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CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Schulz, Boe, Ford, Businaro, and Mayor Windschitl. Absent:

Also Present: Bart Fischer, Assistant City Administrator; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; and Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Boe to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor

No one appeared under Visitor Presentation.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Ford, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2010 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Schulz, second by Councilmember Businaro to approve the Consent Agenda Items a through c:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 10-67 Approving Solicitor Permits for The Window Store
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-67 approving Solicitor Permit Nos. SOL.10-17 and SOL.10-18 in the names of John Paul Pinski and Andrew K. Powers of The Window Store located at 2924 Anthony Lane, Suite 115, St. Anthony, Mn. 55414 for the period September 14, 2010 through December 31, 2010.
- b. Approve Tobacco License No. TOB.10-18 for MGM Wine & Spirits
Motion to approve Tobacco License No. TOB.10-18 for MGM Wine & Spirits of 210 Pioneer Trail, Chaska, Mn. 55318 through December 31, 2010.
- c. Approve Amendment to Bond Sale Resolution Nos. 10-61, 10-62, and 10-63
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-61 amended and restated resolution authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment of \$880,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2010B; and,
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-62 amended and restated resolution authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment of \$2,180,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2010C; and,

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-63 amended and restated resolution authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment of \$405,000 Taxable General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2010D.

Motion carried.

8. Approve Resolution No. 10-68 Adopting the Maximum Tax Levy for Taxes Payable 2011

The City Administrator presented the item to the Council. It was recommended that the levy stay the same. Services would remain the same for the same amount of cost.

Councilmember Businaro inquired as to how much would go into the General Fund in savings and was told it would be approximately \$61,000.

Councilmember Ford asked if there have been times when the revenue did not meet expenditures and the City Administrator stated that there have been a few times when the LGA was cut in the middle of the year. Councilmember Ford asked what the balance of the General Fund is and was told it is at \$2.8 million.

Councilmember Businaro asked how the working capital is determined and the City Administrator explained that it is a line item in the Budget.

The Mayor asked if the valuations had been set by the County. He was told they were. The Mayor also asked what would cause the taxes on a house to go up. The City Administrator stated if the house value did not drop, the taxes would go up.

Councilmember Businaro inquired as to how a resident can get more information on the expenditures. The City Administrator advised that the five-year Budget is made available to the public about two weeks from now.

Councilmember Boe asked what the impact would be of keeping the tax rate the same. The City Administrator said there would be a \$300,000 deficit to the General Fund Budget.

Councilmember Boe stated there are three fewer positions coming out of the General Fund, one left the City and two are now funded through the Enterprise Funds. He asked what other cities are doing regarding their staff numbers. The City Administrator said they are stabilizing their positions.

Councilmember Ford asked the City Administrator if there was anything in the Budget that was worrisome to him. Administrator Podhradsky said it would be nice not to rely on the State for revenue sources.

The Financial Services Director stated he had concerns as to how the City's bond rating agencies would regard lowering the levy.

Councilmember Businaro said he supports adopting the levy but would really like Staff to look at possible cuts.

Motion by Councilmember Ford, second by Councilmember Schulz to adopt Resolution No. 10-68 approving proposed assessed 2010 payable 2011 maximum property tax levy.
Motion carried.

9. Bills

Councilmember Businaro asked if the Overlay Program was paid for entirely from the General Fund or if other funds were utilized. He was told it was paid for from the General Fund and the Street Reconstruction Program. He also inquired as to how people can get the newsletter. The City Administrator said everyone who has a mailing address gets one.

Councilmember Schulz asked if a line item in the list of bills was for the recent gazebo fire, and was told that it was.

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Ford to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Schulz, Boe, Ford, Businaro, and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

Councilmember Businaro

- Asked the Administrator about the status of the rail corridor sale. The City Administrator said the two counties have made an offer and it appears the Union Pacific Railroad will accept it.
- Encouraged all residents to access the Biweekly addition to the Council packet on line.
- Reminded residents of the High School Homecoming events the week of September 20th.

Councilmember Schulz:

- Thanked the City Engineer for marking the crosswalks on the side streets of Highway 41.

Councilmember Boe:

- Asked what would be included in the Highway 41 median, and was told banners will be installed.
- Inquired whether there was wind turbine information on the City website and was told that there is.
- Asked if there is a date set for installation of the signal at Clover Ridge Drive, and was advised it would be late fall.
- Inquired as to when the last time an RFP went out for garbage service provided to City buildings and was told by the City Administrator that one went out this year.
- Stated he could not find Department Head information on the web site. He also could not locate the ordinances. The City Administrator said they will be updated this summer and then put on the site.

Councilmember Ford:

- Commented on how nice the Hundertmark Road Project turned out.
- Asked about the status of the Downtown Master Planning process. The City Administrator said they have one more meeting of the Task Force and then a public open house will be held.

City Administrator:

- Stated that there is a good chance there would not be a Council meeting on September 20th.

Assistant Administrator:

- Thanked the interns, Emily Kendall and Esther Lee for their service this summer.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Mentioned that Ace Hardware had its grand opening this weekend.
- Inquired as to when the video of the State of the City address would be on cable. The City Administrator said the Cable Coordinator would be putting the schedule on the website.
- Reminded residents of Guardian Angels Church Angel Fest on September 25th for 11:00 am to 11:00 pm.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Businaro, second by Councilmember Boe to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Motion carried.