

**MEETINGS OF THE ANOKA CITY COUNCIL
ANOKA CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 16, 2022**

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 P.M.
Council Executive Session Room**

**PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES §13D.05, SUBD 3, (C) FOR THE
PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION RELATED
TO CITY OWNED RESTAURANT PAD BEHIND CITY HALL**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANOKA CITY COUNCIL
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Following a closed session pursuant to State Statute 13D.05 subd. 3(c) for the purpose of discussing potential real estate transactions related to City-owned restaurant pad behind City Hall, Mayor Rice called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present at roll call: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp.

Staff present: City Manager Greg Lee; Public Services Director Mark Anderson; Police Chief Eric Peterson, Police Captain Andy Youngquist; Communications Manager Pam Bowman; Finance Director Brenda Springer; Director of Community Development Doug Borglund; Senior City Planner Clark Palmer; and City Attorney Scott Baumgartner.

Absent at roll call: None.

3. COUNCIL MINUTES

3.1 April 25, 2022, Worksession.
May 2, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Wesp April 25, 2022, Worksession, corrected the minutes to show Joe Anderle as Park Board member and not Chair.

Motion by Councilmember Wesp, seconded by Councilmember Barnett, to approve the April 25, 2022, Worksession, as corrected.

Motion by Councilmember Skogquist, seconded by Councilmember Wesp, to approve the May 2, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM

4.1 Proclamation; National Public Works Week.

Public Services Director Mark Anderson said each May Public Works Week highlighted their team's work in maintaining public infrastructure. He shared about the important work done by the Public Works Department that included building and cemetery maintenance, special events, engineering, fleet and parks maintenance then shared a slideshow highlighting their important work. Started in 1960, National Public Works Week (NPWW) calls attention to the importance of public works in community life and recognizes the professionals who serve the public every day.

Mayor Rice read the proclamation into the record and spoke about how Public Works employees take ownership for what they do in helping the residents of Anoka.

Councilmember Weaver shared that Public Service Worker Colin Houge will be retiring this week after 34 years and thanked him for his service then shared his appreciation for the entire department's work.

Councilmember Barnett said she was impressed with their motivated staff who were creative and work hard to save taxpayer dollars by doing as much work as possible inhouse and rarely engaging contractors for the many special projects that they have.

Councilmember Skogquist noted the City has many unique events that are usually in the evenings and on weekends outside of regular hours and complimented staff on their hard work.

Councilmember Wesp highlighted the important tasks Public Works does at the Mississippi and Rum Rivers installing the boards and docks which is critical to the community.

4.2 Swearing in of Officer Nathaniel Birkner and Police Activity Update.

Police Chief Eric Peterson shared background on Officer Birkner, stating he was hired on January 24, 2022 and recently completed field training. Prior to being hired as a police officer, Officer Birkner held a position with Anoka as a full-time police security officer and was a graduate of Anoka High School and during

college completed a 400-hour internship with the department. Chief Peterson thanked Officer Birkner and his family then issued the oath of office.

Officer Birkner thanked the Council and staff for their support and said he has enjoyed being able to know everyone in the City.

Councilmember Barnett said the City fully supports their police officers and thanked for his service.

Mayor Rice agreed and thanked Chief Peterson for introducing officers to the City in this manner.

Councilmember Skogquist noted many other cities don't get to experience such a positive culture and thanked Officer Birkner for choosing Anoka.

Councilmember Weaver agreed, stating the City Council fully supports their officers.

Chief Peterson shared an update on police activity that included new Technician Kelly Kirchner who recently started. He noted the department receives over 22,000 calls for service and that technicians do the support work for all those calls and thanked them for their work. He spoke about the minor and moderate flooding potential last week due to high river levels that were threatening trails and how Public Works worked to close those trails and protect the lift stations. He said the river was expected to crest tomorrow at 11 feet and that staff would continue to monitor the situation. He spoke about construction on Highway 10 and their work to monitor for issues with cut-through traffic, adding accidents have been minimal and that officers have been able to navigate the City easily. Chief Peterson said staff continues to meet with MnDOT to address any concerns. He spoke about the May 14 incident currently under investigation resulting from a body being recovered from the Mississippi River who has since been identified then spoke about reasons why these incidents can occur. Chief Peterson highlighted May 15 as Police Officer Memorial Day to honor those who have lost their lives or become disabled in the line of duty and thanked the Council and public for their continued support as they worked to fulfill their duties.

Councilmember Weaver thanked the police, fire, and first responders from both Anoka and Champlin who responded to the river incident.

4.5 Highway 10 Anoka Construction Update.

Mr. Anderson shared an update on construction status that included the project's hotline contact information then reviewed current and upcoming closures, temporary signals, and further communications regarding the project updates.

Councilmember Weaver shared a resident's concerns with the published detour and Metro Transit bus route change that has resulted in almost 2,000 vehicles

passing his house during rush hour on Park Street and said this road was too narrow for this volume of traffic which included buses and other large vehicles. He shared his frustrations with MnDOT using Park Street to detour from Green, State, and Franklin Lane and said this alternative was unacceptable.

Councilmember Skogquist asked if the northwest corner westbound lane on Ferry and 47 was closed and limited detours through residential neighborhoods and asked if they should detour up Ferry Street instead. He said buses should not be using this route and should instead use Ferry Street then go west.

Mr. Anderson said he would contact MnDOT and work on a solution right away.

OTHER INFORMATION UNDER OPEN FORUM

Mike Clark, 512 River Lane, said he was one of two seasonal employees affected by the proposed Charter amendments and would have had to make a choice between serving on the Park Board and working at the golf course, which he has done for over 25 years. He thanked the Charter Commission for voting 15-3 in favor of the amendment and thanked staff for their hard work on this amendment as well as their work at the golf course. He shared his respect for staff and said he hoped the Council will adopt the Charter amendment.

Brad Johnson, 10410 Holly Street, Coon Rapids, said he was a Coon Rapids Councilmember but grew up in Anoka and recognized the importance of public officials supporting police. He spoke about the Anoka Community Anti-Crime Commission that began in the late 1980s that allowed residents and criminal justice partners to discuss important issues then spoke about the need for a new K-9 officer with the upcoming retirement of K-9 Bravo and presented a \$500 contribution from his family to support those efforts.

Chief Peterson thanked Mr. Johnson for his donation and said they have received donations from many others then shared how Anoka began the K-9 program in 1967 and how the role has changed over the decades.

Mr. Johnson said it was Anoka's foresight that helped spur other departments to include K-9s on their police forces.

Councilmember Wesp said he serves on the Joint Law Enforcement Council which works together to achieve high level law enforcement to serve the residents of the County in a respectful and judicious manner and said the County Attorney was instrumental in helping purchase K-9 Bravo. He stated that Mr. Johnson's Grandfather was instrumental in creating the Anti-Crime Commission and thanked Mr. Johnson and his family for their donation.

Councilmember Wesp referred to concerns on 5th Avenue regarding the reconstruction project and boulevard tree removal.

A resident on Lincoln Avenue, asked how a tree on Harrison Street by St. Stephen's Church could remain but another tree three feet away was removed, leaving just one remaining.

City Manager Greg Lee said a tree removal plan is created for each project that identifies which trees can be saved and which trees need to be removed as part of the project. He said the tree removal could be due to storm sewer or other water services that are underground but would follow up.

5. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

5.1 Amending Charter, Section 2.02, Boards and Commission.

- a. ORD/Amending City Charter; Section 2.02 Boards and Commission, Relating to Seasonal Workers Serving on Boards and Commissions.
(1st Reading)

Mr. Lee said at the Council meeting in March, the Council requested the Charter Commission discuss whether or not employees (seasonal) should be allowed to serve on a City Board/Commissions and also to discuss whether or not City Councilmembers should be allowed to serve on the Charter Commission. Currently there is a conflict between the Charter and the City's Personnel Policy Manual relating to employees serving on a Board/Commission that states no member of the Council or employees of the City shall be a member of any board or commission so established except as an ex officio member. Members of boards, commissions and committees, including the HRA, shall be appointed by a majority vote of the City Council. He said current policy language states that employees will have the opportunity to be considered for openings on City advisory boards and ad hoc committees within some parameters. He said at the Charter Commission meeting on April 20, 2022, the Charter Commission voted to recommend that the Charter be amended per the City Council's suggestion to allow seasonal employees to serve on boards and commissions.

- b. ORD/Amending City Charter; Section 2.02 Boards and Commission, Relating to Councilmembers Serving on the City Charter Commission.
(1st Reading)

Mr. Lee said at the March 28, 2022, worksession, City Council discussed this topic and consensus of the Council was that Councilmembers should not be allowed to serve on the Charter Commission. The City Council requested this be reviewed by the Charter Commission which was discussed at their April 20, 2022, meeting. He said at that meeting the Charter Commission voted to recommend the amendment to the City Charter to not allow City Councilmembers to serve on the Charter Commission.

Mayor Rice opened the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

Former Councilmember Pierce applauded the wisdom in amending this language and spoke about the importance of integrity and ethics in Anoka and the need to avoid language that would accommodate a personal friend.

Charter Commissioner Mike Ericson said he voted against the proposed amendment as this could allow undue for the influence by any employee, regardless of their position, and said if the City has having difficulty getting people to serve on boards and commissions, they should increase recruitment efforts instead of amending Charter language.

Being no further comments Mayor Rice closed the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

NOTE: By motion from Councilmember Skogquist, which was seconded by Councilmember Weaver, and by a unanimous vote of the Council, agenda items 9.1 and 9.2 was moved up on the agenda and acted upon at this point.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Weaver seconded by Councilmember Wesp, to hold first reading of an ordinance amending the Anoka City Charter, Section 2.02, Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Rice said he was not concerned about any potential conflict of interest because check and balances were monitored by the Council.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Councilmember Skogquist voted nay. Motion carried.

Councilmember Barnett said this was brought forward as a result of the City of Ramsey having a Councilmember serving on both their Council and Charter Commission and the potential concerns that could result and while she believed there has not been a concern of this happening in Anoka this language would confirm that this would not be an issue in the future.

Councilmember Skogquist said he believed there was enough ambiguity in the current language but agreed it should be clarified.

Motion by Councilmember Skogquist seconded by Councilmember Barnett, to hold first reading of an ordinance amending the Anoka City Charter, Section 2.02, Boards and Commissions.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Wesp seconded by Councilmember Barnett, to approve Consent Agenda 6.1 through 6.3 as presented.

- 6.1 Approve Verified Bills.
- 6.2 Revising and Setting Council Calendars.
- 6.3 Highway 10 Rum River Bridge and Corridor Project; Approve Change Order Number 2 with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Councilmember Skogquist clarified candidate filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on May 31.

Vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

7.1 Waste Reduction and Recycling Board (WRRB) Annual Report.

WRRB Chair Cheryl Knapek shared a presentation on the Board's work which outlined the new service provider and transition with Ace Solid Waste and highlighted the 2022 recycling rates. She outlined the 2021 accomplishments that included a smooth transition with the new provider, earning a park bench for their recycling efforts, implementation of the organics recycling program, purchase of a second recycling can collection trailer, and enhanced communications. She outlined the 2022 goals that included an expanded organics program, MN Green Corps member, a City-managed little free library, research for a City-wide garage sale and a potential future City recycling center. She outlined more about the MN Green Corp member supervised through Anoka County and their work with multi-family units then spoke about 2022 SCORE funding, annual collection and recycling events, tonnage goals, recycling events, and marketing and education and thanked the Council for their support.

Councilmember Skogquist thanked the Board for their work and creativity that occurred at the City's many events and educating residents on ways to change habits to make an impact.

Councilmember Weaver thanked the Board for their donation of can collections for the Waterfowl for Warriors.

Councilmember Barnett thanked the Board for their work on keeping recycling rates down while providing the best service.

Councilmember Skogquist asked if the contract covers multi-family units and if separate billing occurred for contamination fees. Communication Manager Pam Bowman explained how the City bills for service but not contamination fees which is done through the provider which has helped reduce staff time and ensure payment.

8. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATION

None.

9. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- 9.1 a. ORD/Amending City Charter; Section 2.02 Boards and Commission, Relating to Seasonal Workers Serving on Boards and Commissions.
- b. ORD/Amending City Charter; Section 2.02 Boards and Commission, Relating to Councilmembers Serving on the City Charter Commission.

ACTED UPON AFTER PUBLIC HEARING

- 9.2 RES/Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Anoka on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department.

RESOLUTION

Chief Peterson shared a background report stating this resolution would renew a joint powers agreement with the MN Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and the City of Anoka on behalf of its City Attorney and its Police Department. This resolution also provides for the renewal of the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment to the Criminal Justice Data Network (CJDN) for which the City of Anoka is eligible.

Motion by Councilmember Weaver seconded by Councilmember Skogquist, to adopt a resolution approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Anoka on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Motion carried.

- 9.3 RES/City of Anoka Request for an Amtrak Stop at the NorthStar Station.

RESOLUTION

Community Development Director Doug Borglund shared a background report stating the City has been planning for an Amtrak stop since the adoption of the Anoka Station Plan in 2012. Staff has been interacting with Amtrak from the Chicago Illinois office and

based on conversations have indicated there is support for a stop. Staff will need to assemble a package of information to be submitted to start the process with Amtrak and sample information and directions have been provided by Amtrak. As part the submittal packet to Amtrak is the need for a resolution approved by the City Council stating its request and support for a stop at the NorthStar Station.

Councilmember Wesp shared history about the importance of trains through Glacier Park and how stops, lodges, and towns were constructed as a result and with current technology and online tickets the need for whistlestops has grown. He said trains allow for travel in ways other modes do not and said he fully supported this effort and thanked Councilmember Weaver for this idea and work.

Councilmember Weaver shared more about how whistlestops operate and what a great adventure train travel was and supported the creation of whistlestop in Anoka as well.

Councilmember Skogquist thanked everyone for the energy on this project, stating it would be a great amenity for Anoka and would not cost much but help create a destination place for Anoka.

Edward Burns, 549 Tyler Street, said he was a retired railroad worker then shared a history of the railroad and how stops were created and the precedent for suburban stops. He said he supported the creation of a whistlestop in Anoka and noted Amtrak would have to consider many logistics as this process moved forward and offered his assistance in these discussions.

Councilmember Barnett said while these experiences are good, she felt a whistlestop was only novel and that since we do not know the actual costs and projected revenue stream, we should not further subsidize railroad infrastructure and said she would rather invest in other modes of transportation.

Motion by Councilmember Weaver seconded by Councilmember Wesp, to adopt a resolution supporting the request for an Amtrak stop at the NorthStar Station.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Councilmember Barnett voted nay. Motion carried.

9.4 RES/Final Plat; Homestead at Anoka 3rd Addition.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Borglund shared a background report stating in 2014, Homestead at Anoka 2nd Addition was approved which encompassed 9.25 acres of land within Phase 2 of Volunteers of America's (VOA) project. The area included four lots and the platted of right-of-way along 5th Avenue. This created what is now known as Outlot B and is the subject property proposed to be developed. Outlot B is 2.51 acres in size and owned by the City. On July 19, 2021, the City Council approved a Planned Residential

Development Amendment, Conditional Use Permit, and Site Plan Review to construct Phase 3 of VOA senior care campus consisting of 80 senior independent living residential units. The project is located southeast of the existing facility at the corner of Grant Street and 5th Avenue or legally described as Outlot B. The proposed final plat will legally describe Outlot B as Lot 1, Block 1, Homestead at Anoka 3rd Addition. The final plat will be recorded at the time the City closes on the property.

Motion by Councilmember Weaver seconded by Councilmember Skogquist, to adopt a resolution for approval of Homestead of Anoka 3rd Addition final plat.

Councilmember Weaver stated the park dedication of \$203,000 for this large development would be a nice infusion into the park capital fund and hoped concerns with parking would be addressed.

Mayor Rice said the continuum of care concept will continue as baby boomers age as it allows people to age in place and is good for the community.

Councilmember Skogquist inquired about the opening timeline. Mr. Borglund said the applicant plans to close at the end of June and that staff is already reviewing proposed building plans.

Councilmember Weaver spoke about how the VOA does amazing work then shared about his mother's experience with their great staff and caregivers and said the City was fortunate to have the VOA in Anoka.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Motion carried.

9.5 RES/Development Agreement; VOA Anoka AH GP LLC, VOA Phase 3.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Borglund shared a background report stating the City has entered into a purchase agreement with The Homestead at Anoka, Inc. At the time of closing on the development property, the development obligations will be transferred to VOA Anoka AH GP, LLC who for the purpose of financing of the project and development. (NOTE: The same people involved under a different LLC names). Staff along with the City Attorney have drafted a Development Agreement between the City of Anoka and VOA Anoka AH GP, LLC, which encompasses the construction of an 80-unit senior residential building including all necessary site improvements on a 2.51-acre site being sold to Homestead at Anoka, Inc from the City of Anoka. He outlined the agreements several points of interest: and said the resolution authorizes the City Attorney to make necessary adjustments based on Homestead at Anoka, Inc./VOA Anoka AH GP, LLC comments that may be forthcoming. If there are any changes that would alter the intent of the agreement. The agreement would be brought back to the City Council for review and consideration.

Motion by Councilmember Skogquist seconded by Councilmember Barnett, to adopt a resolution approving a development agreement VOA Anoka AH GP LLC, VOA Phase 3.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Motion carried.

9.6 RES/VOA Assignment and Amendment to Purchase Agreement.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Borglund shared a background report stating the City of Anoka entered into a purchase agreement with The Homestead at Anoka, Inc. (VOA) for the sale of a 2.51-acre site in the City of Anoka, State of Minnesota (“Property”), allowing VOA to construct an 80-Unit Senior Residential Building, with an effective date of November 10, 2021. For the purpose of financing and construction, The Homestead at Anoka, Inc. is requesting to assign the purchase agreement for the Property to VOA Anoka AH GP, LLC. Through the assignment, VOA Anoka AH GP, LLC, will assume all rights and obligations of The Homestead at Anoka, Inc. under the Purchase Agreement, and The Homestead at Anoka, Inc. will be relieved of the same. Further, the amendment includes a new closing date of June 30, 2022

Motion by Councilmember Barnett seconded by Councilmember Skogquist, to adopt a resolution approving the VOA assignment and amendment to purchase agreement.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Motion carried.

9.7 RES/Official Intent to Reimburse City for 2022 SSIP and SRP Costs in 2023 with Tax Exempt Obligations Issued by the City.

RESOLUTION

Finance Director Brenda Springer shared a background report stating on February 22, 2022, City Council approved the plans and specifications, authorized the advertisement for bid, and set the bid date for the 2022 Street Renewal Project - Swede Town Phase II. The Street Renewal Program involves the complete reconstruction of the streets, including the replacement of the concrete curb & gutters, bituminous pavement, sidewalks, street lights, driveways & concrete aprons, sanitary sewer, watermain, service laterals, storm sewer, and boulevard restoration. On this same date City approved the plans and specifications, authorized the advertisement for bid, and set the bid date for the 2022 Street Surface Improvement Project. On April 18, 2022, City Council approved bids and awarded the construction contracts for the 2022 SSIP and SRP. She said the City will be using general funds to initially pay for the construction and then bond for the funds in 2023 and reimburse general funds. She stated in 2022, the City will be bonding for both the remaining cost of the Law Enforcement/Animal Containment facility (\$4M) and the expansion for the water treatment plant associated with Wells 6 & 8 (\$6M). Ms. Springer

noted the City would remain under the \$10 million in bonds for fiscal year 2022, so they can be bank certified, which allows for a lower interest rate on the bonds and that the City will bond for the street projects in January 2023. Staff is recommending the City Council approve a resolution adopting a statement of official intent to reimburse original expenditures.

Motion by Councilmember Barnett seconded by Councilmember Wesp, to adopt a resolution declaring the official intent of the City of Anoka to reimburse for 2022 street surface improvement and renewal project costs with the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the City.

Mayor Rice asked if there are other ways to pay for this or if bonding is the only option. Ms. Springer outlined possible other funding sources but said there was not enough in the street renewal fund for this project but noted the fund would be reviewing more in the future to better understand what is available each year for each project.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Motion carried.

9.8 RES/Conditional Use Permit for Online Auto Sales Office and Showroom – 901 W. Main Street.

RESOLUTION

Senior City Planner Clark Palmer shared a background report stating Star Auto Sales Inc./Eugene DuBois is seeking approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the property located at 901 W. Main St., Bay 1 (eastern most garage bay). The applicant wishes to establish a “small specialized online auto sales office and showroom” use. He noted in 2021 the City Council passed an ordinance amendment to the B-1 Highway Business District allowing the use with a CUP with specific CUP standards written into the ordinance. He outlined the specific standards in detail and said the applicant is returning with an application for a CUP for 901 W. Main Street, Bay 1. Staff finds the applicant’s plans comply with the conditions and noted the applicant is required to maintain compliance with the conditions, otherwise the CUP may be revoked by the City Council. Mr. Palmer said the Planning Commission reviewed the application and held a public hearing at its regular meeting on May 3, 2022. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the CUP subject to the conditions set forth in City Code as well as the additional condition of approval that the applicant shall obtain building permit if required.

Councilmember Wesp asked if the Anoka Ramsey Automotive was relocating from the first bay. Mr. Palmer said the business owner was retiring and that the applicant was interested in Bay 3 but it had already been rented so they would occupy Bay 1 instead.

Councilmember Skogquist shared concerns about potential outdoor storage but felt this will work because it is enclosed and was operated by appointment only.

Motion by Councilmember Wesp seconded by Councilmember Weaver, to adopt a resolution approving a conditional use permit, 901 West Main Street, Bay 1, based on the outlined condition.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Motion carried.

9.9 RES/Third Amendment to Purchase Agreement; Ryan Companies US Inc.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Borglund shared a background report stating on February 18, 2020 the City approved a purchase agreement with Ryan Companies for the sale of a 14-acre parcel at the northwest corner of & 7th Avenue and Bunker Lake Boulevard. Due to COVID-19, the state of retail, and the City's desire to obtain a grocery retailer on the 14-acre site at 7th Avenue and Bunker Lake Boulevard. On July 6, 2020 the City Council approved the First Amendment that included additional time is being requested by the buyer which would extend the time period to May 2021. He outlined other portions of the amendment and the resulting extensions said the City and Ryan Companies US Inc. have executed a purchase agreement for \$3.28 per square foot, \$142,857.00 per acre, or a total of \$2,000,000.00. No changes to the purchase price have been discussed with this proposed amendment.

Mayor Rice commented the tax base outweighs the purchase price and while land costs were high, he was excited to get this site moving forward and realize the tax base it creates.

Councilmember Barnett said she was willing to hold the price and added she was excited for the project as it would be the best fit for the site but noted the request was a lot.

Mr. Lee said staff supported staying with the price but suggesting putting the applicant on notice that in 10 months if a project is not done then the City will have to adjust to move them forward.

Councilmember Skogquist agreed this was a low price but said the City was doing so to try to reach a good end result and if not could be reevaluated then.

Motion by Councilmember Barnett seconded by Councilmember Skogquist, to adopt a resolution adopting the third amendment to the purchase agreement; Ryan Companies US, Inc.

Upon a roll call vote: Mayor Rice, Councilmembers Barnett, Skogquist, Weaver and Wesp voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. UPDATES AND REPORTS

12.1 Update/Reminder; Highway 47 (Ferry Street) and BNSF Railroad Crossing Open House Reminder, May 25, 2022, Anoka Hennepin Education Service Center.

Mayor Rice shared the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) would be hosting the Highway 47 (Ferry St) and BNSF Railroad Crossing Project Open House on May 25, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Anoka Hennepin Education Service Center located at 2727 Ferry Street (Door #7). The State has worked in partnership with Anoka County and City of Anoka in the planning of this project for both, the community and region. At the open house, the public will meet project representatives, view alignment alternatives options, and other informational materials. The public is welcome to attend this open house any time during the event.

12.2 Legislative Updates.

Mr. Lee said this agenda item allowed for the opportunity to discuss any bills of significance or direction from the Council during the legislative session then shared the social district bill had been forwarded to conference committee as part of the omnibus bill and that staff would provide an update when available.

12.3 Tentative Agenda(s).

The Council reviewed the tentative agendas of the upcoming Council meetings.

12.4 Staff and Council Input.

Councilmember

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Wesp made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting.
Councilmember Skogquist seconded the motion.

Vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Time of adjournment: 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Cathy Sorensen, *TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*

Approval Attestation:

Amy T. Oehlers, City Clerk