

1 CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
2 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
3 JULY 13, 2021
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5 **CALL TO ORDER.**

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

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

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15 Present: Mayor Stille, Councilmembers Jenson, Randle, Walker and Webster.
16 Absent: None
17 Also Present: City Manager Charlie Yunker and Finance Director Shelly Rueckert
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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 JULY 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**

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25 Mayor Stille stated he is promoting Consent Agenda Item G., Resolution 21-059; a Resolution
26 Approving the Special Event Permit for the Black-Owned Business Bazaar on July 24, 2021. It
27 was noted this was previously approved for a different date and a different event name.
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29 Motion by Councilmember Randle, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to approve the City
30 Council Meeting Agenda of July 13, 2021 as presented.

31 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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33 **II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS - NONE.**

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35 **III. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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37 A. Approve June 22, 2021, Council meeting minutes.
38 B. Licenses and permits.
39 C. Claims.
40 D. Resolution 21-055; a Resolution Accepting Grants and Donations in the 2nd Quarter of
41 2021.
42 E. Resolution 21-056; a Resolution Approving Interfund Loan for Tennis Courts.
43 F. Resolution 21-057; a Resolution Rescinding Local Emergencies
44 G. Resolution 21-059; a Resolution Approving the Special Event Permit for the Black-
45 Owned Business Bazaar Hosted by Kelechi (Kelly) Ibekwe at Central Park Upper
46 Parking Lot July 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
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1 Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to approve the
2 Consent Agenda items.

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4 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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6 **IV. PUBLIC HEARING.**

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8 **A. Resolution 21-058; a Resolution Approving the Proposed 2022 Debt Levy and the Phase**
9 **II Debt Levy Program.**

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11 Finance Director Shelly Rueckert reviewed a power point presentation regarding the Debt Levy.
12 Ms. Rueckert stated it is common practice for local governments to use tax exempt bond
13 financing to provide funds for major projects such as Street and Utility Reconstruction; Park
14 Improvements, Trails and Sidewalks; Building Improvements or Replacement; and Major
15 Equipment Purchases (Fire Trucks). Annual street improvements are the main driver of the debt
16 levy. The street improvement sources and debt service funds were reviewed. Ms. Rueckert stated
17 the Debt Levy Reduction Program (Peak to Plateau) began in order to stabilize the annual
18 increase in levies. This program has served to lower annual levy impact of street reconstruction
19 by \$2,675,000 over the last 8 years. Peak to plateau process was scheduled to complete its “Peak
20 elimination” step in 2023 but that was accomplished as part of the 2021 budget. The City is two
21 years ahead of schedule.

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23 Ms. Rueckert provided the Assessment Maps for the street improvements and explained Phase I
24 and Phase II of the Debt Levy Planning. The Phase II Street Improvements for 2022 were
25 reviewed. The Debt Levy will remain at \$2,487,181 for levy years 2022 and 2023. City Council
26 is asked to approve the proposed 2022 Debt Levy of \$2,487,181 and approval of the Phase II
27 Debt Levy Program.

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29 Mayor Stille stated this has been discussed at a work-session by the City Council. This is a
30 milestone where the debt levy does not continually increase. The City will be contributing cash
31 to some of the projects. Previous Council’s plan was to not let the infrastructure deteriorate.
32 Mayor Stille congratulated Ms. Rueckert on the peak to plateau plan.

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34 Mayor Stille opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

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36 Mayor Stille closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

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38 Motion by Councilmember Jenson, seconded by Councilmember Randle, to approve Resolution
39 21-058; a Resolution Approving the Proposed 2022 Debt Levy and the Phase II Debt Levy
40 Program for the City of St. Anthony Village.

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42 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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44 **V. REPORTS FROM COMMISSION AND STAFF – NONE.**

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46 **VI. GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL.**

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A. GARE Team Update.

City Manager Charlie Yunker reviewed a PowerPoint presentation for the GARE Team Update. This is an overview of the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) efforts and next steps. This was made available to St. Anthony through a partnership with the League of Minnesota Cities in 2017. Twenty-three cities participated in this year-long GARE curriculum. A map of the participating jurisdictions was provided for the City Council. GARE is a national network of governments working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. GARE uses a three-prong approach:

1. Supporting Jurisdictions that are at the forefront of work to advance racial equity.
2. Building pathways for new jurisdictions to begin doing racial equity work, including cohorts of new jurisdictions.
3. Expanding and strengthening local and regional collaborations that are broadly inclusive and focused on achieving racial equity.

Mr. Yunker reviewed the Cohorts and Race & Equity Plan. The objectives of GARE are to create a shared understanding of racial equity, build capacity and skills to advance racial equity and assure St. Anthony is a Welcoming Village for everyone. The progress was reviewed including all-staff training, personnel practices, and code compliance citing examples. The St. Anthony Police Department is accountable and transparent. Other work is being done in Administration & Finance – Virtual City Hall, Public Works Internship Program and Liquor Department Customer Service Training.

The next steps include keep working and asking questions and also include:

1. Next Iteration of the Action Plan
2. Continuous Review of Policies and Practices
3. Resume all Staff Trainings
4. Welcome Initiative
5. Revise Staff’s Core Values?
6. Time to Rotate Team Members?
7. Join Just Deeds Project?
8. Utilize Community Survey Results.

Mr. Yunker stated the newest GARE Team Member will be Jennifer Doyle.

Councilmember Walker thanked Mr. Yunker for his presentation and asked about the personnel practices and there not being much for redaction. Councilmember Walker asked what some of the things that were redacted are. Mr. Yunker stated many positions had the requirement for a Minnesota Driver’s License and since positions require a driver’s license it could be from another state. Another example would be high school diploma or GED. Higher degrees were not included as requirements if not actually needed.

Councilmember Walker asked about virtual City Hall. Mr. Yunker stated the idea was to be able to access services online instead of having to come to City Hall. Councilmember Walker stated zoom may be an option for residents to be present in real time at Council Meetings if they wish.

1 Councilmember Walker asked what the timeframe is for the Just Deeds project and Mr. Yunker
2 stated it will be discussed at the next Council work session.

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4 Councilmember Webster thanked Mr. Yunker for the presentation. She understands Mr. Yunker
5 has served on the GARE Team since the beginning. She asks what topics could be brought to
6 Council to assist the GARE Team with implementation. Mr. Yunker stated service delivery is
7 primary and if that direction needs updating staff would need to know. The Community Survey
8 gives feedback from residents. Councilmember Webster asked about the process for code
9 compliance and how data can be segregated.

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11 Mayor Stille stated the Council supports the work that the GARE Team and City Staff does to
12 eliminate barriers. Mayor Stille thanked the GARE Team, City Manager, Sandy Simon, Mattie
13 Jaros, Holly Quarry, Jeremy Gumke, and Dan Diegnau. He also thanked Jennifer Doyle the new
14 GARE Team Member.

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16 B. 2nd Quarter Goals Update.

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18 City Manager Charlie Yunker reviewed the 2021 City of St. Anthony Goals Chart Strategic
19 Initiatives in detail and provided updates for 2nd Quarter 2021.

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21 Mayor Stille asked if a pledge as received for Salo Park to keep it clean. Mr. Yunker stated that
22 is part of the discussion to keep it clean.

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

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26 The June 2021 NineNorth Programming, Website & Social Media for St. Anthony Village was
27 provided for City Council review.

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29 City Manager Yunker stated Jennifer Doyle is new HR Coordinator and Deputy City Clerk for
30 the City.

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32 Councilmember Webster had no report.

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34 Councilmember Randle had no report.

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36 Councilmember Jenson had no report.

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38 Councilmember Walker had no report.

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40 Mayor Stille stated on July 12, he attended the Regional Council of Mayors Meeting. Today he
41 attended the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization Board Meeting. He attended the
42 League of Minnesota Cities Sessions, along with the entire City Council, on June 22-25, 2021.
43 Dee Love is the new President of the League of Minnesota Cities.

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45 **VIII. COMMUNITY FORUM.**

1 No one appeared to address the City Council during Community Forum.

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3 **IX. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE.**

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5 **X. ADJOURNMENT.**

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7 Mayor Stille adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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9 Respectfully submitted,

10 Debbie Wolfe

11 *TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*

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Mayor

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14 ATTEST: _____

15 City Clerk

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