

Minutes
Woodbury City Council
Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Pursuant to the due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held virtually and at the Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Road, on the 13th day of April 2022.

Call to Order

Mayor Anne Burt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Burt welcomed those listening and attending. She said members of the public may attend the meeting but will be required to comply with social distancing parameters as determined by the City. Members of the public may also join the meeting using a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device. Public comments will be accepted during the meeting both in person and by using the link to the virtual meeting to join the meeting and then submit your questions via the online Q&A feature within the meeting. Questions regarding the meeting will also be taken between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. via email council@woodburymn.gov or call 651-714-3524 and leaving a voicemail message.

Pledge of the Flag

Audience, staff, and Council pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Upon roll call the following were present: Mayor Anne Burt, Councilmembers: Kim Wilson, Andrea Date, Steve Morris, and Jennifer Santini. Absent: None

Others Present: Kimberlee K. Blaeser, City Clerk; Pam Whitmore, City Attorney; Clinton Gridley, City Administrator; Public Safety Director/Police Chief Lee Vague; Janelle Schmitz, Community Development Director; Karl Batalden, Housing and Economic Development Manager; Gina McCormack, Associate Planner; Tony Kutzke, City Engineer; and Chris Hartzell, Engineering Director.

Special Order of Business

A. Volunteer Recognition Week Proclamation

Mayor Burt read a Proclamation declaring April 17-23, 2022 as Volunteer Recognition Week in the City of Woodbury.

B. 2021 Community Development Annual Report

Community Development Director Janelle Schmitz reviewed the 2021 Community Development Annual Report. She added employment in Woodbury increased by 8.7% over the previous year; there are 54 new businesses and 5,000 new jobs; and building permit activity increased by 33% over the previous year.

Ms. Schmitz stated the City's Annual Business Celebration is planned for May 5, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. in Central Park. The event is open to the public, and the City Council is invited.

Ms. Schmitz stated Comprehensive Plan implementation initiatives include the 2021 Housing Action Plan; South of Dale Master Plan; Gold Line Station Area Master Plan; and Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Mayor Burt thanked the City's Community Development staff for their hard work and efforts.

C. In Appreciation of the Contributions of County Attorney Pete Orput on his Passing

Mayor Burt read a Resolution in full expressing appreciation of County Attorney Pete Orput.

Councilmember Santini moved, seconded by Councilmember Date,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-63

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota expressing appreciation for the contributions of County Attorney Pete Orput.

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Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

Open Forum

The Open Forum is a portion of the Council meeting where a maximum of three persons will be allowed to address the Council on subjects, which are not a part of the meeting agenda. Persons wishing to speak must complete a sign-up sheet prior to the start of the meeting. Give the sign-up sheet to any staff person. Speakers are limited to two minutes each. The Council will listen attentively to comments but, in most instances, will not respond at the meeting. Typically, replies to the concerns expressed will be made via letter or phone call within a week.

Amanda Pothen, 2781 Wimbledon Drive, stated she has questions about the City’s plans for development of accessible housing. She added the 2021 Action Plan includes affordable housing which she appreciates, but accessibility has always been valued in Woodbury. She noted it is not possible to talk about affordable housing without talking about accessible housing.

Ms. Pothen stated people living in long-term poverty account for more than half of all disabled persons. She added she has not been able to find affordable accessible housing in Woodbury, especially with covered parking areas. She noted she was disappointed that the Common Bond development at City Walk did not have covered parking, and she had hoped that the Orville project might have accessibility features, but they are not mentioned in the plans. She asked whether Orville Commons will have accessible units.

Consent Agenda

All items listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and an affirmative vote by roll call of a majority of the members present. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event, the items will be removed from the consent agenda and considered a separate subject of discussion by the Council.

Councilmember Wilson requested that Consent Agenda Items G, H, L, M and N be moved to Discussion.

Item A Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2022

Item B Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2022

Item C To adopt the following resolution **Resolution 22-64**

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving award of contract to Riverland Excavating, LLC, in the amount of \$134,262.50 for the construction of Bridlewood Farms Park and Park in Arbor Ridge Development and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign said contract.

Item D To adopt the following resolution **Resolution 22-65**

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving the issuance of a multifamily housing revenue note by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the City of Woodbury, Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C, as amended, to finance the costs of a multifamily housing development to be located in the City.

Item E To adopt the following resolution **Resolution 22-66**

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota adjusting the 2022 budget to add a Building Inspector position.

Item F To adopt the following resolution **Resolution 22-67**

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to execute an engineering consulting services contract with WSB, for construction administration services for the Air Lake Addition Utility & Street Improvements Project (Private Construction).

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Item G 2022 Regional Solicitation and Highway Safety Improvement Program; Federal Funding Application Process; Approval of Grant Application Submittals. This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to discussion.

Item H Ojibway Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation; Award Contract, Amend Budget. This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to discussion.

Item I To adopt the following resolution **Resolution 22-68**

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota accepting Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grand Funds.

Item J To adopt the following resolution **Resolution 22-69**

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota entering a Playground Equipment Removal Agreement with Kids Around the World for removal and disposal of the Marsh Creek Park play structure and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign said agreement.

Item K To adopt the following resolution **Resolution 22-70**

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing Acceptance of the City of Woodbury Temporary Water Treatment Plant Construction and Operation Project Grant Amendment #2 Contract #174676 through June 30, 2023, for \$975,000 from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Item L 2021 Year End Transfers. This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to discussion.

Item M 2021 Final Budget Adjustments. This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to discussion.

Item N 2021 Fund Closing and Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to discussion.

Item O To adopt a motion approving the issuance of a new liquor license and tobacco sales license to T&Y CAW, LLC dba Short Stop Wine & Spirits, effective 12:00 a.m., May 2, 2022, located at 2190 Eagle Creek Lane, Suite F and to cancel K&B Liquor, Inc.'s liquor license and tobacco sales license effective May 1, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

Item P To adopt a motion issuing a Tobacco Sales License to Woodbury Tobacco N Vape Plus, Inc. for their location at 10150 Hudson Road, #107, effective 12:00 a.m. April 16, 2022.

Item Q To adopt a motion cancelling the June 8, 2022 City Council Regular (Consent Agenda Only) meeting.

Item R To adopt the following resolution **Resolution 22-71**

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota creating and classifying an Environmental Resources Coordinator position.

Item S To adopt a motion approving the abstract of bills including payments made from the operating or project budgets for expenses of the city. The expenditures are from all funds of the city. Any purchased contracts requiring signature of the mayor and City Administrator is hereby approved. Staff recommends approval of the abstract of bills for March 18, 2022 in the amount of \$732,731.75, March 25, 2022 in the amount of \$1,007,802.14 and April 1, 2022 in the amount of \$750,108.80.

Councilmember Morris moved, seconded by Councilmember Santini, to approve the Consent Agenda items, with the exception of items G, H, L, M and N.

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Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

Swearing in of New Police Officers

A. Meaning of the Badge – Public Safety Director/Police Chief Lee Vague

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Lee Vague shared the meaning of the badge and called Timothy Filiowich, Tristen Forstner, Haley Linder and Thomas Sweeny forward.

B. Oath – Mayor Burt and New Officers Timothy Filiowich, Tristen Forstner, Haley Linder and Thomas Sweeny

Mayor Burt presided over the swearing in of Police Officers Timothy Filiowich, Tristen Forstner, Haley Linder and Thomas Sweeny after which they each had their badges pinned on by a family member or other important person in their life.

Public Hearings

A. Adoption of Special Assessments for the Lake Road and Pioneer Drive Intersection Improvements Project

Mayor Burt declared the public hearing open.

City Engineer Tony Kutzke reviewed the project area at the four-way intersection of Lake Road and Pioneer Drive, which includes a proposed roundabout, center medians and pedestrian crossing improvements. Public engagement included two outreach events in September 2020 and March 2021. The City Council reviewed the project in 2020 and 2021, with a public improvement hearing and preliminary report approval on November 10, 2021. If approved, the project would begin in June 2023 with completion by Labor Day.

Mr. Kutzke reviewed funding sources, including special assessments totaling \$212,610, to be used to partially fund this public improvement. There are three properties that will benefit from the project – a utility substation property, a church on the northeast corner, and the School District on the southeast corner.

City Staff recommends adoption of four resolutions related to this Agenda item. Residents can register for text notifications regarding the project at www.woodburymn/intouch.

Daniel Beran, 890 Winterberry Court, submitted a letter from Woodbury Community Church that formally objects to their proposed assessment for the roundabout on Pioneer and Lake and explained that construction will cause people to have difficulty getting access to the church. He added he has paid taxes on Lake Road and Pioneer Road for 15 years.

Sandy Pothen, 2781 Wimbledon Drive, stated she drives past this intersection every day, and there are often students crossing the road. She asked what the plan will be for pedestrian crossing.

Mayor Burt stated this public hearing is related to special assessments for this project. She added the topic of a roundabout at this location has previously been discussed and approved, as it has been determined that a single-lane roundabout is safe and effective for pedestrians.

Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to close the public hearing.

Voting in Favor: Wilson, Date, Morris, Santini, Burt
Absent: None

Councilmember Wilson stated she was not in favor of a roundabout at this location and voted no for the project. She added she does not know how to handle this vote as she still does not support the project.

Councilmember Santini stated many drivers will take detours through nearby neighborhoods based on GPS routes. She asked whether there will be temporary speed signage in the neighborhoods, as well as road closure signage. Mr. Kutzke stated City Staff is aware of these issues and will monitor traffic during closures to identify alternative routes that drivers are taking. He added “local traffic only” signage is planned, and signage will be modified continually to ensure drivers stay on detour routes.

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Councilmember Date stated, with regard to the decision to add a roundabout, there were differences of opinion between those, like herself, who support the project and those who did not support it. She added the safety of students crossing at the intersection is important to everyone. She noted her opinion is based on information from engineers, and roundabouts are proven to be safer than the current type of configuration. She noted there was a lot of discussion, and the majority felt this was the safest option.

Councilmember Morris moved, seconded by Councilmember Santini,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-72

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota adopting the special assessments for the Lake Road and Pioneer Drive Intersection Improvements Project.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – nay
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

B. Lake Road and Pioneer Drive Intersection Improvements Project; Award Contract; Amend Budget; Consultant Selection for Construction Administration Services (Item is not a public hearing. Council action needed after close of the Lake Road and Pioneer Drive Intersection Improvements Project Assessment Hearing.)

Councilmember Morris moved, seconded by Councilmember Santini,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-73

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota awarding the construction contract to Miller Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$1,790,642.33 for the Lake Road and Pioneer Drive Intersection Improvements Project and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign said resolution.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – nay
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

Councilmember Morris moved, seconded by Councilmember Santini,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-74

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota amending the Municipal State Aid Roadway Construction Fund and associated transfers.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – nay
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

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Councilmember Morris moved, seconded by Councilmember Santini,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-75

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to execute an engineering consulting services contract with SEH, Inc. for construction administration services for the Lake Road and Pioneer Drive Intersection Improvements Project.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – nay
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

Discussion

A. Gold Line Station Master Plan

Associate Planner Gina McCormack reviewed the Gold Line Station Area Master Plan including alignment detail, public improvement process, online tools and stakeholder meetings, workshops and a final draft report. She reviewed lighting and landscaping plans as well as land use changes at the Tamarack Station, Woodbury Theatre Station, and Wells Fargo site.

Ms. McCormack stated the proposed new pedestrian light fixtures, as referenced on page 4-20, have been installed on Tamarack Bridge.

Ms. McCormack stated City Staff recommends adoption of the resolution approving the Gold Line Station Area Master Plan.

Councilmember Wilson asked whether cart return areas will be placed near the Woodbury Theater site. Ms. McCormack stated no cart return areas are planned.

Councilmember Wilson stated she supports having a cart area, as well as assurances from local businesses that they are responsible for their carts. She added sidewalks should be required on both sides of Woodlane Drive rather than just the west side, as well as a clear pedestrian crossing on Woodlane Drive. She noted bike lanes should be included in the plans, consistent with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. She requested consideration of bike racks, rider drop-off and pick-up areas, designated Uber/Lyft zones, and cart returns.

Councilmember Morris asked whether the City Council will review station plans again, and whether the plans include bike racks. Ms. McCormack stated the Theatre Station and Tamarack Station are included in the Appendix under A-12. She added the 494 Station is a separate development application and will be brought forward for Council consideration. She noted it is her understanding that bike parking will be located outside the station area in the right of way.

Councilmember Morris stated the community engagement summary was great. He added, for the record, he was wholeheartedly disappointed in some of the comments, which are not generally reflective of the comments he receives and do not represent the overall values of the City of Woodbury. He noted he understands there is opposition to the Gold Line and he respects that residents have that opinion.

Councilmember Morris expressed his support for the Gold Line project and the positive implications it will have for Woodbury as a community where people can live, work and thrive with transit. He added the project has been in the works for many years and represents a mode of transportation that Woodbury does not currently have. He noted current ridership may not dictate need right now but the project will be beneficial to the community for the long-term, and he supports Woodbury getting its fair share of federal transit funding.

Councilmember Wilson stated the Gold Line, in her opinion, is the perfect example of wasteful government funding, and a solution in search of a problem. She read a statement in opposition to the Gold Line.

Councilmember Date, seconded by Councilmember Morris,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-76

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving the Gold Line Station Area Master Plan.

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Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – nay
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

B. Adoption of the 2022 Economic Development Strategic Plan

Housing and Economic Development Manager Karl Batalden reviewed the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP), which is an implementation of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. City Staff recommends City Council approval of a resolution adopting the 2022 Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Mayor Burt expressed appreciation of the work that has gone into creating the Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Santini moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-77

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota adopting the 2022 Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

C. Amendment to CD-COUNCIL-2.9 City Council Compensation; City Code Amendment Chapter 2 Administration, Article II, Section 2.21 – Mayor and City Council Compensation

City Administrator Clint Gridley reviewed Council Directive 2.9, which evaluated data and information related to City Council compensation. The City Council's last wage increase was in 2017, and the proposed recommendation would be for the next cycle in 2023 at 5.5%. City Staff recommends an increase in representation from 60,000-85,000 residents to 80,000-95,000 residents. City Staff also recommends a change in range not to exceed 110%.

Councilmember Date thanked the Audit and Investment Commission for their evaluation and recommendations. She added the proposal is fair, and the City gets a lot of benefit from Mayor Burt who works many hours for less than living hourly wage. She questioned whether that is equitable, as compensation should be based on the amount of hours worked, and the Mayor puts in full-time hours. She noted she would support 110% for the Mayor's compensation according to policy.

Councilmember Morris agreed, adding a discussion regarding a change of government should be considered soon.

Mayor Burt thanked the City Council for their comments regarding her role and her work on behalf of the City. She added she feels it is important for her to contribute as much of her time as possible to meet the needs of the City and be an ambassador for its residents. She noted there would support looking at benefits.

Councilmember Date stated she believes that an adjustment reflective of actual work and hours put forth is appropriate. Councilmember Morris agreed, adding it is not a policy change.

Councilmember Santini stated the change would not be effective until January 1, 2023, at which time there could be new Councilmembers. She added, however, this is a gesture of expectations, and the increase is appropriate.

Pam Whitmore, City Attorney, stated two separate motions are required on this item.

Ms. Whitmore stated the Ordinance must reflect the actual dollar amount. Mr. Gridley stated City Staff will calculate the dollar amount when the Ordinance is updated.

Councilmember Date moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-78

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Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving amendments to Council Directive CD-COUNCIL-2.9 City Council Compensation.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – nay
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

Councilmember Date moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris,

To adopt the following ordinance

Ordinance 2019

Ordinance of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota providing that the City Code be amended by amending Chapter 2 Administration, Article II City Council Section 2-21 Compensation, and setting the Mayor's salary at 110%.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – nay
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

D. Consent Agenda Item G. 2022 Regional Solicitation and Highway Safety Improvement Program; Federal Funding Application Process; Approval of Grant Application Submittals

Councilmember Wilson stated the Lake Road conversion is scheduled for this year, and she has questioned whether there will be a sidewalk on the south side of Lake Road. She requested that costs for appropriate sidewalks and bike lanes are included in the grant request.

Engineering Director Chris Hartzell stated trails are planned along Woodlane Drive and Lake Road, but the project costs are divided, and the sidewalk will be a separate project from the road improvements and will not be part of the grant request to increase the competitiveness of the grant applications. He added the conversion will be a mill and overlay project within the bounds of the curb.

Councilmember Santini moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-79

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing 2022 Regional Solicitation Grant Application submittal for Tamarack Road from Weir Drive to Radio Drive Pavement Rehabilitation.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

Councilmember Santini moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-80

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Application submittal for Lake Road 4-3 Lane Conversion (Pioneer Drive to Manning Avenue).

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Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

Councilmember Santini moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-81

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Application submittal for the Woodlane Drive (Bailey Road to Wooddale Drive) Pavement Rehabilitation.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

E. Consent Agenda Item H. Ojibway Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation; Award Contract, Amend Budget

Councilmember Wilson asked whether this budget item requires a vote since it is below budget. She expressed concern regarding how the money is being transferred around. She added she is not opposed to the contractor, but she would prefer a different accounting method and clarification regarding why a budget reduction would need to be approved.

Mr. Gridley stated City Staff worked to make determinations regarding budgetary issues and funds. He added the Parks and Trails Replacement Fund is paying for the majority of the project costs. He added this is a current fund that has been established.

Councilmember Wilson stated she would like to see more transparent accounting as opposed to transferring funds to the street rehabilitation project. Gridley stated he disagrees with the characterization that this is not a transparent account.

Councilmember Santini moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-82

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota awarding the construction contract to OMG Midwest Inc., dba Minnesota Paving & Materials for the Ojibway Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign said contract.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

Councilmember Santini moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-83

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota amending the Street Reconstruction/Maintenance Fund, Parks and Trails Replacement Fund, Storm Water Utility Fund and Water and Sewer Utility Fund budgets for the Ojibway Park Parking Lot Project.

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Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

F. Consent Agenda Item L. Approval of 2021 Year End Transfers

Councilmember Wilson expressed concern with regard to year-end transfers, that the City sweeps excess funds into the Capital Improvement Fund. She added she would like to challenge the City Council to figure out how to cut taxes.

Mayor Burt stated the majority of the funds come from non-tax revenues rather than putting the burden on taxpayers. Mr. Gridley agreed, adding the total revenues exceeded budget and expenditures were below budget. He added City Staff feels that it is appropriate to bring the fund balance down. He noted this is a typical action of the City Council, but amounts can vary from year to year.

Councilmember Wilson stated she would like to challenge the City Council to see if there is something that can be done to alleviate extra tax money.

Councilmember Morris stated it is not extra tax money. He added Councilmember Wilson has been through enough tax discussions to know that the City of Woodbury conservatively budgets the non-property tax levy section and considers grants and other opportunities. He noted it is misleading to say that the City has over-collected tax from the City's residents.

Councilmember Morris stated the community is extremely conservative in its budgets and shows good stewardship of taxpayer money. He agreed the City Council can challenge itself to do better, but it is not factually correct to say that the City over-collected taxes.

Councilmember Date stated she would challenge the City Council to move forward with the current budget and continue to do sweeps so to continue the City's "pay as you go" philosophy, saving taxpayers money in the long run.

Councilmember Santini stated that some of the under-spending is due to not being able to fill staff positions, which can be a detriment and is not beneficial to the City.

Councilmember Date moved, seconded by Councilmember Santini,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-84

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing the transfer of funds between certain funds.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

G. Consent Agenda Item M. 2021 Final Budget Adjustments

Councilmember Santini moved, seconded by Councilmember Date,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-85

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving various 2021 budget adjustments.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye

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Anne Burt – aye

H. Consent Agenda Item N. 2021 Fund Closing and Transfer of Assets and Liabilities

Councilmember Wilson stated she has received calls from residents about fencing and landscaping issues at the Public Works building. She added the \$42,000 fund transfer could be used to put up some screening. Councilmember Morris agreed.

The City Council agreed not to close the fund.

Councilmember Morris moved, seconded by Councilmember Santini,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-86

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing the closing of certain funds and the transfer of their assets and liabilities.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

City Administrator's Report

Mr. Gridley reviewed upcoming meetings:

April 18, 2022 – Planning Commission meeting
April 19, 2022 - Copper ridge 9th – at 6:00pm in council chambers
April 27, 2022 – City Council meeting


Adjournment

Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberlee K. Blaaser, City Clerk

Approved by the Woodbury City Council on April 27, 2022.