

CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS  
DAKOTA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Held Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council, City of Mendota Heights, Minnesota was held at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1101 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Levine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilors Lorberbaum, Paper, Mazzitello, and Miller were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council, the audience, and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Levine presented the agenda for adoption. Councilor Mazzitello moved adoption of the agenda. Councilor Paper seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Levine presented the consent calendar and explained the procedure for discussion and approval. Councilor Lorberbaum moved approval of the consent calendar as presented.

- a. Approval of March 21, 2023 City Council Minutes
- b. Approval of March 21, 2023 Council Work Session Minutes
- c. Approve Installation of Spill Control for Bulk Oil Storage at Public Works
- d. Approve Resolution 2023-18 Authorizing Continued Participation in the Dakota County Drug Task Force
- e. Approve Hiring of Fire Marshal
- f. Approve Massage License
- g. Approve January and February 2023 Treasurer's Reports
- h. Acknowledge February 2023 Fire Synopsis
- i. Approval of Claims List

Councilor Mazzitello seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to be heard.

## PRESENTATIONS

### A) WYLAND NATIONAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION

Assistant City Administrator Kelly Torkelson stated that the Wyland Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, presented by the Wyland Foundation, with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense, National League of Cities, The Toro Company and Zenni Optical, addressed the growing importance of educating consumers about the many ways water is used. Mendota Heights will be participating in this friendly competition again this year, along with other cities in the population category of 5,000-29,000. The City encourages residents to make a series of online pledges at [mywaterpledge.com](http://mywaterpledge.com) to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution, and save energy.

Mayor Levine commented that she took the pledge and encouraged residents to participate.

## PUBLIC HEARING

No items scheduled.

## NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A) RESOLUTION 2023-19 PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL OPIOID SECOND SETTLEMENT

City Administrator Cheryl Jacobson stated that the State of Minnesota has signed onto five new national opioid settlements worth \$20.4 billion with major opioid manufacturers Teva Pharmaceuticals and Allergan, and three of the nation's largest retail pharmacy chains – Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens. All Minnesota cities and counties are asked to participate in the second round of settlements in order for the state to receive more than \$235,000,000 over 15 years.

Councilor Paper asked if the funds could be accessed by the City for educational purposes through Dakota County.

City Administrator Cheryl Jacobson replied that is not her understanding of how the funds would be used. She explained that the City would not be able to apply for the funds and that Dakota County will determine how the funds are used.

Mayor Levine thanked staff for their work on this matter. She commented there has been an issue of equity because the larger cities receive their own allocation and the smaller cities do not get their own allocation. She recognized that the County has the public health staffing and noted that City staff have been asking appropriate questions at the meetings. She stated that the County Board has not yet provided data on how the funds would be allocated and wanted to ensure that the City would continue to be represented in those discussions.

Councilor Paper moved to approve RESOLUTION 2023-19 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS STAFF TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTISTATE SETTLEMENTS RELATING TO OPIOID SUPPLY CHAIN PARTICIPANTS, AND IN THE MINNESOTA OPIOIDS STATE-SUBDIVISION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.

Councilor Mazzitello seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Administrator Cheryl Jacobson announced upcoming events and activities.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Paper recognized a scout in attendance at the meeting. He also wished everyone a happy Passover, Easter, and Ramadan.

Councilor Lorberbaum announced a pancake breakfast fundraiser for NDC4 on Saturday, April 15 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's on Robert Street in West St. Paul. She stated that tickets can be obtained on the Townsquare TV website. She advised of the musical, Newsies, with performances at a local school on the last two weekends of April. She wished everyone meaningful holidays and happy spring.

Councilor Miller commented that it is spring sports season for the high schools and encouraged drivers to be aware of pedestrian activity.

Councilor Mazzitello also encouraged pedestrian awareness as more people are walking and biking on the roads. He noted Coffee with Council on April 15 and encouraged residents to attend. He stated that last Saturday he attended the annual Fire Department recognition dinner. He recognized the outstanding staff members in all city departments.

Councilor Miller provided more information on the annual awards that were presented at the Fire Department recognition dinner.

Mayor Levine thanked public works and public safety staff for their efforts during the storm this past weekend. She stated that she also attended the recognition dinner and many of the firefighters had been up all night responding to the storm. She also recognized some of the members of the department that received awards at the ceremony including years of service recipients.

## ADJOURN

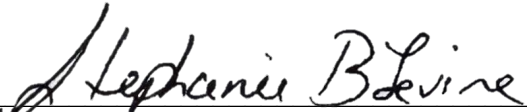
Councilor Mazzitello moved to adjourn.

Councilor Paper seconded the motion.

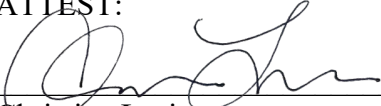
Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Mayor Levine adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephanie B. Levine  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Lusian  
City Clerk