

**KINDRED CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, July 24, 2023 | 7:00 pm | Kindred City Hall**

Present: CMs Adam Spelhaug, Ozzie Peraza, Shad Stoddard, Julie Johnson. Absent: Mayor Darrell Kersting.

Others present: Auditor Tabitha Arnaud, PWS Rich Schock, Deputy Auditor Jackie Johnson, City Engineer Brandon Moore, Brandon Smith, Ron Lundquist, Jamie Swenson, Sheena Bateson, Spencer Schmitz, Trevor Zens, Ryan Ottis, Irene Starck, Amy Thilmony, Brandon Thilmony, Aaron Olson, Jeff Fitzpatrick, Carmen Lundquist, Marlowe Rud, Mark Ottis, Marty Johnson, Sara Fitzpatrick, Kelsey Plante, Brent Plante, James Botnen, Natalie Nielsen, Josh Nielson, Tony Kramer, Kia Richard, Linda Cose, Trista Briscoe, Justin Briscoe, Dave Amerman, Kerri Whipple, Amanda Grocott, Barb Rude, Jordan Swanson, Chondra Swanson, Lacey Zahradka, Codie Zahradka, Sarah Stanley, Rob Sahr, Darin Gronwold, Lydia Ronningen, Joel Ronningen, Lance Nokleberg, Kevin Mehrer, Randy Cramer, Brody Maack, Nate Opgrand, Kelsey Burgad, Ashley Wasvick, Nathan Erbstoesser, Derek Schafer. Present online: Adam (Guest), AS (Guest), Chad Gibbon, CWC, Hammer (Guest), Joel Alm, KG, Kyle Althoff, Laura Nesler, Laura, Lindsey E. Botnen, Rachel Olson, Rich (Guest) S., Sarah Maack, Schmitz, Eric Wasvick, Josh (Guest), Josh Allmaras, Nathan

**CM Spelhaug called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**

City Engineer Brandon Oye and Brandon Smith, Project Engineer, presented information about the Newport Ridge (NPR) Development and discussed details about the proposed Sewer, Water, and Street Improvement District No. 2024-1. Discussed the history of Newport Ridge and detailed the following elements of the project: Regional Improvements, Phase 5, Phase 1, proposed project schedule, project costs and special assessment breakdown, the protest process, and the next steps of the project. Proposed Regional Improvements include: regional storm sewer mains and storm water detention pond to help handle runoff from larger storm events to help support storm sewer lift station and legal drain outlet and also reduce downstream storm water impacts; Prairie Parkway asphalt; Sheyenne St asphalt overlay; Sanitary sewer lift station upgrades including monitoring and alarm notifications and a back-up generator. Phase 5 will include 23 new lots and associated infrastructure (road, storm sewer, sanitary, water, etc); Phase 1 improvements constitute mill & overlay and some repairs to curb/gutter and storm water inlet structures on Newport Pkwy.

After presentation, the meeting was opened to questions/discussion. Questions/concerns/comments fielded included: Lot size not consistent with the rest of NPR, concerns about size/style of home constructed not in alignment and potentially affecting surrounding property values; available daycare needs not currently adequate in Kindred already and addition of 23 lots would add strain to that; growing the community too fast; increasing class size/enrollment at the school; is the detention pond needed or is it only the additional lots that cause the detention pond to be needed and is the need for the detention pond to use the material to build up Phase 5 lots; several disagreed with the value of benefit to their specific lot in relation to the improvements and felt Phase 5 lot should have a higher financial burden for the project, rather than property owners in Phase 1-4; commentary about construction of Phase 5 lots adding increased wear to streets that should be assessed to those lots being constructed; adequate green space dedication from the developers was questioned as was more developer buy in to reduce city and property owner financial burden. Comments in support of the project mentioned that elements of the project are very needed and will happen eventually and construction costs only seem to be increasing; the additional Phase 5 lots will help decrease the costs – without, the project could be estimated at 30% more per lot; growth is a positive for the community; with the new middle school and remodeled elementary the school is prepared for growth district-wide, not just from the city of Kindred.

**CM Spelhaug closed the meeting to order at 9:10 pm.**

*(Minutes subject to council approval.) (Agenda deadline is noon Wednesday the week before the meeting.)*

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Darrell Kersting, Mayor

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Tabitha Arnaud, City Auditor

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Date approved