

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
LITTLE CANADA, MINNESOTA**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the City Council of Little Canada, Minnesota was convened on the 11th day of October 2023 in the Council Chambers of the City Center located at 515 Little Canada Road in said City.

Mayor Tom Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and the following members of the City Council were present at roll call:

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Fischer, Council Members T. Miller, Kwapick, Gutierrez and D. Miller.
Absent: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Corrin Wendell, Public Works Director Bill Dirks, City Engineer Eric Seaburg, City Clerk/HR Manager Heidi Heller, and Community Relations Manager Laura Linehan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-108 – APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 WORKSHOP AND THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 REGULAR MEETINGS AS SUBMITTED

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by D. Miller.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident commented on a dangerous intersection near her home and asked how to provide that input to staff. Mayor Fisher replied that the resident could email the Public Works Director with the information.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A GARAGE AT 2572 EDGERTON STREET

The Community Development Manager presented a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a new home with an attached garage with total accessory structures not to exceed 1,500 square feet at 2572 Edgerton Street. She explained that the existing home would be demolished and new home would be rebuilt. She stated that the existing accessory structure would remain on the property. She provided an overview of the CUP as proposed. She recommended that the Council hold the public hearing and consider approval of the request.

Mayor Fischer opened the public hearing for comments from the general public.

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There were no comments from the public. Upon motion by Kwapick, seconded by T. Miller, the public hearing was closed. Ayes (5). Nays (0). Motion adopted.

Kwapick introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-109 – APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO ALLOW A NEW HOME WITH AN ATTACHED GARAGE AND KEEP THE EXISTING DETACHED GARAGE WITH TOTAL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES NOT TO EXCEED 1,500 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 2572 EDGERTON STREET, PID 082922120008

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by T. Miller.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A GARAGE AT 2410 DIANNA LANE

The Community Development Director presented a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a garage expansion with total accessory structure not to exceed 1,500 square feet at 2410 Dianna Lane. She stated that the applicant proposes to expand the existing attached garage to add an additional space to create a three-car garage. She provided an overview of the CUP as proposed. She recommends that the Council hold the public hearing and consider approval of the request.

Mayor Fischer opened the public hearing for comments from the general public.

There were no comments from the public. Upon motion by T. Miller, seconded by D. Miller, the public hearing was closed. Ayes (5). Nays (0). Motion adopted.

D. Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-110 – APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO ALLOW AN ATTACHED GARAGE EXPANSION WITH TOTAL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES NOT TO EXCEED 1,500 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 2410 DIANNA LANE, PID 082922140022

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by T. Miller.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

ORDINANCE 881, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 1103 TO ALLOW RAISING CHICKENS

The Community Development Director presented a text amendment to City Code which would allow the keeping of chickens. She provided background information including the reviews completed by the Planning Commission.

The Community Relations Manager reviewed the results of the community surveys completed on this topic. Mayor Fischer asked how the survey was initially distributed. The Community Relations Manager replied that the survey was published on social media, the City website, and included in the

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Friday News Update. She stated that as people responded, the second survey was sent on a rolling basis. Mayor Fischer commented that there is not a statistically significant meaning from the survey, but it does show there is passion and good input was received.

The Community Development Director reviewed the draft ordinance including some additional changes that have been recommended. She reviewed the administrative tasks that would be associated with this process. She provided an overview of the comments from the Planning Commission and asked the Council to consider the ordinance amendment.

Mayor Fischer opened the public hearing for comments from the general public.

Erik Thorne, 325 Eli Road, commented that he was raised on a farm. He noted that slaughter is not allowed but explained that chickens get old and are meant to be eaten. He agreed that roosters should not be allowed.

Rocky Waite, 2651 Lake Shore Avenue, commented on the turkeys that have been quarantined and that will be killed because of avian flu. He asked the type of housing that would be required for chickens and why chickens are wanted in the backyard. He noted that you would have chickens near a swimming pool. He commented that chickens carry disease and are prey to the predators in the area. He commented on the process for harvesting chickens. He also expressed concern with chicken manure and the diseases that smell that spreads. He believed that if people want to keep chickens, the coops should be placed directly against the person's home to contain those issues. He did not see a reason chickens are needed in Little Canada when people can purchase eggs from the grocery store or farmers market. He stated that when he lived on a farm it was recommended that a veterinarian visit multiple times per year to ensure the coops are clean.

Tonya Weigel, 2613 Edgerton Street, asked if there would be a required setback for the cook and run from a lake. She had concern with the manure runoff into the water.

Helen Martin, 193 Burke Lane, commented that she plans to do a lot of research before purchasing her chickens. She noted that Roseville has no regulations and also has no complaints. She noted that even in communities that allow chickens, there are relatively low numbers of residents keeping chickens. She stated that those that are keeping chickens are interested in doing a good job because it is a costly endeavor. She did not believe that coops need to be heated, as the coops are small, and the body heat of the chickens heat the coop sufficiently. She stated that if culling were not allowed, people would still figure out what to do with a chicken that needed to be culled. She commented that a coop would not be too large, while the run may be larger/longer to allow the chickens more space and protection from predators.

Mayor Fischer commented that most of the people that want to have chickens are going to do the right thing and invest the money to make that happen, but the City has a responsibility to be cognizant of neighbors and those people that may keep chickens and fall behind. He explained that the ordinance needs to be written in a manner that provides that enforcement process.

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There were no further comments from the public. Upon motion by D. Miller, seconded by T. Miller, the public hearing was closed. Ayes (5). Nays (0). Motion adopted.

The Community Development Director stated that an additional setback could be added for lake properties if desired. Mayor Fischer commented that there is not a firm answer on point related to the impact on water and therefore that cannot be decided tonight. T. Miller noted that they would need to ensure there is no dumping into the lake. Gutierrez asked if that was mentioned in regulations from other cities. The Community Development Director commented that they did not come across that type of setback in the regulations of other communities. She confirmed that would be unique to Little Canada if they were to add that type of setback.

Mayor Fischer asked the options for disposal of chickens if culling is not allowed. The Community Development Director replied that there are offsite facilities that provide that service. Gutierrez commented that there are butchers licensed by the FDA that will take in chickens for the purpose of culling. She noted that egg laying chickens that people keep in their backyards are often old when they reach that time and therefore are not desired for eating.

The Community Development Director commented that a chicken run would be attached to a coop and would be covered to allow additional exercise space for the chickens that would be protected from predators. She commented that people with fenced backyards could allow them to run in their yard, but many people choose not to do that because of the risk of predators. Mayor Fischer asked if the run would be required or whether chickens could run in the yard. The Community Development Director confirmed that the run would not be required and if the yard were fenced, the chickens could be allowed to run in the yard. T. Miller noted that mean that chickens could come up to a fence where a neighbor child may be.

Gutierrez commented that a few members of the Council visited residents in Roseville to view their coops. She commented that it is fairly standard to have the coop with an attached, and covered, run. She stated that one home had a fenced area in the yard that contained the run and coop and during the day the owner would sometimes allow the chickens in the expanded area. She noted that resident had not lost any birds to predators. The Community Development Director stated that the draft ordinance provides the option of the fenced in exercise area or the run. Mayor Fischer commented that he would want to see the coop and run as required elements. The Community Development Director confirmed that change could be made to require those elements and make the exercise yard optional.

Mayor Fischer asked if there is a regulation relating to manure. The Community Development Director reviewed the language included relating a nuisance. Mayor Fischer commented that there should be something more measurable. Gutierrez commented that it is her understanding is that if people were not composting or providing the manure to a farmer, the person would bag up the manure and dispose of that similar to other pet waste. She noted that chickens eat food scraps and therefore the net waste balances out for most people that keep chickens as they may have chicken waste to dispose of but also less food scraps.

Kwapick referenced the licensing and asked if the City is comfortable with those fees and duration. The Community Development Director commented that this was a middle ground in terms of a fee

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when reviewing the cities surveyed. She noted that the fees and duration was also acceptable to the Planning Commission and residents that provided input. Mayor Fischer commented that he would want the fee to cover the staff time needed to process applications and code enforcement. The Community Development Director commented that they would track licenses in a similar fashion to rental licensing. She stated that they will also track nuisances and code enforcement.

Kwapick stated that he likes the requirement for a site plan and coop specifications. He asked if an educational component was considered. He noted that another community requires a two-hour video to be watched on the best practices for keeping chickens. The Community Development Director stated that education was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting and in addition to the application, they would provide an educational handout and links to educational programs/courses available. She stated that the City could also offer a chicken keeping offering to its recreational programming. Kwapick stated that he was not as interested in offering a program but passing on educational information or links to things that are already out there. Mayor Fischer commented that it would seem to make sense to have a link to educational information next to the application or on the website.

D. Miller commented that this is not a cheap endeavor and most people deciding to keep chickens are looking up that information. He agreed that they should still include links to educational information. He asked what would happen if someone does not renew their application and has the coop but no longer has chickens. The Community Development Director replied that they would want to ensure that it does not become trash in the yard. She stated that if the structure were not deteriorating it could be considered similar to a bench or gazebo in the yard.

Kwapick asked and received confirmation that the license would apply to the address.

Mayor Fischer asked what would happen if someone continues to have chickens but does not renew their application. The Community Development Director replied that letters would be sent out in reminder of the expiration of the license. She stated that if no response is provided, code enforcement would visit the property and attempt to make contact. She stated that if there is still no response, they would follow the typical code enforcement process that could involve fines.

T. Miller commented that she would have concern with neighbors if there is a five-foot setback. She stated that some people do not want chickens near their property and five feet is not that much space in a side yard. She commented that she would prefer to see them in the backyard. The Community Development Director commented that in some cases there would not be enough space in the side yard for the coop to be located. She confirmed that concerns were received from residents that have features in their backyard that would be concerned with chickens nearby. She commented that there are some pie shaped yards that have much more space to allow a coop and therefore those parcels would make sense. Mayor Fischer commented that the rear yard is preferred but the side yard was added to address more unique properties. He noted that the site plan review would allow staff to discuss the most appropriate placement.

T. Miller asked if there would be a notification for neighbors. The Community Development Director commented that perhaps notification could be sent to make neighbors aware of the chicken license. T.

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Miller noted that if a neighbor were opposed they would then have the opportunity to make adjustments on their own property. Gutierrez stated that there are no requirements for someone to have a license or regulations when they get a dog or have children. She noted that there are people that dislike dogs and yet that burden is not placed on dog owners. T. Miller commented that generally someone will not get ten dogs, put them in the side yard and leave them in the yard. Gutierrez commented that ten dogs and ten chickens are very different. T. Miller commented that while most people will be neighborly and talk to their neighbors, that will not always happen and therefore she believes people should be notified so that they could make adjustments on their own property if desired. She stated that she wants this to be successful and therefore wants to ensure it is set up properly to avoid future conflict. D. Miller commented that Little Canada is at the tail end because most other communities allow the keeping of chickens and they are not hearing a lot of complaints from those other cities. He noted that there is no notification of neighbors for dogs, you find out when the dog barks at you. T. Miller commented that she just prefers to handle issues on the front end rather than dealing with them later when it is more difficult. She noted that she does not oppose the keeping of chickens and just wants to make sure it is set up properly.

Mayor Fischer provided background information on this topic in the community over the years, noting that he attended educational sessions in the past where people were passionate while others were angry. He noted that after those sessions the people that were angry still were not very supportive but were less angry about the issue. He stated that he recently talked about this with local mayors to gain their input and they stated that getting the ordinance in place is the hard part and then it becomes a nonfactor. He noted that there are larger cities that allow chickens and only have ten permits issued. He recognized that some people want to keep chickens and he believes this ordinance is pretty close. He recapped the issues that needed additional clarification and/or research, noting that in most instances those are administrative updates that could occur after the approval but if desired this could be tabled and come back to the next meeting.

Kwapick stated that in order to ensure everything is done correctly, he would be supportive of bringing this back at the next meeting. The Council agreed.

Fischer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-111 – TABLE CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 881 TO THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN ORDER FOR STAFF TO MAKE FURTHER CHANGES TO THE LANGUAGE

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by T. Miller.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE CITY TRAIL AND SIDEWALK MAP

The Community Development Director presented the proposal for the Comprehensive Plan amendment to include an updated pedestrian trail and sidewalk map. She compared the existing map to the updated map. She reviewed the Comprehensive Plan requirements and impacted agency review

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period. She noted that three comment letters were received from three communities which shared their plans in order to better coordinate. She asked the Council to conduct the public hearing and consider approving the resolution. She noted that once approved by the Council, this would be submitted to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration.

Mayor Fischer commented that there was feedback from other cities related to terminology and labeling and asked if those have been incorporated. The Community Development Director confirmed that has been incorporated into the final update of the map.

Mayor Fischer opened the public hearing for comments from the general public.

There were no further comments from the public. Upon motion by Kwapick, seconded by T. Miller, the public hearing was closed. Ayes (5). Nays (0). Motion adopted.

D. Miller commented that he likes the expansion into the other communities whereas the old map ended at the boundary. He also liked the addition of the proposed trails as that will assist with funding opportunities. Gutierrez recognized that the City has been discussing wayfinding signage options and noted that she could see where that could provide benefit to trail users.

D. Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-112 – APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by T. Miller.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

ORDINANCE 878, ADDING CHAPTER 214 STORMWATER UTILITY AND ORDINANCE 883 AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE TO ADD STORMWATER UTILITY FEES

The City Engineer provided background information on a stormwater utility and an enterprise fund. He explained why a stormwater utility fund is needed and the amount of funding that has been determined to be needed to support the ongoing costs to maintain the stormwater system. He reviewed the ten-year need compared to the revenue stream, noting that levels out around the ten-year mark. He explained the considerations that were reviewed in order to calculate the user fee proposed. He then summarized the property type classes and proposed rates. He then provided examples of rates that would be paid for properties that are not single-family or townhomes. He reviewed the previous Council considerations and work that has occurred to get to this point. He reviewed the next steps and asked the Council to hold the public hearing and consider adoption of the ordinance.

Mayor Fischer opened the public hearing for comments from the general public.

Eric Thorne, 325 Eli, commented that small residential properties and townhomes are lumped together. He did not think that should be done as townhome properties are larger with more hard surface. He commented that \$82 may not seem like a lot but it is a lot to some people and that number will

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continue to increase. He commented that many people in his neighborhood are self-employed or retired and the additional fee will be a burden. He noted that the property taxes for Little Canada just increased by over nine percent in addition to this fee.

Mayor Fischer explained that property tax increase was a not to exceed number and while the final number will be in that neighborhood, it would not exceed that percentage. He noted that the City portion of property taxes is a small piece of the property tax pie.

The City Engineer commented that they delineated over 900 single-family homes along with all the townhome units in the city. He commented that townhome units and driveways are smaller but when the private roads are added in, the figures net out between the two types of properties. He commented that the proposed fee is in line with the comparison done of other communities, but recognized a new fee is never easy to add.

The Public Works Director explained that if this fee were not added, the property tax levy would increase to cover these expenses in the general fund. Mayor Fischer commented that this will also allow the City to be more proactive to address items because they become larger issues that still need to be paid for.

There were no further comments from the public. Upon motion by Fischer, seconded by T. Miller, the public hearing was closed. Ayes (5). Nays (0). Motion adopted.

Mayor Fischer recognized that this is a new fee and while he is not a fan of new fees, this is a standard fee in communities and allows money to be placed in the right buckets to provide funding for these projects. He noted that this will prevent a situation where funds are not available to address an issue that arises.

Kwapick referenced the \$500,000 need was divided out to determine the user fee. He noted that would not include the new homes being built. The City Engineer confirmed that when new homes are added, the contribution into the fund will increase by those additional units to continue to build the fund balance.

Mayor Fischer noted that the Council would have a voice in determining whether the fee increases from year to year or whether the new homes offset the additional need and therefore the fee could remain flat in those times. D. Miller echoed the comment that if this were not done, the levy could be higher. He noted that this will also provide dedicated funding and allow the City to be proactive when it comes to the stormwater system. Gutierrez noted that this would add transparency to where the funds are coming from and going.

Mayor Fischer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-113 – ADOPTING ORDINANCE 878, ENACTING CITY CODE CHAPTER 214 ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER UTILITY FUND IN LITTLE CANADA AND APPROVING PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY ORDINANCE

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The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by D. Miller.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

Mayor Fischer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-114 – ADOPTING ORDINANCE 883, AMENDING THE LITTLE CANADA FEE SCHEDULE TO ADD A STORMWATER UTILITY FEE WITH ONE EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT (ERU) SET AT \$82 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by D. Miller.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

ORDINANCE 879, ADD CITY CODE CHAPTER 1209, TOBACCO AND CANNABIS USE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND ORDINANCE 880, AMENDING CITY CODE 2601, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF PARKS TO PROHIBIT TOBACCO & CANNABIS USE

The City Clerk commented that this was discussed at the September 27th workshop, and it was determined that they would focus on the smoking component at this time. She noted that this would ban smoking of tobacco and cannabis, as well as all tobacco products. She noted that this ordinance focuses on the parks and any property controlled by the City. She stated that the second piece would add language related to parks and management of park facilities to add a section related to tobacco and cannabis, along with updating the penalties for violation. She provided input from the discussion of the Parks Commission related to enforcement. She stated that Ramsey County does have a smoking ordinance in effect and therefore much of that language was used in order to provide consistent ability for enforcement. She asked the Council to hold a public hearing and then consider the ordinances as proposed. She noted that if changes are desired, this could come back to a future meeting.

Mayor Fischer opened the public hearing for comments from the general public.

Tonya Weigel, 2613 Edgerton, asked for the background for different rules in parks versus on roads/streets. The City Clerk commented that there has been a lot of talk about where people could go. She explained that someone could cross the road if they saw someone coming whereas it would be harder to get away from someone on a trail. Ms. Weigel expressed a concern and would like to see the walking paths along streets regulated in the same manner as trails within parks.

There were no further comments from the public. Upon motion by Fischer, seconded by T. Miller, the public hearing was closed. Ayes (5). Nays (0). Motion adopted.

D. Miller thanked staff for doing an excellent job and keeping similar language to Ramsey County as the City uses Ramsey County for law enforcement. He recognized that this is the start and amendments can be made if needed.

Kwapick agreed and noted that staff did a great job summarizing the discussion in the workshop. He commented that while he is not a fan of smoking, he does agree that people should have the option to smoke along a roadway. He recognized that people living in a structure with a shared wall with

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another unit would still need somewhere to go to partake in cannabis. He commented that if there are complaints about people smoking on the sidewalk, he would think this could come back for amendment. Mayor Fischer commented that perhaps there could be a distinction between sidewalks and dedicated trails in the future if that becomes an issue. He noted that this was a topic at the local mayors meeting and every community is looking for the perfect ordinance. T. Miller agreed that there have to be options for outdoor use and believes that this is something to start with and amendments could be made in the future if needed.

T. Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-115 – ADOPTING ORDINANCE 879 ENACTING CITY CODE CHAPTER 1209 PROHIBITING TOBACCO AND CANNABIS USE IN THE CITY, AND APPROVING PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY ORDINANCE

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by D. Miller.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

T. Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-116 – ADOPTING ORDINANCE 880, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2601 TO PROHIBIT TOBACCO AND CANNABIS USE IN PARKS AND UPDATE PENALTIES LANGUAGE

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Kwapick.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

The City Clerk noted that this will go into effect beginning Monday and staff will work to place signage in the parks.

CONSENT AGENDA

T. Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-117 – APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

- Approval of the Vouchers
- Approve Reduction of Letter of Credit for Gervais Woods 2nd Addition Development
- Approve ADA Self Evaluation for Public Rights of Way in the City of Little Canada
- Approve Partial Pay Request No. 5 to MN Paving and Materials for Twin Lake Boulevard Improvement Project
- Accept 3rd Quarter Financial Report

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Fischer.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

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STAFF REPORTS

ORDINANCE 882, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 802, TOBACCO FOR GENERAL SALES AND DISPLAY LICENSES

The City Clerk explained that this was also discussed at a recent workshop and recapped the two types of licensing that the City has related to tobacco. She stated that a gas station owner has reached out with a desire to sell their business, but under the current ordinance the tobacco license would not transfer, and the gas station would then not have the ability to sell tobacco products. She noted that as more people pay at the pump for gas, the gas station needs products to bring people in to increase sales. She stated that this proposed change would allow an existing business holding a general sales and display license as of May 25, 2022 to transfer the license with the sale of the business to another party.

Mayor Fischer recognized that there were intentional changes made in 2022 to scale away from tobacco. He was glad to see that this is in front of the Council as this was one change that was punitive. He welcomed input from the public.

T. Miller commented that she does stick by the original decisions that were made in the past and did not believe those were meant to be punitive, and therefore would stick by that. Mayor Fischer agreed that the intent was not meant to be punitive, but perhaps it ended up being punitive.

Kwapick introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-118 – ADOPTING ORDINANCE 882 AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 802.025, TOBACCO, TO ALLOW A NEW OWNER OF AN EXISTING BUSINESS TO BE ISSUED A GENERAL SALES AND DISPLAY TOBACCO LICENSE, AND APPROVE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY ORDINANCE

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by D. Miller.
Ayes (4). Nays (1) (T. Miller opposed). Resolution declared adopted.

ACCEPT FEASIBILITY REPORTS FOR 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON COUNTRY DRIVE AND JACKSON STREET AND CALL FOR IMPROVEMENT HEARINGS

The City Engineer stated that the intent is to summarize the feasibility report for the proposed 2024 street improvement projects. He provided details on the City's infrastructure improvement planning. He provided details on the two project areas, Country Drive and Jackson Street, as well as the proposed improvements for those areas. He reviewed details on the estimated costs and proposed funding. He also provided details on special assessments and assessable properties. He reviewed the anticipated project timeline noting the neighborhood open house that was held on September 26th.

T. Miller introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-119 – RECEIVING REPORTS AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON IMPROVEMENT NO. 2024-PW42, JACKSON STREET AND

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IMPROVEMENT NO. 2024-PW43, COUNTRY DRIVE AND SET THE IMPROVEMENT HEARING DATE FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2023

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Fischer.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

ADDITION

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT 209 RYAN DRIVE

The Public Works Director provided background information on drainage improvements that were made by Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) which increased the elevation of Ryan Drive and caused an issue at 209 Ryan Drive. He noted that some fixes have been made as staff has been working with this property owner. He explained that during large events the water is not getting out to the overflow which causes water backing up onto the site. He noted that this issue was not occurring prior to the improvements from RWMWD and therefore staff has continued to work with the property owner to find a solution. He stated that the proposed work was bid to five companies, three bids were received with the low bid at \$12,750. He noted that the contractor has a full schedule and will try to complete the work this fall, otherwise would complete the work in the spring. He stated that the property owner is also in agreement with the terms and timeline. He stated that the funds would come from the stormwater portion of the general fund and provided details on the available funding.

Mayor Fischer thanked staff for working with the property owner to find a solution.

Kwapick introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-120 – APPROVING THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT 209 RYAN DRIVE BY KLEIN UNDERGROUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,750

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by D. Miller.
Ayes (5). Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND MEETING UPDATES

D. Miller noted the grand opening for Pioneer Park next Tuesday, October 17 at 5:00 p.m.

T. Miller commented that RCLG has a presentation Friday on climate change. She stated that NYFS has a grant opening of their White Bear Lake location next Friday.

Gutierrez provided an update of the most recent Fire Relief meeting that she and Mayor Fischer attended.

Mayor Fischer commented on the quarterly meeting he attended for the Roseville School District which was held at the alternative learning center. He advised of the forum that will be held at Upper Spooner Park from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. next Thursday where residents can ask questions and interact with the Council.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Thomas Fischer, Mayor

Attest:

Christopher Heineman, City Administrator