



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, October 23, 2023
6:00 PM

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

AMENDED AGENDA

AGENDA AMENDED ON 10/23/2023 TO ADD ITEM B (PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROCLAMATION) AND REMOVE ITEM 5 (JPA WITH ANOKA COUNTY). CHANGES REFLECTED IN RED.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Members of the public who wish to attend may do so in-person, or by using Microsoft Teams, **meeting ID 287 822 303 488 and passcode MGP9KV**. 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.

If you are attending to address the Council, please complete the Speaker Form at the entrance to Chambers and submit the completed form to the City Clerk. The Council will call on you when it is your turn to speak.

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. Police Department Staff Introductions.**
- B. October 2023 Pedestrian Safety Proclamation.**
- C. November 11, 2023 Veterans Day 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. (The City Council will make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda following the statement of all items.)

1. **Approve the October 3, 2023 City Council Special Assessment Hearing Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the October 3, 2023 City Council Special Assessment Hearing meeting minutes.
2. **Approve the October 9, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the October 9, 2023 City Council meeting minutes.
3. **Accept September 12, 2023 Sustainability Commission Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to accept the September 12, 2023 Sustainability Commission minutes.
4. **Accept September 13, 2023 Youth Commission Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to accept the September 13, 2023 Youth Commission minutes.
- ~~5. **Approve Joint Powers Agreement with Anoka County Sheriff's Office for Columbia Heights participation in Special Weapons and Tactics Team.**
MOTION: Move to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office for the CHPD to participate in the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics Team (ACSO-SWAT).~~
5. **Approval of Premises Permit Application for Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters to conduct Charitable Gambling at Rail Werks Brewing Depot, 4055 Central Avenue NE.**
MOTION: Move to approve the Premises Permit application for the Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters to conduct legal gambling activities at Rail Werks Brewing Depot, 4055 Central Avenue NE, and to direct the City Manager to sign the Premises Permit Application verifying the City's approval.
6. **Approve Purchase of Computers, Monitors and Peripherals for City Wide Usage.**
MOTION: Move to approve the purchase of Dell computers, monitors and peripherals from Dell Marketing in the amount of \$29,842.00.
7. **Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.**
MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for October 23, 2023, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.
8. **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 \$1,094,897.54.

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.

9. Consideration of Resolution 2023-60, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights Against the Rental Property at 4411 6th Street 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 2023-60, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-60, being a Resolution of the city council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation, pursuant to city code, of the rental license listed.

10. Consideration of Resolution 2023-61, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights Against the Rental Property at 838 41st Avenue 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 2023-61, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-61, being a Resolution of the city council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation, pursuant to city code, of the rental license listed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Ordinances and Resolutions

11. Adopt Resolutions 2023-56 and 2023-62 Setting the Sale of Bond Series 2023A and 2023B.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-56, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-56, being a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of taxable general obligation temporary tax increment refunding bonds, series 2023A, in the proposed aggregate principal amount of \$6,675,000.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-62, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-62, being a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of general obligation improvement bonds, series 2023B, in the proposed aggregate principal amount of \$2,895,000.

Bid Considerations

New Business and Reports

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

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