

City of Rockford, Minnesota Council Workshop Minutes  
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

All members of the Rockford City Council met with City Administrator / Special Counsel, Dan Madsen; and Finance Clerk, Jennifer Swendsen to review the 2014 Operational Budget report and discuss the following contracts in various states of completion: Solar Agreement; Boulder Ridge Agreement; Brenner Dental Lease; Ultimate Auctions Lease; and the Rental House Agreement. No action was taken at this Workshop.

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6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Renee Hafften at approximately 6:05 p.m. Council members Debbie Buoy, Rick Martinson, Denise Kesanen and Ted Hill were present. No members were absent.

City Administrator / Special Counsel, Dan Madsen; Finance Clerk, Jennifer Swendsen; Public Works Director, Trevor Brummer; and accountant Andy Berg of Abdo, Eick and Meyers were present at the meeting. Nancy Carswell was also in attendance.

\*Approve Consent Agenda/Set Agenda

**MOTION** was made by Buoy, and seconded by Martinson, to set the Council Meeting Agenda and approve all items on the Consent Agenda, 3.A. to 3.G as listed:

- 3A: Minutes from May 12, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
- 3B: Payment of Claims from Check #24,692 through #24743 totaling \$228,509.61
- 3C: Temporary Liquor License for River Days-August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- 3D: Resolution #15-19 Conditional Use Permit for 7600 County Road 50
- 3E: Mall Façade Pay Request #8, Kue Contractors, Inc. for \$33,319.00
- 3F: Park Shelter Change Orders #1 and #2
- 3G: Boulder Ridge Development Agreement

**MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: HAFFTEN, BUOY, KESANEN, HILL, AND MARTINSON.**

\* Approve 2014 Audit

Andy Berg of Abdo, Eick and Meyers presented the City's 2014 Audit and Management Letter, reviewing in detail the city's revenues, expenses operations and fund balances for Calendar Year 2014.

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, and seconded by Hill, to accept the 2014 Audit.  
MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: HAFFTEN, BUOY, KESANEN, HILL, AND MARTINSON.

Staff and members of the City Council then provided updates including status of the Park Shelter, painting and repairs at the Rockford City Center Mall, 1000 Hearts updates, City-wide Garage Sale updates and information on the Wright County Senior Volunteer of the Year.

Administrator Madsen then requested that the Council move into Closed Session to review and discuss the Minnesota Court of Appeals published decision in the Nathan Kariniemi, et al., vs. City of Rockford case pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.15, subd. 3(b); specifically to discuss the impact of this ruling, the process and litigation strategy at this time and what ramifications this decision may have moving forward.

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, and seconded by Buoy, to enter Closed Session at approximately 7:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: HAFFTEN, BUOY, KESANEN, HILL, AND MARTINSON.

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, and seconded by Kesanen, to exit Closed Session at approximately 7:32 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: HAFFTEN, BUOY, KESANEN, HILL, AND MARTINSON.

Administrator / Special Counsel Madsen explained that the Council had discussed and reviewed the Kariniemi v. City of Rockford Appellate holding and the possible litigation strategies, options and potential outcomes resulting there from.

**MOTION** was made by Martinson, and seconded by Buoy, to adjourn the Council Meeting at approximately 7:34 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: HAFFTEN, BUOY, KESANEN, HILL, AND MARTINSON.

Typed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

Dan Madsen  
City Administrator, Special Counsel  
City of Rockford Minnesota

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Approved:

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Renee Hafften  
Mayor

Attest:

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Dan Madsen  
City Administrator, Special Counsel