



# **COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, June 04, 2025

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## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jennifer Massey  
Council President Jessica Chilton  
Councilor Mark Gundersen  
Councilor Russell Hubbard  
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

### **STAFF PRESENT**

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Crystal King, Communications Officer  
Jacob Graichen, City Planner

### **OTHERS**

Amanda McFerson  
MaryAnne Anderson

### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:58 p.m.**

### **TOPIC**

- 1. Annexation of Property Located at 58909 Firlok Park Street (Bradford & Teresa Pyl)**

### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

City Planner Jacob Graichen reviewed preliminary matters. There were no potential or actual conflicts of interest, bias in this matter, ex parte communications, or site visits. There were no objections from the audience for the Council to make a fair decision. Graichen went on to present the staff report on the annexation request for the property located at 58909 Firlok Park Street, owned by Bradford and Teresa Pyl.

Graichen noted that this annexation was more straightforward. He mentioned that the property was located along Firlok, close to previously annexed properties. The Planning Commission recommended approval, and there was only one zoning option available, Apartment Residential (AR).

Graichen informed the Council that the property owners had contacted the City earlier in the year inquiring about the status of their annexation, primarily due to their interest in obtaining lower utility rates. He stated that there didn't appear to be any controversy surrounding this annexation request.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**In Favor – None**

**Neutral**

- ◆ MaryAnne Anderson. She clarified that there were two separate issues at hand: 1) The one-year expiration question, which was not applicable in this case as the annexation was timely. 2) The broader issue of compliance with annexation laws, specifically referencing statute 222.127. Andersen explained that the law states "notwithstanding a contrary provision of a City charter or City ordinance" and "upon receipt of a petition proposing annexation." She questioned the interpretation of "upon receipt," suggesting that it should not apply to petitions filed decades ago. She cautioned the Council to pay attention to the dates on annexation documents and ensure they post-date the relevant statute. Andersen also advised the Council to confirm that current property owners still want to be annexed, noting that in some cases, properties had changed hands multiple times since the original petition was filed.

**In Opposition – None**

Following the public testimony, Council President Chilton asked if the applicant wanted to be annexed into the City. City Planner Graichen responded that the applicants had called expressing interest in obtaining lower utility rates, but they were not present at the hearing.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 7:06 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Jennifer Massey  
Jennifer Massey, Mayor