



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, January 22, 2024
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, or by Microsoft Teams Meeting ID 287 822 303 488, Passcode MGP9KV. For questions please call the Administration Department at 763-706-3610. 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.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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. Introduction of Elected Officials.

MN State Senator Mary Kunesh

MN State House of Representatives Sandra Feist and Erin Koegel

B. Introduction of Police Department Staff.

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 motion to approve the Consent Agenda following the statement of all items.)

1. **Approve the January 2, 2024 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the January 2, 2024 City Council Work Session Meeting minutes.
2. **Approve the January 08, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the January 8, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes.
3. **Accept the January 19, 2023 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to accept the January 19, 2023 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes.
4. **Accept the April 20, 2023 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to accept the April 20, 2023 Charter Commission Meeting Minutes.
5. **Accept the December 13, 2023 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to accept the December 13, 2023 Youth Commission meeting minutes.
6. **Adopt Resolution 2024-08, Designating Election Judges and Election Judge Salaries for 2024 Elections.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution No. 2024-08, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-08, approving the designation of elections judges and election judge salaries for the 2024 Presidential Primary.
7. **Resolution 2024-09 to Amend the 2024 Fund 411 Budget to Authorize Conference Room and Sound Masking Updates for the Public Safety Building.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-09, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to the adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 amending the Fund 411 budget to authorize the technology updates at the Public Safety Building and approving the purchase of equipment and services through Bluum Technology.
8. **Authorization to Purchase and Outfit Police Vehicles.**
MOTION: Move to authorize the purchase of four 2024 Ford SUV patrol vehicles and one 2024 Chevrolet Traverse to be used as an unmarked squad car; all vehicles to be purchased under the State of MN Cooperative Purchasing Venture (CPV) at a total cost of \$212,477.
MOTION: Move to authorize an expenditure of up to \$167,547 to set up and outfit the police vehicles to be purchased, in addition to the two Dodge Chargers that were purchased in December 2023.
9. **Authorize Sergeant Jackie Urbaniak's attendance at Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command.**
MOTION: Move to authorize the attendance of Sergeant Jackie Urbaniak at the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command being held in the City of Eagan from September 23 through December 6, 2024.

10. Authorize the Acquisition of Miscellaneous Equipment for the New Aerial Apparatus.

MOTION: Authorize the fire department to purchase loose equipment for the new Aerial with 2024 Capital funds, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$74,000.

11. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for January 22, 2024, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

12. License Agenda.

MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for January 22nd 2024, as presented.

13. 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 \$950,751.96.

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.

14. Consideration of Resolution 2024-07, Declaration of a Public Nuisance in the City of Columbia Heights is Requested Against the Property at 4411 3rd 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 2024-07, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2024-07, being a Resolution of the City Council of the city of Columbia Heights approving declaration of a public nuisance, pursuant to City Code, of the property listed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

15. Approve Joint Powers Agreement with MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for Columbia Heights' Participation in Violent Crime Reduction Unit

MOTION: Motion to Authority the Mayor, Interim City Manager, and Police Chief to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to participate in its Violent Crime Reduction Unit.

Ordinances and Resolutions

16. Consideration of a Rental License Exemption for 4411 6th Street NE.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-10, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2024-10, a resolution approving the single-family rental exemption request for the rental application at 4411 6th Street NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.

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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