

Adopted Minutes Regular Council Meeting July 26, 2011

Mayor Slavik called a Regular Meeting of the Plymouth City Council to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Boulevard, on July 26, 2011.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Slavik, Councilmembers Bildsoe, Murdock, Black, Willis, Johnson, and Stein.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ahrens, City Attorney Knutson, Park Director Evans, Public Works Director Cote, Community Development Director Juetten, Administrative Services Director Portner, Deputy Fire Chief Springer, Police Chief Goldstein, Police Captain Lindman, and City Clerk Engdahl.

Plymouth Forum

There was no one present to address the Council.

Presentations and Public Information Announcements

(4.01) Announcement of "Night to Unite"

Police Captain Lindman announced this year's "Night to Unite" on August 2 from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. He stated the kickoff event will be held from 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Creek Center.

(4.02) Presentation of 2011 Environmental Champion Awards

Environmental Champion Awards were presented to Bob Fridgen, Derek Peterson, Jackie Archbold, Jim Hennen, and Honeywell Plymouth Operations.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Slavik added setting future study sessions as item No. 8.01 under General Business and an update on the League of Minnesota Cities Service Delivery Committee as item No. 9.01 under Reports and Staff Recommendations. In addition, she stated following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, the Council will be going into closed session for a labor relations update.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bildsoe, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to approve the amended agenda. With all members voting in favor motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Stein, and seconded by Councilmember Black, to adopt the Consent Agenda that included the following items:

(6.01) Regular Meeting minutes of July 12.

(6.02) Resolution Approving Disbursements ending July 16 (Res2011-232).

(6.03) Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code Concerning Traffic Control Officers (Ord2011-21).

(6.04) Resolution Approving a Final Plat and Development Contract for LCS Development for "Trillium Woods" for Property located at the Southeast Corner of Juneau Lane and County Road 47 (2008085 - Res2011-233) and a Resolution Adopting Assessments for Trunk Sanitary Sewer and Water Main for Trillium Woods Addition (2008085F – Res2011-234).

(6.05) Resolution Approving a One-Year Extension of the Development Approvals for Quantum Development for Property located at 12325 State Highway 55 (2008052 - Res2011-235).

(6.06) Resolution Approving Request for Payment No. 12 and Final for 2008 Street Reconstruction Project (8101 – Res2011-236).

(6.07) Resolution Approving the Finding of No Need for an Environmental Impact Statement based upon Review of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet dated May 26 for the Bass Lake Wetland Drainage Improvement Project (9127 – Res2011-237).

(6.08) Resolution Ordering Preliminary Engineering Report for the 2011 Edge Mill and Overlay Project (11012 – Res2011-238), Resolution Receiving Preliminary Engineering Report, Ordering Preparation of Plans and Specifications and Calling for a Public Hearing for the 2011 Edge Mill and Overlay Project (11012 – Res2011-239), Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications, and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the 2011 Edge Mill and Overlay Project (11012 – Res2011-240), Resolution Declaring Cost to be Assessed, and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment for the 2011 Edge Mill and Overlay Project (11012 – Res2011-241), and a Resolution Setting Hearing on Proposed Assessment for the 2011 Edge Mill and Overlay Project (11012 – Re2011-242).

(6.09) Resolution Approving a Variance for Mark and Lynn Eckerline for Property located at 1241 Vagabond Court (2011049 - Res2011-243).

(6.10) Resolution Approving a Request to Deny Access to Sunset Trail for Dale and Gayle Ortlip for Property located at 505 Jonquil Lane (2011044 - Res2011-244).

(6.11) Resolution Approving a Final Plat and Development Contract for "Elm Creek Highlands East" for Property located North of Schmidt Lake Road and Jewel Lane (2010048-F - Res2011-245) and a Resolution Adopting Assessments for Trunk Sanitary Sewer and Watermain for Elm Creek Highlands East Addition (2010048-F – Res2011-246).

(6.12) Resolution Approving a Site Plan Amendment for the City of Plymouth for a Skate Park, Shade Structure and Batting Cage at the Plymouth Creek Playfield located at 3625 Fernbrook Lane (2011045 - Res2011-247).

(6.13) Resolution Approving the Plymouth Metrolink Transit Contingency Plan (Res2011-248).

(6.14) Approve submission of the 2010 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant.

(6.15) Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 of the City Code (Ord2011-22), Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code (Ord2011-23), and a Resolution Approving Summary Publications of Ordinances (Res2011-249).

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearings

(7.01) Project Hearing and Special Assessment Hearing for Edge Mill and Overlay Project (11012)

Public Works Director Cote reported on the proposed project for five areas in the City. This project is included in the Capital Improvements Program. Bids were received so the proposed assessments are based on the actual bids. Construction would begin in August and be completed in September, prior to school starting, especially in the residential areas. He stated an amended resolution was provided to the Council this evening.

Mayor Slavik opened the public hearing.

Donald Haas, 510 Alvarado Lane North, resident of Ferndale North, raised the following concerns:

1. His assessed value decreased 20% but his taxes increased by 5%.
2. The general area of Ferndale North doesn't need the improvement.
3. None of his neighbors have indicated that this improvement is a necessity.

4. The City did an overlay 12 years ago, and there were no costs to the residents. This improvement is a shift from the general fund to the resident.
5. The allocation of assessments in Ferndale North doesn't appear to be equitable.

He requested the Council to not approve the proposed assessments.

Mayor Slavik declared the public hearing closed.

Mayor Slavik addressed the points that Mr. Haas raised. She explained that the City receives 25% of the total tax bill that residents pay, and the City's tax levy has been flat or decreased for the past several years. She stated the Ferndale North area has potholes, and there is a cost for the City to maintain them. The Council is trying to be more proactive in doing this type of project so homeowners don't get hit with higher costs to maintain their streets. By doing these types of projects on a more frequent basis, it helps to preserve the infrastructure and keep the costs down.

Public Works Director Cote explained how the assessments were determined.

Motion was made by Councilmember Black, and seconded by Councilmember Willis, to adopt a Resolution Ordering Improvement for the Edge Mill and Overlay Project (Res2011-250), amended Resolution Adopting Assessments for the Edge Mill and Overlay Project (11012 – Res2011-251), and a Resolution Awarding Contract for Edge Mill and Overlay Project (11012 – Res2011-252). With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

General Business

(8.01) Set Future Study Sessions

The Council didn't set any future study sessions.

Reports and Staff Recommendations

(9.01) Update from League of Minnesota Cities Service Delivery Committee

Councilmember Black, who serves on the League of Minnesota Cities Service Delivery Committee, provided on topics the committee has discussed that might be included in legislation for 2012.

Adjournment

Mayor Slavik adjourned the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. The Council then went into closed session in the Parkers Lake Room for the purpose receiving a labor relations update.

She called to order the closed session at 7:55 p.m. All Councilmembers, City Manager Ahrens, Human Resources Director Kone, Administrative Services Director Portner, and City Clerk Engdahl were present. The Council received a labor relations update from staff. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Sandra R. Engdahl, City Clerk