

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 - 7:00 P.M. - 8150 BARBARA AVENUE**

****This meeting is via Zoom Video Conferencing (Hybrid Meeting)****

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The City Council of Inver Grove Heights met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2021, via Zoom Video Conferencing (Hybrid Meeting). Mayor Bartholomew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present via Zoom Video Conferencing/Phone: Mayor Bartholomew, Council Members: Dietrich, Piekarski Krech, Gliva, and Murphy; City Clerk Kiernan, Information Technology Manager Gade, Interim City Administrator/Community Development Director Rand, City Attorney McCauley Nason, Police Chief Chiodo, Civil Engineer Moser, Interim Public Works Director Eckles, City Engineer Kaldunski, Assistant City Engineer Dodge, City Planner Hunting, Associate Planner Botten, Finance Director Hove, and Interim Parks and Recreation Director Oyanagi.

Also Present via Zoom/Phone: Todd Shoemaker - Wenck; Allen Hunt - Fortistar; Lisa Janusz - Fortistar; Mark Rausch - Alliant Engineering; Eric Theisen - Watermark Properties; Caragh O'Brien; Pat Sveum - Wenck; and Cory Hausladen - Watermark Properties.

Mayor Bartholomew stated the meeting is via Zoom due to the recent curfew issued by the Governor.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.**
 - i.** Minutes from the March 1, 2021 City Council Work Session.
 - ii.** Minutes from the March 8, 2021 City Council Meeting.
- B.** Disbursements for Period Ending April 7, 2021. **Resolution 2021-91**
- C.** Consider Approval of Personnel Actions.
- D.** Consider **Resolution 2021-92** Authorizing Consulting Services Agreement with Madden, Galanter, Hansen, LLP, Attorneys at Law.
- E.** Consider Approval of Collecting Bargaining Agreements with IOUE Local 70 and AFSCME Local 1065 Council 5, for 2021 and 2022.
- F.** Consider Approval of Emergency Paid Sick Leave Program Extension through 2021. **Resolution 2021-93**
- G.** Consider Approval of 2021 and 2022 Compensation Pay Wage Adjustments for Non-Union Employees. **Resolution 2021-94**
- H.** Consider Accepting Donation from Am Vets to the Fire Department. **Resolution 2021-95**
- I.** Consider Accepting Anonymous Donation to Police and Fire Department. **Resolutions 2021-96 & 2021-97**
- J.** Consider Approval of Revised Lease Agreement with Dakota County for Criminal Justice Network (CJN). **Resolution 2021-98**
- K.** Consider Approval of New Massage Therapist, Laura Kasel, OyeSpa LLC.
- L.** Consider **Resolution 2021-99** Authorizing 2020 Transfers.
- M.** Consider **Resolution 2021-100** Authorizing 2021 Budget Adjustment for Police Escrow Accounts.
- N.** Consider **Resolution 2021-101** Authorizing 2021 Budget Adjustment for Technology Fund.
- O.** Consider **Resolution 2021-102** Authorizing 2021 Budget Adjustment for Finance Department.
- P.** Consider **Resolution 2021-103** Authorizing 2021 Budget Revision for Community Development.
- Q.** Consider Approval of **Resolution 2021-104** Adopting Written Findings related to Denial of Application for Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Two Parcels Located at 5871 Cahill Ave.
- R.** Consider Contact Amendment with HKGI for the Park and Recreation Plan Update.
- S.** Consider Approval for Capital Improvement Fund Reallocation.
- T.** Consider Change Order No. 1 for the 2021 Pavement Management Program, City Project No. 2021-09A - Crack Seal.
- U.** Consider Change Order No. 1 for the 2021 Pavement Management Program, City Project No. 2021-09B - Seal Coat.

- V.** Consider **Resolution 2021-105** Approving Part 2 of the Application for Permit Coverage Under the 2020 Reissuance of the MS4 General Permit.
- W.** Consider Approval of Storm Water Facilities Maintenance Agreement for Lot 4, Block 1, Salem Hills Farm (6365 Bailey Trail).
- X.** Consider Approval of Storm Water Facilities Maintenance Agreement for Lot 1, Block 6, Broadmoor (11398 Avery Dr).
- Y.** Consider **Resolution 2021-106** Ordering Project, Approving Joint Powers Agreement, Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Developer-installed Improvements for City Project No. 2021-07 – 70th Street (CSAH 26) and Allen Way Intersection Improvements for the Canvas at IGH Development.
- Z.** Consider **Resolution 2021-107** Approving the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement for Construction of Seidl's Lake Pumping Station, City Project No. 2014-12 – Seidl's Lake Outlet.
- AA.** Consider Approval of a **Resolution 2021-108** Relating to a Preliminary and Final Plat for the plat to be known as Obrien Oak Terrace (Caragh O'Brien Bartness).
- BB.** Consider **Resolution 2021-109** Approving a No Build Area Use Agreement for Property Located at 6515 Babcock Trail and an Agreement No. 2 Related to Removal of Existing Home on Property at 6515 Babcock Trail.
- CC.** Consider **Resolution 2021-110** Approving and Authorizing Closing of Real Estate Transaction with Kurt Rechtigel.
- DD.** Consider **Resolution 2021-111** Accepting Proposal and Approving the Contract from SRF for the Preliminary Design and Engineering Services for City Project No. 2016-17 – 117th Street Reconstruction.
- EE.** Consider Issuing Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Fire Department Service Evaluation.

Councilmember Dietrich requested pulling Agenda Item 4P.

Motion by Dietrich second by Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item 4P.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4P. Consider Resolution Authorizing 2021 Budget Revision for Community Development. Resolution 2021-103

Councilmember Dietrich stated this item felt like it was outside the normal process in asking for the positions on a Consent Agenda. She asked if this should be expected from other Departments. Interim City Administrator Heather Rand responded this was added to the Consent Agenda after it was discussed at the Saturday Leadership Summit. She responded about seeing more of this in the future, stating they try to bring it to the Council first whether it is in a Leadership Summit Session or Work Session. She stated this is a mid-year budget revision reflecting a need in Community Development for staffing given the volume experienced over the last couple of years, especially in 2021. This ensures Permits are approved in a timely manner.

Councilmember Dietrich asked what would have to be turned down due to funds being directed to this position. She commented Finance is in need of staffing and wondered how this would play out in the big picture. Interim City Administrator Rand responded she does not see it as taking away from one Department for another. Without additional Staff, the building process would be much slower, and it is possible the City would receive less revenue from Permits. This is a revenue generating division. She stated Staff was aware they were unable to budget for this as a January 1 expense because they were all being cautious with COVID. There will definitely be additional budget requests for Staffing as they move forward. She stated Staff would be cautious but there are high expectations of service provisions. In this case they need the additional Staff.

Councilmember Dietrich asked if in the future Council could see this information on the regular Agenda instead of the Consent Agenda. She would like to see routine items on the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Gliva asked if the .5 office support was a replacement. Interim City Administrator Rand responded the .5 is a new position and would be added to what is currently a .5 position. There is an individual who is part time and retiring. When that person retires, rather than advertise for a .5, they would advertise for a

full-time position based on Staff needs. Councilmember Gliva asked if this was net .5. Interim City Administrator Rand responded correct. There is an additional Building Inspector position.

Councilmember Gliva stated the hiring of Staff budget items should not be on a Consent Agenda so it can be reviewed appropriately. Interim City Administrator Rand clarified the Council request stating anytime there is a request for additional Staff even if a budget revision, to not put it on Consent Agenda. She asked about placing it on the Consent Agenda even if it is discussed at a Work Session. Mayor Bartholomew responded if there is something on the Consent Agenda he wants to discuss, he would pull the item. He was open to either process as both options would still be vetted.

Motion by Murphy second by Piekarski Krech to approve Agenda Item 4P. Consider Resolution 2021-103 Authorizing 2021 Budget Revision for Community Development.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Consider Resolution Ordering Project, Authorizing Preparation of Plans and Specifications, Accepting Amendment to Engineering Services Proposal IPO 27B from Kimley-Horn, and Authorizing Land Acquisition Services for City Project No. 2016-09F - Carleda Way Area Improvements. Resolution 2021-112

Assistant City Engineer Steve Dodge stated he has spoken to the Public Works Director and City Attorney about this Public Hearing process because this deals with resident involvement. The recommendation was to continue the Hearing and do the Presentation at the May 10th City Council Meeting and hold the full Hearing at that time. City Attorney Bridget McCauley Nason stated based on the situation of having this meeting remotely, her recommendation is for the Council to open the Public Hearing and then continue the Public Hearing to 7:00 p.m. to May 10th. Staff will renote and republicize the Public Hearing. She stated this would be to both open and continue the Public Hearing.

Assistant City Engineer Dodge stated the Council is entertaining a 6:00 p.m. start time in the future and wanted to verify if May 10th would be when the 6:00 p.m. Council start time begins. City Attorney McCauley Nason responded assuming the Council goes through with the Three Readings and adoption of the change, it would be effective May 1st. The May 10th City Council Meeting start time would take place at 6:00 p.m. if the Ordinance is adopted.

Mayor Bartholomew asked how the time would be noticed with the two timeframes. City Attorney McCauley Nason responded there would be two options:

1. It can be noticed for 7:00 p.m. and would not be able to have the Public Hearing on that item until 7:00 p.m.
2. Notice it for 6:00 p.m. if Council believes the Ordinance will pass. If the Ordinance does not pass, the Council would call a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Public Hearing.

The Council agreed to Notice it at the 6:00 p.m. start time.

Motion by Gliva second by Dietrich to open the Public Hearing and continue the Public Hearing to May 10th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0 Motion carried.

B. Public Hearing to Consider a Resolution Ordering Project and Authorizing Preparation of Plans and Specifications for City Project No. 2020-06 Good Samaritan Pond (1301 50th Street). Resolution 2021-113

Interim Public Works Director Klay Eckles stated this is an emergency project correcting failed infrastructure with hopes to get it completed in this construction season. He commented the Council may wish to delay this, doing so could jeopardize the project from getting completed this year.

City Attorney McCauley Nason recommends the Council do the same with this item as they did with the last, open the Public Hearing and continue it to a later date. The Statute requires a Public Hearing be held, the Public Hearing notices indicated individuals could participate remotely or in person. City Hall doors have been posted with information about participating online for tonight's Hearing. The City Facebook page and the Chamber of Commerce sent out communication indicating the Public Hearings would be continued from tonight's meeting. She stated there is concern people saw that information, relied on it, and are not appearing at the Public Hearing. The recommendation is to open and continue the Hearing to the next meeting at the end of April. There are some legal, Engineering, and project-based concerns.

Mayor Bartholomew asked if moving this to the next meeting in April would help. Interim Public Works Director Eckles responded they could handle the two-week delay. There are still concerns about bidding that late and getting this done before the end of the construction season. They would make their best effort to get it done in the timeline. He stated having people see the notice and not show up to the Public Hearing would put assessments at risk. He agreed to wait for two weeks. Mayor Bartholomew stated April 26th is the next meeting scheduled. Council agreed.

Motion by Gliva second by Murphy to open the Public Hearing and continue this item, Public Hearing to Consider a Resolution 2021-113 Ordering Project and Authorizing Preparation of Plans and Specifications for City Project No. 2020-06 Good Samaritan Pond (1301 50th Street), to the April 26th City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. REGULAR AGENDA:

Community Development:

A. WENCK ASSOCIATES (FORTISTAR) - Consider the following for the property located at 2495 117th Street (west 100 acres);

- 1) Consider the Third Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to the IRM, Integrated Resource Management Overlay District to allow for an energy recovery facility for the generation of renewable natural gas as a conditional use. Ordinance 1404**
- 2) Consider a Resolution relating to a Conditional Use Permit, improvement agreement and related agreements for an energy recovery facility for the generation of renewable natural gas. Resolution 2021-114**

City Planner Allan Hunting stated this is the Third Reading of the Ordinance Amendment to allow the Energy Recovery Facility for Natural Gas and the Conditional Use Permit. The Plans meet all performance standards of the Code. This also includes reviewing the Standard Improvement Agreement, the Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Agreement, and documents for improvements within City easements. Staff recommends approval of both items.

Allen Hunt - Fortistar, stated there is a power facility they previously operated to the east of the proposed location. That facility was constructed in 1990 and has lived its useful life. The next best use of the landfill gas is currently being recovered and flared from Republic Landfill. They would clean the gas. He stated they are partnering with Xcel for injection of the gas and are excited to get the project online. There would be significant emission reduction locally and regionally because there would no longer be routine flaring of gas at the site. There would be minor combustion sources taking care of the combustion of gasses removed to make the RNG (Renewable Natural Gas). He stated they would look to get this project into construction in April/early May and have it up and running by February 1, 2022.

Mayor Bartholomew believes this is a wonderful project and applauds the endeavor to get it going. This solves a problem with flaring, enhances energy recovery and the use of a resource not being used. He stated if there was anything the City can do to help this move along smoothly let them know.

Mayor Bartholomew asked if everyone was in agreement with compliance to the conditions for the Conditional Use Permit. City Planner Hunting responded yes. Mr. Hunt agreed stating they have read the Agreements and agree with what is required.

Mayor Bartholomew stated he supports this for the reasons stated and felt it a wonderful addition to the City. He suggested taking this item in two votes, one requires a 3/5 vote, the other 4/5. Councilmember Gliva stated this is a great project, applauds all efforts, and looks forward to the project.

**Motion by Piekarski Krech second by Gliva to approve WENCK ASSOCIATES (FORTISTAR) -
1) Consider the Third Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to the IRM, Integrated Resource Management Overlay District to allow for an energy recovery facility for the generation of renewable natural gas as a conditional use. Ordinance 1404**

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0 Motion carried.**

**Motion by Piekarski Krech second by Dietrich to approve WENCK ASSOCIATES (FORTISTAR) -
2) Resolution 2021-114 relating to a Conditional Use Permit, improvement agreement and related agreements for an energy recovery facility for the generation of renewable natural gas.**

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0 Motion carried.**

B. WATERMARK PROPERTIES- Consider A Resolution relating to a Final Plat, Final PUD Development Plan, Development Agreement, and related agreements for the project to be known as Canvas of Inver Grove Heights. Property located at the northeast quadrant of Hwy 3 and 70th Street. Resolution 2021-115

City Planner Hunting stated this is the final approval of the first Phase of the Canvas of Inver Grove Heights project. 70th Street is on the South; South Robert Trail is on the west. Phase 1 includes:

- 108 rental detached housing units
- Construction of Allen Way (Collector Street)
- The segment of the public street heading to the east

Phase 2 includes:

- 10 additional homes

Future Phase includes:

- Apartment building

He highlighted small changes from the preliminary to the final:

- Allen Way was narrowed from the right of way from 80 feet to 70 feet.
- Actual paved surface was reduced by 10 feet. This was done to reduce impervious surface and to minimize grading and retaining wall construction.
- In the southeast corner where Allen Way would be, the connection drops down with a wetland. Originally it would have a lot of tall retaining walls, those were taken out of the plan. There would be more grading in the area and a little tree removal. There would not be any impact to the wetland. All items meet Code requirements for reforestation and open space.
- The County requires all roadway improvements, at the intersection.

Staff recommends the final plat and final PUD Development Plan for Phase 1.

Eric Theisen, Watermark Properties, stated they have been working on this project with Staff, the Planning Commission, and the City Council. They like how the final plan has turned out. Mayor Bartholomew asked about the items that have been revised and if they were in agreement to the changes. Mr. Theisen responded they are in agreement.

Councilmember Piekarski Krech asked if changing the grading at the entrance of Allen Way and 70th Street changes the capacity of the pond. City Planner Hunting responded it does not. She was concerned they are not reducing on site capability. Assistant City Engineer Steve Dodge responded he has been working with Alliant Engineering and Consultant, Wenck and Associates, reviewing the stormwater capacity of the ponds. The regional basin capacity for stormwater management have been maintained as part of this development plan. Mark Rausch, Alliant Engineering, agreed stating they have been working to make sure the volume is provided and all that is working together to make sure the flood storage is there. They are providing more flood storage than what is there today.

Mayor Bartholomew stated this is a good addition, likes the concept, is a good fit for the location, a new layout and product, and is excited to see this work. He thanked the Applicant for working closely with Staff and residents. Councilmember Murphy stated this is a great fit for the Community.

Motion by Murphy second by Dietrich to approve WATERMARK PROPERTIES- Resolution 2021-115 relating to a Final Plat, Final PUD Development Plan, Development Agreement, and related agreements for the project to be known as Canvas of Inver Grove Heights. Property located at the northeast quadrant of Hwy 3 and 70th Street.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Mayor Bartholomew asked when they would begin. City Engineer Tom Kaldunski responded the grading has already begun.

Interim Public Works Director Eckles stated one of things they would do is try to get a safe and efficient intersection on the County Road. They have been working with the County and Developer to develop the intersection. He stated a Public Hearing is not required but would be engaging the neighborhood and seeking their input. More information will be provided to the Council as the project progresses.

C. Consider the First Reading of an Ordinance to allow fences to be 48 inches in height within the front yard area of a lot.

Associate Planner Heather Botten stated earlier this year Council directed Staff to review the Ordinance relating to fences in the front and corner front yards. Currently the Fence Code requires fences in the front yard provide at least 75% clear visible opening and cannot be taller than 42 inches. Staff believes the maximum fence height requirement of 42 inches is for public safety. It likely stems from the MnDOT road design manual that states the assumed height of both the driver's eye and the object to be seen are 3.5 feet above roadway surfaces. She stated 42 inches has been in the Code for a long time, another reason could be for aesthetics and uniformity.

She stated Staff looked into the fence requirements of four abutting Cities. It was a split vote on either maximum height of 42 or 48 inches. Staff reached out to two companies that work in the City, they stated the 42-inch type fence is available for purchase, but the 48-inch is a more standard height. Staff continues to find a benefit to the maximum fence height of 42 inches with a 75% clear visible opening due to the public safety standard. Staff believes the residential properties on corner lots are at a disadvantage as they have more than one front yard setback where the maximum height is required.

She stated Staff is in support of an Ordinance change on the corner side of the fence requirements and would support an Ordinance change of a 48-inch height with a 75% clear visible opening on the street side. She stated at the Public Hearing for the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission recommended approval of a 48-inch maximum height in all front yards.

Councilmember Murphy asked about the 75% visibility and how that was determined. Associate Planner Botten responded its determined at the Building Permit process. A review was done by Staff to make sure it meets the clear visibility requirement. Councilmember Murphy asked if the 75% was a formula. Associate Planner Botten responded a chain link fence meets the requirements. With a picket fence, they look at spacing guidelines which would be about 50% visibility.

City Engineer Tom Kaldunski stated he has been Engineering for about 45 years. The requirement MnDOT has had on the 42-inch eye height has been there his entire career and has long standing history. He is in support of it because that is what MnDOT would make them do if looking at site distance issues from their perspective. He stated Engineering would recommend the 42-inch height.

Mayor Bartholomew asked what problem they would be creating if going to the 48-inch height. City Engineer Kaldunski responded MnDOT would not take it out unless it is next to a MnDOT Highway. MnDOT’s idea with the 42-inch height is that the driver in the car would have clear visibility of other things behind the fence that are above the same height.

Mayor Bartholomew stated part of the reason they were looking into the 48-inch height was due to possible limited availability of the 42-inch fence height and the standard was going to a 48-inch height. Associate Planner Botten responded it has been what some of the Applicants have said. It has been said that 42-inches is more of a special order and not in stock as much. She stated when reaching out to the two companies, they did state the 42-inch was available, they did not say the cost difference or if it was a special order. Both said 48-inch is a height they have seen in general in front yards.

Councilmember Murphy referenced the image Associate Planner Botten displayed where the front drops to 42-inch and asked if that were what would potentially happen. He asked if it would need to drop in height even if the fence was connected. Associate Planner Botten responded that was correct. Councilmember Murphy stated in his opinion, he does not see a lot of residents being happy with the situation. He did not feel it would look nice. He commented they need to have it one way or the other. Mayor Bartholomew stated there are mixed uses in Communities around us. He believes things have changed, in a residential area, cars are driving at a lower speed. He was not opposed to 48-inches. If it conflicts with MnDOT they would need to go with 42-inches. Associate Planner Botten stated Staff was recommending just the blue area in the diagram be changed, the Planning Commission recommended all front yards.

Councilmember Murphy stated if changing, Planning Commission’s recommendation was the way to go. He does not know if it solves the problems. He was not sure residents would be happy dropping the height of the fence because they went from the side of the yard to the front of the yard. His thought was to consider 48” all the way around. Mayor Bartholomew agreed and stated he would be fine with 48-inches as proposed by the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Gliva asked if having 48 inches, and a resident wants to have 42 all the way around, if they could. Mayor Bartholomew responded yes. She stated if having 48 inches and there is an issue, they would have to drop down to 42 inches, where they were anyway. She stated she would be in agreement with whatever is decided being kept the same. She agreed with Planning Commission’s recommendation.

Motion by Gliva second by Dietrich to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance to allow fences to be 48 inches in height within the front yard area of a lot for all frontage as listed in the Planning Commission’s report.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Engineering:

D. Consider Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Developer installed Improvements for City Project No. 2021-03 - NWA Emergency Pumping Systems and Force Main Improvements for Regional Basins EP-027A and EP-034. Resolution 2021-116

Assistant City Engineer Dodge gave a presentation on the NWA Emergency Pumping Systems and Force Main Improvements for Regional Basins EP-027A & EP-034, City Project 2021-03 as follows:

Overview:

- Two 10” force main systems that connect to 70th Street.
- Regional Basin #27 is on the north side of the Canvas Property along Robert Trail.
- #34 is a Regional Basin along 70th Street.
- Each basin is proposed to have a 10” force main installed with the Canvas Development.

- Both meet at an existing storm gravity system currently installed under 70th Street with the roundabout project.
- Basin #27 has a 45-foot rise from the bottom of the basin. This is a Terminal Regional Basin, the last of several basins around and the lowest. This is unique to other Regional Basin areas and why the force main should be installed now with the project.
- Basin #34 has a 30-foot rise.

Project Funding and Schedule:

- Estimated project cost = \$400,224.
- In the feasibility report, costs were above \$600,000.
- Worked well with the Developer and Wenck and Associates to initiate cost effective measures in order to reduce costs.
- Measures implemented would provide roadside pumping locations that eliminate structures (expensive).
- Eliminated a gravity sewer system by running the force mains directly to the 70th Street area.
- Construction schedule would run concurrent with the development.

Recommendation:

- Council adopt the Resolution approving plans and specifications.
- Authorize the Developer to install improvements for City Project 2021-03.

Mayor Bartholomew stated funds were listed as Developer funds and from the Northwest Area Stormwater Fund. He was not aware they delineated between the northwest area and the Stormwater Fund in general. Assistant City Engineer Dodge responded it is from the Northwest Area Stormwater Fund. Those are fees collected from Developers as the northwest area is developed and specifically used for northwest area stormwater improvements like this. He stated these stormwater improvements are being dually funded by both the Northwest Area Fund and by the Developer. It is based off the volume of water with the watershed. It is 14.5% Developer and 85.5% City.

Councilmember Gliva asked how those percentages were broken out. Assistant City Engineer Dodge responded Staff worked with Wenck and the Developer to develop modeling that shows the volume of water coming from impervious spaces. This is based on watershed areas going to the basins. Todd Shoemaker, Wenck, stated it is the amount of water that falls on Canvas versus the area outside of Canvas that drains to the basins.

Interim Public Works Director Eckles stated they had a strategic session over the weekend and discussed a goal of Engineering to try to find ways for process improvement and to streamline some of the processes. It is rewarding to see the effort here. He stated there is a great cost savings as a result of creative work done by Staff, the Developer, and the Consultant. They are hoping to continue to find time to do those types of things and to simplify workloads in terms of process.

Mayor Bartholomew stated it was a significant savings going from \$600,00 to an actual of \$400,000. He appreciated the work Staff and the Interim Public Works Director have done. Councilmember Dietrich agreed and thanked Mr. Eckles for getting that done.

Motion by Dietrich second by Gliva to approve Resolution 2021-116 Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Developer installed Improvements for City Project No. 2021-03 - NWA Emergency Pumping Systems and Force Main Improvements for Regional Basins EP-027A and EP-034. Resolution 2021-116

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Administration:

E. Consider Second Reading, Ordinance Amending City Code Related to Council Meeting Times.

Interim City Administrator Heather Rand stated this is the Second Reading of the Ordinance that would change the meeting start time. City Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. This Ordinance suggests they start at 6:00 p.m. A Third Reading will take place at the meeting on April 26th. She stated this would become effective at the May 10th and 24th City Council Meetings.

Mayor Bartholomew stated there was an email received that should be accepted to the Record. City Clerk Kiernan responded the email is from Mark Johnston.

Motion by Murphy second by Gliva to accept the email from Mark Johnston into the Record.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Dietrich second by Murphy to approve the Second Reading, Ordinance Amending City Code Related to Council Meeting Times.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1 (Piekarski Krech) Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Bartholomew stated he was thankful for the Strategic Planning meeting held over the weekend. He found it helpful and looks forward to the follow up. He encouraged Councilmembers to get their comments and questions into Staff Members. He thanked Staff. He thanked everyone for pulling tonight's meeting together at the last minute.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)(3) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase of real property interests in the real property located at 6680 Robert Trail South, Inver Grove Heights, MN (Parcel ID No. 20- 00500-51-010).

City Attorney McCauley Nason stated the Council is being asked to move into a Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, Subd. 3(c)(3) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the potential purchase of real property interests in the real property located at 6680 Robert Trail South, Inver Grove Heights, MN (Parcel ID No. 20- 00500-51-010). The closed meeting will be held on a separate Zoom log in number and if the Motion is approved will commence immediately. Once the closed portion of the meeting is completed the City Council will reconvene the open meeting portion of tonight's meeting. She stated there being no further items on the Agenda, once back in open session the Council will adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Piekarski Krech second by Gliva to move into Executive Session at 8:12 P.M.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Piekarski Krech second by Gliva to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:53 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Recording Clerk Sheri Yourczek