



**City of Moorhead
City Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2018 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on August 27, 2018, at 5:30 PM.

City Council Meeting

1. [Call to Order and Roll Call](#)

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Mari Dailey	Absent
1st Ward Council Member:	Sara Watson Curry	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Present
Mayor:	Del Rae Williams	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Joel Paulsen	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Gehrtz	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Chuck Hendrickson	Present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. [Agenda Amendments](#) – No agenda amendments were made.

4. [Consent Agenda](#)

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in accordance with the “Council Rules of Procedure”. In such event, the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda made by Heidi Durand and seconded by Sara Watson Curry

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion Passed

For: 6 - Sara Watson Curry, Heidi Durand, Joel Paulsen, Brenda Elmer, Steve Gehrtz, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Mari Dailey

Recused: 0 - (None)

5. Approve Minutes

A. [Minutes of August 13, 2018](#)

Motion to Approve the Minutes of August 13, 2018 made by Brenda Elmer and seconded by Steve Gehrtz

Motion to Approve the Minutes of August 13, 2018

Motion Passed

For: 6 - Sara Watson Curry, Heidi Durand, Joel Paulsen, Brenda Elmer, Steve Gehrtz, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Mari Dailey

Recused: 0 - (None)

6. [Citizens Addressing the Council](#)

No Citizens addressed the Council, at this time.

7. Mayor and Council Appointments

A. [*Resolution for Board Committee Appointments](#)

Engineering Department

8. [*Resolution to Request Design Variance for Improvements on Center Avenue from 8 St to the Red River. Eng. No. 19-A2-02](#)

9. [*Resolution to Award Bid for Sanitary Sewer Lining Improvements. Eng. No. 18-6-3](#)

10. [Consider Change Order No. 1 for Miscellaneous Concrete Improvements. Eng. No. 18-A7-01](#)

Minutes: City Engineer Bob Zimmerman presented the change order to realign a path in the Southside Regional Park plan and the cost estimate of \$36,000 and noted that funding for this change order is not in the budget for this project, and presented information from an August 21 public meeting regarding this subject. A resident expressed concerns about the current placement of the crosswalk and the paths in the Southside regional park plan, and the lack of public input in this project. A resident expressed concerns about a lack of public input in the Southside regional park plan, and safety issues in crosswalks in this plan. A resident expressed concerns about safety issues in the crosswalks in the plan, lack of public input in the plan and requested that the plan be put on hold. A resident expressed concerns about the process of developing the plan, the lack of public input in the plan, and safety concerns in the crosswalks in the plan. A resident expressed concerns about the placement of paths in the plan, lack of public input in the plan, and safety concerns in the crosswalks in the plan. The Council reviewed the discussion from the August 13, 2018 meeting regarding the development plan of the Southside Regional Park and there was discussion about options for access to the park. Assistant Engineer Tom Trowbridge reviewed the process of developing the Park plan, the current plan having paths that make the park accessible from many directions, and other trails in the City that are placed near residential properties. He also reviewed the speed limits in this area, the placement of speed limit signs, the use of rapid flashing beacons at crosswalks, and gave examples from other Cities where crosswalks are placed on a curve, like the crosswalks in this plan. Council member Paulsen reviewed the plan, and inquired about connecting the trails in the

Southside regional park to the City trail system, addressed crosswalk safety issues, and whether or not moving the crosswalk would alleviate safety issues, and discussed the rapid flashing beacons that would be used in this plan. Council member Hendrickson inquired about the timeline of the project, addressed the lack of public input in the development of the plan, and safety issues in the crosswalks. Council member Durand inquired about the placement of paths in the plan, their connection to sidewalks near the park, and safety issues regarding the paths and crosswalks. Council member Gehrtz reviewed comments that he has received about this project, police reports from this area in the past eighteen months, research that he had done about property values as it relates to properties adjacent to paths, information about crosswalk safety, the effects of rapid flashing beacons on crosswalk safety, and the other paths in the City that are adjacent to residential properties. Council member Elmer spoke about the importance for the City to develop a process for more public input in the development of City plans, and inquired about the change order budget for this plan. It was noted that the funding for change orders has been used in other aspects of this sidewalk improvement contract. There was discussion about how to fund the change order and the possible use of reserve funds. Council member Watson Curry noted that other neighbors in the area did not object to the placement of paths in the plan, addressed crosswalk safety concerns, and voiced her support of the original plan. It was noted that if the change order did not pass, the current plan would move forward.

Motion to Approve Change Order No. 1 for Miscellaneous Concrete Improvements. Eng. No. 18-A7-01 made by Steve Gehrtz and seconded by Heidi Durand

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Motion Failed

For: 4 - Heidi Durand, Brenda Elmer, Steve Gehrtz, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 2 - Sara Watson Curry, Joel Paulsen

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Mari Dailey

Recused: 0 - (None)

11. [*Resolution to call for an Assessment Hearing for Completed Public Improvement Projects Funded with Special Assessments](#)

Administration

12. Enter into agreements with the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation, to establish the Moorhead Community Fund and the Moorhead Community Endowment Fund

Minutes: It was noted that there are individuals and organizations that would be willing to contribute to recreational, arts and cultural amenities if their funds were dedicated to these purposes, and that community funds could be used to receive these funds and use them for their dedicated purpose. It was also noted that a community fund may enable the City to seek additional grant funding, and use these funds as matching resources. City Manager Chris Volkers reviewed the research and work done to develop the proposal for these funds. It was further noted that there would be a pass through fund and an endowment fund, that these funds would be managed by the FM Area Foundation, that there would be no cost from the City budget, and it was noted that the Park Advisory Board and the Arts and Culture Commission recommend approval of establishing these funds. Council member Elmer thanked the City staff and boards who have worked to develop these foundation funds, and reviewed the benefits of having private funding for City projects and recreational facilities. Council member Durand noted that benefits of having these foundation funds and noted how it might help the inclusive playground project. Council member Paulsen reviewed the benefits that other Cities receive from foundation funds.

Mayor Williams reviewed her conversation with an individual who wants to donate to Arts and Cultural projects, and would be able to use these funds to do so.

Motion to Enter into agreements with the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation, to establish the Moorhead Community Fund and the Moorhead Community Endowment Fund made by Brenda Elmer and seconded by Sara Watson Curry

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Motion Passed

For: 6 - Sara Watson Curry, Heidi Durand, Joel Paulsen, Brenda Elmer, Steve Gehrtz, Chuck Hendrickson

Against: 0 - (None)

Abstain: 0 - (None)

Absent: 1 - Mari Dailey

Recused: 0 - (None)

13. [*Budget Adjustment for Legislative Services](#)
14. [* Resolution Approving a Designated Bus Stop Policy for the MATBUS Fixed Route System Effective September 1, 2018](#)

Other

15. [Mayor and Council Reports](#)

Minutes: Mayor Williams reported on the work of the Arts and Culture Commission regarding a policy on public art, and reported that the MN DNR and the Army Corp. of Engineers have issued an Environmental Impact Study for Plan B of the FM Flood Protection Plan, and will have a public meeting on this issue on September 13. Council member Watson Curry reported on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting, and training that is available to obtain a masters in recycling and composting certificate.

16. City Manager Report

Minutes: City Manager Chris Volkens presented information about the Candidate Information meeting, for Mayor and Council member candidates, that will be held on September 5 at 3:00pm, and information about the forum for candidate questions that is shared with all candidates, so that everyone has all the information being put out by the City

17. Executive Session
18. New Business – No new business was presented.
19. Citizens Addressing the Council

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:



DEL RAE WILLIAMS, Mayor



Lance K Beachem, City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and available for public review.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lance Beachem, City Clerk