



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, April 08, 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 using **Microsoft Teams Meeting** at **columbiaheightsmn.gov/joinameeting: ID 286 466 516 904, Passcode cjnZoS**. Additionally members of the public may view the meeting live at **columbiaheightsmn.gov/watch**. For questions please call the Administration Department at 763-706-3610.

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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. Engineering Staff Introduction: Ridwan Abdi, Engineering Tech IV/Grad Engineer.**
- B. April 2024 Fair Housing 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. (The City Council will make motion to approve the Consent Agenda following the statement of all items.)

- 1. Approve the March 25, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the March 25, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes.
- 2. Approve the April 1, 2024 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the April 1, 2024 City Council Work Session Meeting minutes.
- 3. Accept 1st Quarter 2024 Library Board Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to Accept the Library Board minutes from the 1st Quarter of 2024: January, February, March.
- 4. LELS Memorandum's of Agreement.**
MOTION: Move to approve the LELS 342 and LELS 311 attached Memorandums of Agreement with the 2024 funding for the agreements to come from the Public Safety Aid funds.
- 5. Approval of Application for Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters to Conduct Off-Site Charitable Gambling at Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill St NE, on May 5, 2024.**
MOTION: Move to approve the Off-Site Gambling application for the Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters to conduct a bingo event at Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE, on May 5, 2024, and to direct the Interim City Manager to sign the Off-Site Gambling Permit Application verifying the City's approval.
- 6. Resolution 2024-29 Approving Plans and Specifications And Ordering Advertisement For Bids For 2024 Concrete Alley Construction, Project 2406.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-29, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2024-29 approving Plans and Specifications and ordering Advertisement for Bids for 2024 Concrete Alley Construction, City Project 2406.
- 7. Resolution 2024-30 Declaring the Intent to Bond for 2024 Alley Construction, City Project 2406.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-30, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2024-30 being a resolution approving the declaration for the official intent of the City of Columbia Heights to bond for 2024 Alley Construction, City Project 2406.
- 8. Approval of Resolution 2024-31 Requesting Funds from the Anoka County HRA.**
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution No. 2024-31, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 2024-31, a resolution requesting funds from the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to support economic development activities within the City of Columbia Heights.

9. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for April 8, 2024, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

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 \$1,046,817.78.

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. First reading of Ordinance 1695, Creating a Time of Sale requirement Within the City of Columbia Heights.

MOTION: Move to close the hearing and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1695, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to set the second reading of Ordinance No. 1695, being an ordinance amending chapter 5a of the Columbia Heights City Code to establish the Certificate of Property Maintenance and its associated requirements, and also amending parallel references to reflect the section change, for April 22nd, 2024.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Ordinances and Resolutions

12. Minor Subdivision (Lot Line Adjustment) 334 and 344 40th Avenue NE.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-19, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 2024-19, a resolution approving a Minor Subdivision for the properties located at 334 and 344 40th Avenue NE, within the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, subject to certain conditions stated in the resolution.

13. Resolution 2024-028 to Accept MN Office of Justice Program Hiring Grants.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-028, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2024-028 accepting the Minnesota Office of Justice Program grants for police hiring in the total amount of \$98,288 and authorize and direct the execution of the grant agreements.

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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