

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Worksession was held on August 10, 2020 at the Spring Lake Park City Hall, 1301 81st Ave NE, at 5:30 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

City Council Present: Councilmembers Wendling, Delfs, Goodboe Bisschoff, Dircks, and Mayor Nelson  
Staff Present: Police Chief Ebeltoft, Public Works Director Randall, Building Inspector Baker, Recreation Director Okey, Accountant Barker, and Administrator Buchholtz  
Visitors Present: None

#### A. 2021 General Fund Budget Presentation/Discussion

Administrator Buchholtz presented the proposed 2021 General Fund budget. The proposed 2021 budget is balanced, with both revenues and expenditures proposed at \$4,582,318, an increase of 1.32% over the 2020 budget. The proposed property tax levy for General Fund spending and debt service is \$3,581,980, an increase of 0.81% over the 2020 property tax levy.

Administrator Buchholtz noted the uncertainty with the State's finances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He suggested the City Council consider increasing the levy to allow for room to maneuver in the instance that the City should face a cut in Local Government Aid (LGA) for 2021. After much discussion, the City Council decided to increase the levy by 2.2%, generating an additional \$49,438, and to utilize General Fund fund balance to cover any remaining deficits resulting from a potential LGA cut.

**CONSENSUS OF THE CITY COUNCIL** is to recommend approval of the proposed 2021 budget, as amended, for City Council action at its September 7, 2020 meeting.

#### B. McKinley Street Lots Discussion (Goodboe-Bisschoff)

- Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired about selling the three remaining City-owned lots on McKinley Street. After discussion, the City Council asked Administrator Buchholtz to research the potential value of the lots and present the information to the City Council for potential action at a future work session.

#### C. Discussion of 527 82nd Ave NE (Goodboe-Bisschoff)

- Administrator Buchholtz stated that a realtor had contacted him about the potential of combining 515 and 527 82nd Avenue NE and the subdividing the larger parcel into 4 single family lots. He stated that the lots would be slightly below the standard lot size in the R-1 zoning district in relation to lot width (73.5 feet versus 75 feet) and lot size (9,580 square feet versus 10,000 square feet). He noted that the proposed lot split would remove a substandard home and a fire damaged home in favor of four new single family dwellings. After much discussion, the **CONSENSUS OF THE CITY COUNCIL** was to authorize Administrator Buchholtz to inform the realtor to proceed with a PUD application and plat.

D. Administrator Reports

Administrator Buchholtz informed the City Council of an opportunity to refund the 2014A GO Improvement Bond, saving taxpayers approximately \$50,000 in interest. **CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL** was to proceed.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the City's bond counsel, Andy Pratt, accepted a job outside of municipal finance. He recommended appointing Jenny Boulton, Kennedy and Graven, to represent the City in the upcoming bond refunding. The City Council raised no objection.

Administrator Buchholtz provided an update on the upcoming reopening of Key's Cafe and Bakery and Biff's Sports Bar.

**4. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

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Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

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Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer