

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS
MARCH 21, 2023**

The meeting of the Council of the City of Vadnais Heights was held on the above date and called to order by Mayor Krachmer at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Mike Krachmer and Council Members Steve Rogers, Erik Goebel, Kelly Jozwowski, and Katherine Doll Kanne.

The following Council members were absent: None.

Also present were: Kevin Watson, City Administrator; Kaylin Clement, Assistant City Administrator; Jesse Farrell, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Nolan Wall, Planning/Community Development Director; Chris Hearden, Fire Chief; Bob Sundberg, Finance Director; and Caroline Beckman, City Attorney.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Administrator Watson provided several announcements.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Rogers, it was

#23-03-046 “RESOLVED that the March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 7, 2023 Regular Workshop Meeting

Upon motion by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Jozwowski, it was

#23-03-047 “RESOLVED, that the Council approves the March 7, 2023 Regular Workshop Meeting minutes as presented.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

B. March 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Upon motion by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Jozwowski, it was

#23-03-048 “RESOLVED, that the Council approves the March 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Rogers, it was

#23-03-049 “RESOLVED, that the Council approves Consent Agenda Items #7A through #7H for the March 21, 2023 meeting as presented as follows:

- A. Consider Approving Claims #83323 Through #83389 and Electronic Claims #1863 Through #1866 for Payment
 - 1. US Bank Payment in the Amount of \$7,975.30
- B. Consider Adopting City Hall Summer Hours
- C. Consider Approving Solicitor’s License for Legacy Restoration LLC – Trevor Devens
- D. Consider Accepting Resignation of Fire Fighters – Chris Scholen, Jacob Ryks and Evan Young
- E. Consider Accepting and Acknowledging 2023 Heritage Days Donations
- F. Consider Authorizing Staff to Apply for Berwood Park Signage Cost Sharing Grant
- G. Consider Accepting and Acknowledging Document Shredding Donation for Spring Clean-Up Event
- H. Consider Adoption of Grant Agreement Between the City and Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for Sanitary Sewer Improvements.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Krachmer opened the meeting to the public at 7:10 p.m.

There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Krachmer closed the meeting to the public at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

A. VHEDC Update

Liz Moscatelli, Executive Director of the Vadnais Heights Economic Development Corporation (VHEDC), provided an update including information on the organization, the top focus areas for the year, and VHEDC communications. She provided additional details on investor fees, partner investors and explained how the organization supports business growth. She provided information on the VHEDC committees, highlighted events scheduled throughout this year, and noted the relationships and collaborations with other community groups. She stated that they look forward to the year ahead and thanked the City for its continued support.

Council Member Rogers stated that Vadnais Heights and the surrounding communities have a robust commercial and industrial sector and asked for input on workforce challenges. Ms. Moscatelli replied that continues to be a challenge noting that some companies have to turn away orders because of the lack of manpower. She stated that they are working on training programs and encouraging student participation in technical programs to prepare for the workforce. She noted that if students graduate from some of these programs, they are connected with these companies to transition to employment upon completion. She said that some sectors are starting to come back so things are getting better.

Council Member Goebel thanked Ms. Moscatelli for the presentation and acknowledged the great work VHEDC does for the community.

City Administrator Watson commented that VHEDC is an arm of the economic development efforts of the City and appreciated the value that organization provides to the City and the community at large.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2023-01 Street Improvements – Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement of Bids

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Farrell said the Council is being asked to consider adopting a resolution approving plans and specifications for 2023-1 Street Improvements and authorizing advertisement of bids with an April 20, 2023 bid due date. He explained the streets included in the project are Elmwood Street from Stockdale Road to Clover Avenue; Alpine Avenue from County Road F to the south limits; and, Horizon Street from Alpine Avenue to Centerville Road.