

**7.07: Authorize Staff to Submit Application to Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, and Minnesota DNR for Tree Preservation for Riverstone South (Project No. 19-152); Case of Capstone Homes**

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill reviewed the staff report and recommendation to authorize staff to prepare and submit grant applications for either or both, Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) and DNR Natural and Scenic Areas Grants.

Councilmember Riley stated that additional sources of funds were mentioned and asked if any of those would come from the lottery.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill stated that some of those applications have a yearlong review process. He stated that these are competitive grants and go through a scoring process. He stated that the other opportunities are more for the 2023/2024 funding cycle.

Councilmember Howell asked what the City would be required to fund in a scenario that requires a 50 percent match.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill estimated the cost of the property to be about \$350,000, therefore 50 percent would be \$175,000. He stated that if the timing does not work out, the City could continue discussions with the developer.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that there are a lot of restrictions that would be placed on the seven acres if the grant is obtained and asked if there has been discussion with the parks department to ensure that they are aware of the restrictions.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill replied that Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent has been an integral part of this process. He noted that the seven acres is intended to be preserved in its natural state and this would not be developed into an active park. He stated that the one-acre park would be provided for recreational opportunity.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that forest is very special and therefore she would like to preserve that area to the extent possible, noting that it will also provide a barrier between the neighborhoods.

Councilmember Riley asked at what point the City could say the area does not need to be preserved if funding cannot be obtained.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill replied that if the City is not successful in gaining funding, it would need to think about a contingency. He recognized that there are some variables but believed the City would be successful in gaining some type of funding. He stated that is a question the Council could discuss if it comes to that point.

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to authorize staff to prepare and submit Grant Applications for LCCMR as well as DNR Natural and Scenic Areas Grants.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Kuzma, Councilmembers Specht, Musgrove, Howell, Riley, and Woestehoff. Voting No: None.

**8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT**

City Administrator Ulrich announced upcoming meetings and events.

Councilmember Specht thanked the Boy Scout Troops #3204 and #5204 for allowing him to speak to them recently about local government.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

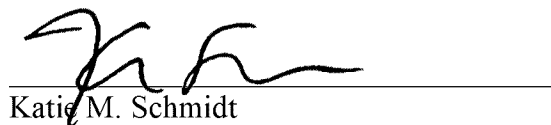
The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurtis G. Ulrich  
City Administrator

ATTEST:



Katie M. Schmidt  
Deputy City Clerk

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