards, 4040 Central Avenue NE, and to direct the City Manager to sign the Premises Permit Application verifying the City’s approval.
- 4. Establish Date for 2023 Public Special Assessment Levy Hearing for 2023 Street Rehabilitation-37th Avenue, Project 2110, 37th Place, Project 2306, and 53rd Avenue, Projects 2007 and 2305**
MOTION: Move to establish Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. as the Public Special Assessment Levy Hearing for City Projects 2110 and 2306 State Aid Street Rehabilitation, to be held in the City Council Chambers.
MOTION: Move to establish Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. as the Public Special Assessment Levy Hearing for City Projects 2305 and 2007 State Aid Street Rehabilitation, to be held in the City Council Chambers.
MOTION: Move to establish Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. as the Public Special Assessment Levy Hearing for Delinquent Accounts, to be held in the City Council Chambers.
- 5. Adopt Resolution 2023-45 Accepting Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Agreement for Development of a Citywide Safety Action Plan.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-45, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-45, being a resolution accepting SS4A grant funding in the amount of \$200,000, with a \$50,000 match from the City, from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for development of a citywide safety action plan.
- 6. Approve Resolution 2023-46, Authorizing Acceptance of Predevelopment Grant Funds From Anoka County Regional Economic Development and Execution of Predevelopment Activities.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-46, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-46, a resolution to accept up to \$15,000.00 in Predevelopment Grant funds from the Anoka County Regional Economic Development program and authorize the execution of the Grant Agreement development site.
- 7. Approval of Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Columbia Heights and Hoisington Kogler Group Inc.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-47, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-47, a resolution approving Professional Services Agreement with HKGi for up to \$25,000.00 in funds from the City’s Planning and Inspections Fund 201 and authorize the execution of the agreement for the associated project costs.

8. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for August 28, 2023, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

9. License Agenda.

MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for August 28, 2023, 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 \$1,402,091.32.

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.

11. Consideration of Resolution 2023-44, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the city of Columbia Heights against the rental property at 4522 Tyler Street NE for failure to meet the requirements of the Residential Property Maintenance Codes.

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of Resolution 2023-44, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-44, being a Resolution of the city council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation, pursuant to city code, of the rental license listed.

12. Appeal #1 of Rental License Revocation Resolution 2023-35 for 1000 Peters PI NE.

13. Appeal #2 of Rental License Revocation Resolution 2023-35 for 966-968 44 ½ Ave NE.

14. First Reading of Ordinance 1688, Prohibiting Smoking Within Parks and Amending the Definition of Public Place.

MOTION: Move to close the hearing and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1688, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to set the second reading of Ordinance No. 1688, being an ordinance amending chapter 10 article II of the Columbia Heights city code to prohibit smoking within city parks and amending the Columbia Heights City Code to update the definition of public place, for September 11, 2023.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Ordinances and Resolutions

Bid Considerations

New Business and Reports

15. School Resource Officer Discussion.

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 address and 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.