

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2008 HELD JULY 18, 2008

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Council Chamber
Room 317, City Hall
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 18, 2008 - 9:30 a.m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

President Johnson in the Chair.

Present - Council Members Gordon, Hofstede, Ostrow, Schiff, Lilligren, Colvin Roy, Glidden, Remington, Benson, Hodges, Samuels, President Johnson.

Absent – Council Member Goodman.

Also Present - Mayor R. T. Rybak.

Lilligren moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote 7/18/2008.

Absent - Goodman.

Lilligren moved to suspend Council Rule 15 to allow remarks in relation to celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the City of Minneapolis. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote 7/18/2008.

Absent – Goodman.

Council President Johnson welcomed visitors from Minneapolis' Sister City, Kuopio, Finland, and former elected City of Minneapolis officials who were present at Minneapolis' 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Gordon introduced Laura Waterman Wittstock, former Minneapolis Library Board member and member of the Seneca Tribe, who spoke on pre-European history, people and growth of the City.

Samuels introduced Lou DeMars, former City of Minneapolis Council President, who spoke on his experience on the Minneapolis City Council and his thoughts on recent Minneapolis history.

Benson introduced Tony Williams, with the Minneapolis Youth Congress, who spoke on thoughts about the future.

Remington thanked the speakers and read the text of the resolution celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Minneapolis.

The following resolutions were signed by Mayor Rybak on July 18, 2008. Minnesota Statutes, Section 331A.01, Subd 10, allows for summary publication of ordinances and resolutions in the official newspaper of the city.

Resolution 2008R-290, authorizing the City of Minneapolis to accept various gifts given to assist the City of Minneapolis in celebrating the City of Minneapolis Sesquicentennial, was adopted 7/18/2008 by the City Council. A complete copy of this resolution is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2008R-290
By Johnson

Authorizing the City of Minneapolis to accept various gifts given to assist the City of Minneapolis in celebrating the City of Minneapolis Sesquicentennial.

Whereas, July 20, 2008, marks the 150th anniversary of the vote to become a town and Minneapolis' first Town Council meeting; and

Whereas, The City of Minneapolis is officially celebrating its sesquicentennial in conjunction with the Aquatennial, July 18 – 27, 2008; and

Whereas, City Council member participation in the Aquatennial Parade would honor and celebrate the Minneapolis Sesquicentennial; and

Whereas, PedalPub, LLC, has a vehicle that would accommodate Council Member participation in the Aquatennial Parade; and

Whereas, PedalPub, LLC, has graciously offered to donate the use of its PedalPub vehicle to the City of Minneapolis for Council Member participation in the Aquatennial Parade provided the City execute the PedalPub Tour Reservation Form and that each participating Council Member sign PedalPub's Release of Liability Waiver; and

Whereas, the value of the use of the PedalPub vehicle is \$450; and

Whereas, on Thursday, July 24, 2008, the City of Minneapolis will host an event at the Minneapolis Convention Center for all City employees to celebrate Minneapolis' 150th anniversary and recognize City employee "teams that have changed the course of history"; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Historical Society, through the Minneapolis Mill City Museum, has graciously offered to donate, for the July 24, 2008 event, Minnesota sesquicentennial tattoos and buttons, brochures and a showing of the movie "Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat"; and

Whereas, the value of the Minnesota Historical Society gifts is \$3,880; and

Whereas, Section 465.03 of Minnesota Statutes requires such gift acceptance be made by resolution of City Council, adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members and expressing such terms in full;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That PedalPub, LLC's offer of the use of the PedalPub vehicle for Council Member participation in the Aquatennial Parade shall be accepted as a gift on behalf of the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Coordinator is authorized to execute the PedalPub Tour Reservation Form and that each participating Council Member sign PedalPub's Release of Liability Waiver.

Be It Further Resolved that the Minnesota Historical Society's offer of the Minnesota Sesquicentennial tattoos and buttons, brochures and a showing of the movie "Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat" for use at the July 24, 2008 sesquicentennial event be accepted as gifts on behalf of the City of Minneapolis.

Adopted 7/18/2008.

Absent - Goodman.

Resolution 2008R-291, celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the City of Minneapolis, was adopted 7/18/2008 by the City Council. A complete copy of this resolution is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

JULY 18, 2008

The following is the complete text of the unpublished summarized resolution.

RESOLUTION 2008R-291

**By Johnson, Ostrow, Gordon, Hofstede, Samuels, Lilligren, Goodman,
Glidden, Schiff, Remington, Benson, Colvin Roy and Hodges**

Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the City of Minneapolis.

Whereas, the Town of Minneapolis was incorporated in 1858 and the first Council meeting of the town was held on July 20, 1858; and

Whereas, the City Council declared July 18 to July 27, 2008 the official Minneapolis Sesquicentennial Celebration; and

Whereas, the Sesquicentennial coincides with the Minneapolis Aquatennial, the "Official Civic Celebration of Minneapolis;" and

Whereas, we wish to join the State Sesquicentennial and others in celebrating the significance of 1858; and

Whereas, for a century and a half the people of Minneapolis have enjoyed a high quality of life as a community which is enhanced by the cultural blend of our longer term residents and new arrivals; and

Whereas, we wish to thank Minneapolis' former and current City Council Members, Mayors and staff, who have made significant contributions to make our city a great place to call home and a destination for visitors from around the world; and

Whereas, we wish to learn from our past, celebrate our present, and build towards our future as a city; and

Whereas, the City Council and Mayor have developed a path to our future by setting long-range goals to make Minneapolis a safe place to call home, and where all our residents have the same opportunities to thrive; a community that embraces and promotes lifelong learning; works to protect and enhance our environment; builds and protects great spaces, places, and thriving neighborhoods; and that is a world-class destination;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council offers its sincere thanks to the Minneapolis Aquatennial, and to the many community leaders, businesses, nonprofits, parks, libraries, neighborhoods and individuals that have joined in honoring Minneapolis' 150th anniversary.

Be It Further Resolved that Minneapolis City Council dedicates this Great Seal and plaque as a gift to the City of Minneapolis in honor of our Sesquicentennial as a city.

Adopted 7/18/2008.

Absent - Goodman.

Lilligren spoke on dedication of the "Great Seal of Minneapolis" (Minneapolis City seal) in the Council Chamber, which was unveiled by Johnson, Mayor Rybak and Steve Ristuben, City Clerk.

Colvin Roy read the text contained on the Minneapolis City seal.

Johnson thanked all guests and speakers.

Mayor R. T. Rybak was granted the privilege of the floor for the purpose of inviting all to a reception in the City Hall rotunda following the adjournment of the City Council meeting.

Lilligren moved to adjourn. Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote 7/18/2008.

Absent - Goodman.

Steven J. Ristuben,
City Clerk.

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