

1 CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
2 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
3 JANUARY 25, 2022
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5 **CALL TO ORDER.**

6 Mayor Stille called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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8 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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10 Mayor Stille invited the Council and audience to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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12 **ROLL CALL.**

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14 Present: Mayor Stille, Councilmembers Jenson, Randle, Walker and Webster.

15 Absent: None

16 Also Present: City Manager Charlie Yunker, Planning Commissioner Paul Morita, and Public
17 Works Director Jeremy Gumke.

18 Guests:
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20 **CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**
21 **ITEMS.**

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23 **I. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**

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25 Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to approve the City
26 Council Meeting Agenda of January 25, 2022 as presented.
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28 **Motion carried 5-0.**
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30 **II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS - NONE.**

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32 **III. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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34 A. Approval of January 11, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.

35 B. Licenses and Permits.

36 C. Claims.

37 D. Resolution 22-011 – Designating Mayor Stille as a Participant in Outside Organizations
38 for 2022.

39 E. Resolution 22-012 – Designating Councilmember Jensen as a Participant in Outside
40 Organizations for 2022.

41 F. Resolution 22-013 – Designating Councilmember Randle as a Participant in Outside
42 Organizations for 2022.

43 G. Resolution 22-014 – Designating Councilmember Walker as a Participant in Outside
44 Organizations for 2022.

45 H. Resolution 22-015 – Designating Councilmember Webster as a Participant in Outside
46 Organizations for 2022.

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48 Mayor Stille reviewed the consent agenda items adding detail to some of the items.
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1 Motion by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Randle, to approve the
2 Consent Agenda items.

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4 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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6 **IV. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE.**

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8 **V. REPORTS FROM COMMISSION AND STAFF.**

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10 A. Resolution 22-016 – Approving a Request for a Conditional Use Permit for an Electronic
11 Dynamic Display at 3303 33rd Avenue NE in the “ROS, Recreation Open Space Zoning
12 District.

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14 Planning Commissioner Morita reviewed the applicant (St. Anthony – New Brighton
15 Independent School District 282) is proposing to upgrade an existing ground sign for message
16 displays located at 3303 33rd Avenue NE. The ground sign is located along the south side of the
17 building, adjacent to 33rd Ave NE. Because a portion of the sign includes an electronic digital
18 display, the sign requires a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Section 155.29 of the City’s Sign
19 Ordinance.

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21 The Planning Commission reviewed the request at a public hearing on December 21, 2021.
22 Public input related to concerns over the School District’s use of funding for the sign. A
23 representative of the District reported to the Commission that the existing sign had been in place
24 for a period longer than its projected useful life and was no longer functional. The representative
25 further indicated that the requirements for compliance imposed by the Code, and mentioned in
26 the staff report, would be met, including the required black background. After discussion, the
27 Commission approved a motion to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit to the
28 City Council, based on discussed findings that included consistency with the ordinance
29 requirements for such signs, and the ability to meet the operational recommendations as stated in
30 the Staff report.

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32 Based on a review of the proposed sign and the applicable regulations, Planning Staff and the
33 Planning Commission recommend approval of the CUP request, with conditions related to
34 compliance with code requirements applicable to dynamic display signs.

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36 A PowerPoint presentation was given showing drawings and photographs of the proposed sign
37 and location. The conditions of the recommendation are the applicant must submit plans showing
38 a height of no more than 8 feet and compliance with the operational standards of the code in
39 Section 155.29, notably the requirements for a static, monochrome message of at least 8 seconds
40 duration, a black background, and other related requirements.

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42 Councilmember Walker asked about the code regarding the use of electronic signs and Mayor
43 Stille stated the code was revised as to not distract drivers with rapid moving lights. Mayor Stille
44 added the City Council decides what the conditions of the CUP are to be. The School District
45 will be spending the money for the sign.

1 Motion by Councilmember Jenson, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to approve Resolution
2 22-016 – Approval of a Request for a Conditional Use Permit for An Electronic Dynamic
3 Display at 3303 33rd Avenue NE in the “ROS” Recreation Open Space Zoning District.
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5 Councilmember Webster stated she is abstaining from the discussion and voting on this
6 resolution due to the fact that she is a school district employee.
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8 **Motion carried 4-0-1 (Webster).**
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10 Mayor Stille asked Commissioner Morita to thank the Planning Commission for their work on
11 updating the City Code.
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13 **VI. GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL.**
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15 A. Snow and Ice Control Presentation.
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17 Public Works Director Gumke provided a power point presentation summarizing St. Anthony
18 Village Snow and Ice Control. A forecast is done by 7 days, 2 days, 24 hours, via
19 communication with other local municipalities, radar, and local newscasts. The public can sign
20 up for email and/or text notification of when City lows will be clearing roads and plowing
21 notifications will also be posted on the City website and on social media.
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23 Pre-wetting with Salt Brine is done with a F-250 flatbed pickup truck with a 300 gallon tank and
24 spray bar 24 hours before an event. A 23% saltwater brine solution is used mixing 200 pounds of
25 salt per 300 gallons of water. 100-200 gallons are used per event.
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27 Plowing of main roads begins 30 minutes prior to the end of each event and routes are run with
28 four single axle plow trucks in teams of two. Currently two of the plow trucks are equipped with
29 salt tracking technology. Routes are divided into two primary zones; 33rd Avenue NE divides the
30 north and south routes. Parking lots at City Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, SAV High
31 School and Wilshire Park Elementary are done. Completion generally takes 2 hours.
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33 Following the completion of the main roads plowing of residential streets and sidewalks are
34 done. Four single axle plow trucks accomplish this and routes are divided into four quadrants of
35 the City. Cul-de-sacs, alleys and short roads are cleared with 2-ton and 1-ton pickup trucks.
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37 Councilmember Walker stated he believes there should be more than 450 participants in the
38 notification process. Mr. Gumke stated they would like to see more subscribers.
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40 Councilmember Webster commended the public works team at their attempt to reduce the
41 amount of salt on the roads. She appreciates the roads being cleared early in the mornings. She
42 asked what time the teams start on Sunday mornings and Mr. Gumke stated they start at 5am.
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44 Councilmember Randle stated he saw the plows pulling out of the lot at 4:30am.
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1 Councilmember Jenson stated he appreciates the way the plan is determined and the sequence the
2 way the plowing is accomplished.
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4 Mayor Stille commented in 6-7 hours the entire City is done and Mr. Gumke stated that includes
5 the sidewalks. Mayor Stille stated that is included in the capital improvement plan. A neighbor of
6 his was concerned on how the sidewalks ice up and it is the homeowner's responsibility to help
7 clear the sidewalks even though the City does plow them. Some of the crosswalks are very
8 slippery. Mr. Gumke stated some sand grit has been added to the crosswalk paint and it has been
9 working quite well. The entire City has not been done but will when the paint is more readily
10 available. Mayor Stille asked Mr. Gumke to give the Council's thanks to the public works staff.

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12 **VII. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

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14 City Manager Yunker stated there was a meeting of the Metro INET and a year ago he was
15 asked to be on the Executive Committee. He was re-elected to another three-year term.
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17 Councilmember Webster stated the Council participated in goal setting January 13-14 and she
18 appreciated the department head preparation along with the facilitators who lead the sessions.
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20 Councilmember Randle stated he attended the goal setting on January 13-14.
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22 Councilmember Jenson stated he also attended the goal setting session. On January 20, he
23 attended the Metro Cities Board of Directors Meeting. On January 21, he attended the Ramsey
24 County Local League of Governments Meeting.
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26 Councilmember Walker also attended the goal setting session. He preferred the recent session via
27 zoom.
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29 Mayor Stille stated he heard similar comments from department heads regarding the zoom
30 meeting. The meeting flowed very nicely. He thanked the Councilmembers for their participation
31 in the sessions. On January 21, the Chair of Ramsey County Commission had a zoom call with
32 Mayor Stille to get to know each other.
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34 **VIII. COMMUNITY FORUM.**

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36 No one appeared to address the City Council.
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38 **IX. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

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40 Councilmember Jenson reminded the Council that next week is the Leadership Institute a two-
41 day seminar February 4-5, 2022.
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43 **X. ADJOURNMENT.**

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45 Mayor Stille adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
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1 Respectfully submitted,
2 Debbie Wolfe
3 *TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*

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5 Mayor

6 ATTEST: _____
7 City Clerk

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