

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

Mayor Hemann called the Special Session to order at 3:30pm at the Highland Area Senior Center. Council members Sloan, Frey, Bellm, and Napper were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Conrad, Director Presson, Jeff Voss, Deputy City Clerk VonHatten, and City Clerk Bellm.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

No comments or requests presented.

Requests of Council:

City Clerk Bellm stated that Public Works Director Joe Gillespie apologizes for not being able to attend this meeting today. However, his mother passed away, last night, so he is, obviously needed somewhere else today. Director Gillespie wanted to express his thanks to the city staff and council for their support of this project. He feels it is so important for the city to support the school system. The Safe Roads to Schools project is vital in providing critical funding to create safe access to the various school facilities.

Staff Reports:

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill #23-95/RESOLUTION Approving and Authorizing Financial Commitment in the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program for the Poplar Street Shared Use Path – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #23-95/Resolution #23-09-3053 approving and authorizing financial commitment in the Safe Routes To Schools Grant Program for the Poplar Street Shared Use Path as attached. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. Councilwoman Bellm stated I did the survey online. I guess that is how it is to be accessed. Jeff Voss stated yes. We have paper copies available as well. It is our way to get the citizens' feedback on this. Councilwoman Bellm inquired the online is just as good. Jeff replied yes. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #23-96/RESOLUTION Approving and Authorizing Financial Commitment in the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program Study – Councilman Frey made a motion to approve Bill #23-96/Resolution #23-09-3054 approving and authorizing financial commitment in the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program Study as attached. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Sloan, Frey, Bellm and Napper voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Frey. All aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm.

Kevin B. Hemann, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk