

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacob Mercurief at 9:00 AM. Councilmembers present were Daniel Porath, Victor Clarey, Joseph Kozloff, Jason Bourdukofsky, Raymond Melovidov and Clmbr Naomi Edenshaw joined by Zoom. A quorum was established. This meeting was aired on KUHB.

CALL TO ORDER

Clmbr Bourdukofsky moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Clmbr Porath. Motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA
APPROVED

Clmbr Melovidov moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 14, 2022. There was one correction in the 3rd paragraph. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

There were no persons to address the council.

PERSONS TO
ADDRESS THE
COUNCIL

Mgr Zavadil gave his report: TDX submitted a letter to address the recent fuel spill. Mgr Zavadil read the letter out loud to the council and for those listening on KUHB. There is an ongoing investigation of the fuel spill at this time. KCI is on site and will be performing the removal of contaminated soil and debris. On May 5, 2022, the City received a new supply of diesel fuel from Vitus Marine. The price of fuel is significantly higher than the delivery we received last year. On June 1, 2022 the new diesel fuel prices will be as follows: Heating Fuel Auto Top \$4.45/gallon, Heating Fuel Call Out \$5.85/gallon, Station \$5.95/gallon, Tanker \$6.10/gallon. The increase in fuel costs will also increase the electric rates. These new rates will take effect on June 1, 2022. Additionally, the Power Cost Equalization will change as well once it is approved. The current residential PCE rate is \$0.2397/kWh up to 500 kWh. The new telephone system for the City is functioning and the phone lists have been distributed to the community via email, FB, KUHB etc.

CITY MANAGER
REPORT

Grant Specialist Lynn Sterbenz gave her report: The City received some Coronavirus Recovery Funds. The NEU Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery fund is an amendment to the one received last year which is why it is \$312.34. The City received a Rasmuson Foundation grant for Community Park lighting in the amount of \$23,785 with an in-kind match of \$29,107. There have been multiple applications submitted that Lynn is just waiting to hear from. One being the AEA grant for the Energy upgrades in the City Hall. The amount requested is \$134,178. There is a 30% in-kind match required which would be \$47,260. Submitted 2 more grants for COVID disaster recovery which would cover protective measures, force labor and materials, PPE. Not sure if FEMA will continue to reimburse for COVID expenses. Lynn is still waiting to hear on the DOJ grant for the Detention Facility and Safe room.

PROJECT/GRANT
SPECIALIST
REPORT

A break was held between 10:06 and 10:15 am.

Finance Director Stephanie Mandregan is out of the office on quarantine. She did submit a written report for the Council to review. She also submitted a monthly finance report for all the City funds including the Water and Wastewater utilities.

FINANCE
DIRECTOR
REPORT

Public Works Director David Joyner gave his report: Electric Power Systems is hopeful to complete the Power Plant project by Summer 2023. The fuel system will first stage of the upgrade. Jared Zacharof going through the application process to attend Pennsylvania College of Technology at Penn State University for Power Generation Technology. The Maintenance and Operations department has been making steady progress in the

DIRECTOR OF
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renovation in apartment 163a. They should have that complete by the end of the month. The Motor Pool division has been making great progress with the 6-S project. Johnathan Mercurieff is in the middle of the application process to attend Pennsylvania College of Technology for Auto and Diesel Technology. The Bulk department is working with Integrity Environmental for the tank cleanings and inspections. The inspection has been postponed until fall due to weather. The Tank Farm is ready for inspection as it always is. The Water/Wastewater Operator attended the Level 1 water treatment training for level 1 certification. The outfall at East Landing has cleared up as the sea ice moved away.

Clmbr Porath moved to approve Resolution 22-05, Authorizing the City to Apply for the USDOT Maritime Administration's FY22 Port Infrastructure Development Grant, and Provide for Required Matching Funds, seconded by Clmbr Melovidov. This grant would provide needed repairs for the City South dock and Harbor Master office. This resolution would replace Resolution 22-04 that was approved on April 14, 2022. The project would include modern absorbing fenders, upgraded bull rails and ladders, 80-ton bollards, new modern Harbormaster office that would be away from the breakwater. The whole project amount is \$11,578,239.00. The amount the City is applying for is \$11,250,000.00 with an in-kind match of \$328,239.

RESOLUTION 22-05, USDOT MARITIME ADMIN FY22 PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Bourdukofsky, Porath, Edenshaw, Kozloff, Clarey, Melovidov, Mercurieff.

No-0

Motion carries unanimously.

Clmbr Bourdukofsky moved to approve Resolution 22-06, Authorizing the City to Apply for the Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan Fund Waiver of Sovereign Immunity, seconded by Clmbr Edenshaw. The City has to buy all the fuel up front and will be submitting a loan application and they required a resolution. This resolution is their language. The City has to waive their sovereign immunity and without doing that would not be able to get the loan. The City is applying for \$750,000.00 with annual interest. This will not be used if Northrim Bank can provide the loan that is needed for the City.

RESOLUTION 22-06, BULK FUEL REVOLVING LOAN FUND WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Melovidov, Porath, Clarey, Bourdukofsky, Kozloff, Edenshaw, Mercurieff.

No-0

Motion carries unanimously.

Clmbr Melovidov moved to approve Resolution 22-07, Authorizing the City to Apply for a Grant in Response to the Denali Commission Funding Opportunity and Provide for Required Matching Funds, seconded by Clmbr Porath. This grant funds for the Bulk Fuel facility Tank Farm dispensing Station. The current equipment doesn't meet requirements due to being very old or near the end of life. This would replace existing dispensing station day tanks, transfer headers, overfill protection alarms and controls for safety and upgrade power to truck rack. The whole cost for this project is \$894,379.000. The City will propose a 50% in-kind match for the construction portion which is \$65,502,00 and an in-kind match for the equipment replacement portion which is \$192,344.

RESOLUTION 22-07, DENALI COMMISSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AND REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Kozloff, Edenshaw, Melovidov, Clarey, Bourdukofsky, Porath, Mercurieff.

No-0

Motion carries unanimously.

Clmbr Porath moved to approve Resolution 22-08, A Resolution to Pursue a Comprehensive Approach to Advancing Equity for All, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. Across the country governmental jurisdictions are making commitment to

RESOLUTION 22-08, A RESOLUTION TO

achieving racial equity, focusing on the power and influence of their on their institutions and partnering with others. The City desires to reduce racial disparity and foster multiculturalism across all departments including workforce equity, economic equity, public engagement.

PURSUE A
COMPREHENSIVE
APPROACH TO
ADVANCING
EQUITY FOR ALL

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Clarey, Porath, Melovidov, Bourdukofsky, Kozloff, Edenshaw, Mercurief.

No-0

Motion carries unanimously.

Clmbr Edenshaw moved to approved Emergency Ordinance 22-95, An Emergency Ordinance of the Council of the City of Saint Paul Regarding Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout Saint Paul Island, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. A survey was conducted throughout the community to ask about quarantine, pre and post traveling testing, and how well the Covid response team is doing. There were about 70 responses. There were a lot still in favor of still doing pre and post traveling testing and about a little more than half in favor of quarantine. Took out some whereas' that are no longer relevant at this time. There are no other proposed changes. Monique will be taking over the COVID response after there were some recent concerns brought to City administrations attention.

EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE 22-
95, PROTECTIVE
MEASURES TO
PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF
COVID-19

Clmbr Clarey asked if the vaccination requirement is being dropped. Mgr Zavadil stated only for contractors since right now vaccination rates have leveled out. Everyone that wants to be vaccinated has been vaccinated. Clmbr Clarey would like to review the City Vaccine Policy at the next meeting.

Clmbr Melovidov stated that at this time he is not comfortable making change to the ordinance due to the individuals that cannot be vaccinated. The survey data is about 20% of all residents at most, he recommends keeping the Emergency Ordinance the same.

Clmbr Kozloff agrees, he recommends having the surgery sent out again to gather more information from residents.

Mgr Zavadil suggested that the survey be given door to door and then will collect all the data and present at the next meeting.

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes- Edenshaw, Melovidov, Bourdukofsky, Kozloff, Porath, Mercurief.

No- Clarey

Motion carries.

Clmbr Porath moved to adjourn, seconded by Clmbr Mercurief. Motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

Monique Baker, City Clerk

Date