

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Hopkins City Council was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1st Street South.

Mayor Hanlon called the meeting to order with Council Members Balan, Garrido, Goodlund and Hunke attending. Others attending included City Clerk Domeier, Finance Director Bishop, Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean, Director of Planning and Development Elverum, City Engineer Klingbeil, Director of Public Works Autio, Police Chief Johnson, and City Attorney Riggs.

ADOPT AGENDA

Council Member Goodlund requested a Resolution of Support for the Burnsville Police and Fire Departments at a future meeting.

Motion by Hunke. **Second** by Garrido.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: Balan, Garrido, Goodlund, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Absent: Balan. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanlon requested a moment of silence in honor of the City of Burnsville's fallen officers and paramedic.

PRESENTATIONS

III.1. Introduction and Oath of Office for Police Officers; Johnson/Domeier

Police Chief Johnson introduced Hopkins Police Officers Jonathan Early and Patrick Goodwin. City Clerk Domeier issued the Oath of Office to the officers.

III.2. Police Department Drone – Unmanned Aerial Vehicle; Johnson

Police Chief Johnson stated that the Hopkins Police Department (HPD) has identified a need for a tool that will allow us to remotely search for suspects, missing persons, and evidence of crimes without expending officer resources or subjecting officers to unnecessary danger. During rapidly evolving calls for service, the ability to quickly deploy a tool to conduct searches without putting officers into those potentially dangerous situations is becoming more and more critical. HPD has been researching the use of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) for such applications. Per Minnesota State Statue 629.19 sub. 9, HPD offered the opportunity for the public to comment on the implementation of a UAS team and UAV use at the City Council meeting. Police Officer Malmstedt and Police Captain Kreiling were in attendance to share more information about the UAV.

Council Member Hunke questioned the timeline urgency and budget impacts. Chief Johnson responded that the Department has been exploring drone technology and estimated the total cost of staff training, software, and materials to be \$22,000. Mayor Hanlon requested that staff share more information about rules for use. Chief Johnson stated that drone use would require life safety needs, a criminal element, or case. Captain Kreiling shared more about the policy regulating the use in addition to state and federal law. He stated it was a community safety driven program. Council Member Garrido

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questioned if sharing the drone with another community was discussed. Chief Johnson stated a regional effort was not made and that currently the department must reach out to other organizations to obtain drone assistance. Council Member Balan shared the benefits of the department obtaining a drone. Council Member Goodlund questioned the implementation timeline. Officer Malmstedt explained the training, licensing, and implementation timelines. Council Member Hunke thanked staff for providing clarity around the policy. Chief Johnson stated that the policy will be on the website.

There was no public comment received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Balan. **Second** by Goodlund.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes of the February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting Proceedings
2. Resolution Accepting Gifts and Donations Received by the City in 2023; Bishop
3. Resolution Approving a Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-1026 Rezoning Property at 325 Blake Road and Authorizing the City to Enter into an Amended Planned Unit Development Agreement; Krzos
4. Resolutions to Declare Cost to be Assessed and Order Assessment Hearing for the 2024 Street and Utility Improvements – City Project 2024-10; Klingbeil

Ayes: Balan, Garrido, Goodlund, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

VII.1. Resolution Approving an On-Sale Liquor and Sunday Sales Liquor License for Bar Siena LLC DBA Bar Siena; Domeier

City Clerk Domeier summarized City Council Report 2024-018. Bar Siena LLC applied for an on-sale liquor license and Sunday sales liquor license at Bar Siena, a new restaurant to be located at 1601 Mainstreet (formerly Jasmine Garden). The licensed premise includes the interior space and an outdoor seating area at 1601 Mainstreet.

Representatives from Bar Siena, LLC shared more information about the new restaurant including building renovations, menu, and craft cocktails. Mayor Hanlon stated he would abstain from voting since his father was the property's real estate broker.

Motion by Balan. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to adopt a Resolution Approving an On-Sale Liquor and Sunday Sales Liquor License for Bar Siena LLC DBA Bar Siena.

Ayes: Balan, Garrido, Goodlund, Hunke

Nays: None. Abstain: Hanlon. Motion carried.

VII.2. Review and Approval of the Parks System Master Plan; Imihy Bean

Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean summarized City Council Report 2024-23. The plan details existing conditions of park and open spaces, reviews recreation offerings and trends, and provides master plans for several parks within the community

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which have not had recent investment. The plan also includes a financial evaluation and provides guidance on implementation steps over the next two decades.

Council Member Balan questioned the stone terraces. Further discussion was held about the multiple opportunities for seating with a balance of green space and accessibility. Council Member Goodlund questioned the prioritization of projects. Ms. Imihy Bean shared more project prioritization. Mayor Hanlon asked Ms. Imihy Bean to share the funding for parks projects. He requested that staff look for partnerships, funding, and grant opportunities for future projects.

Motion by Hunke. **Second** by Garrido.

Motion to approve and adopt the Park System Master Plan.

Ayes: Balan, Garrido, Goodlund, Hanlon, Hunke
Nays: None. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hanlon reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, and upon a motion by Hunke, second by Goodlund, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Domeier, City Clerk