

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on August 21, 2023 at the City Hall, at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Robert Nelson
Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember April Moran

STAFF PRESENT

Public Works Director Terry Randall, Police Chief Josh Antoine, Building Official Jeff Baker, Attorney John Thames, Engineer Phil Gravel, Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITORS

Trevor Armstrong, 7033 Central Avenue NE
Hoda Adan, 8391 6th Street NE
Ben Smith, 7033 Central Avenue NE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Administrator Buchholtz requested that Consideration of Termination of School Resource Officer Service Agreement be added as item 9. A. under New Business.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – August 7, 2023 City Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2023 City Council Work Session
- C. Approval of Claims – General Disbursement No 23-13 - \$532,920.28
- D. Mayor's Proclamation – Lung Cancer Awareness Month – November 2023

- E. 2023 Second Half Assessment – Suburban Rate Authority
- F. Public Right-of-Way Application – CenterPoint Energy
- G. Special Event Permit – Wishes & More
- H. Contractor’s Licenses
- I. Sign Permit

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Report

Chief Antoine reported that the Police Department responded to 783 calls for service in July 2023 compared to 804 calls for service for the month of July 2022.

Chief Antoine said Investigator Bennek handled 42 cases for the month of July, 28 of which were felony in nature and 14 misdemeanors. He said Investigator Bennek is monitoring 5 active forfeiture cases. Chief Antoine reported that Investigator Bennek assisted the Ramsey County Violent Crimes Unit along with the BCA units in executing a search warrant on an armed robbery suspect in Spring Lake Park.

Chief Antoine stated that he finished his last three classes for his Basic Emergency Management Certification, and will be taking and completing his last class in October.

B. Code Enforcement Report

Building Official Baker reported that July was a busy month for Code Enforcement.

Building Official Baker stated that Take 5 Car Wash completed their plumbing and underground work. He stated that the Garfield Property has a tentative start date for demolition at the end of August. Building Official Baker reported that the gas and electric have been disconnected at the curb.

8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2023-31, Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvements

Administrator Buchholtz gave an overview of the Feasibility Report for the 2024 Street Improvement Project. He stated that staff is requesting that the City Council Receive the Feasibility Report and Call for Public Improvement Hearing and Authorize the preparation of final plans and specifications.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the Public Hearing will be called for October 2, 2023. He said staff will send out notices.

Motion made by Councilmember Dircks Approving Resolution 2023-31, Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvements.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling Approving Authorization on the Preparation of Final Plans and Specifications.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Termination of School Resource Officer Service Agreement

Police Chief Antoine gave an overview of the new law implemented by the Minnesota Legislature concerning the use of force by School Resource Officers. He stated the City has been looking at options that the City as well as the schools can do. He stated that the change in the law puts more liability on the City and the School Resource Officer. Police Chief Antoine stated a few options to consider: 1) terminate the contract with the school district with a 30-day notice or 2) leave the officer in place. Under the second option, the officer would be considered a teacher or a security guard.

Attorney Thames stated the primary point of the change is that the use of force is unavailable to the School Resource Office as a designated agent of the district. Attorney Thames stated that the School Resource Office, under the new regulations, cannot intervene with force in a situation unless imminent bodily harm is visible.

Attorney Thames and the Council discussed options and the liability to the City if the School Resource Officer stayed in place. Police Chief Antoine stated that the Police Officers would still be dispatched to the school when called.

Administrator Buchholtz explained the fiscal impact of the contract ending for the rest of 2023.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to Approve Termination of School Resource Officer Service Agreement.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

10. REPORTSA. Attorney's Report

Attorney Thames stated that the City will be given updates as more is learned about the law change regarding the School Resource Officer.

B. Engineer's Report

Reported accepted as presented.

C. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz gave an update on the Anoka County Finance Directors Meeting. He reported that staff had an update training on Laserfiche. He stated that he attended a meeting on election changes that were passed during the legislative session.

11. OTHERA. CorrespondenceB. Motion to Close City Council Meeting Pursuant to M.S. 13D.03 (1) to discuss Labor Negotiation Strategies

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to Close the City Council Meeting Pursuant to M.S. 13D.02(1) to Discuss Labor Negotiation Strategies.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm for closed session

City Council Meeting resumed at 8:28 pm.

Attorney Thames summarized the closed session actions. The City Council discussed labor negotiation strategies. He stated that staff and the negotiation team were given direction on how to proceed.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer