



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

December 11, 2023 - 6:30 PM
Lakeville Water Treatment Facility

1. Call to order, moment of silence and flag pledge

Mayor Hellier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Hellier, Council Members Bermel, Lee, Volk, Wolter

Staff Present: Justin Miller, City Administrator; Allyn Kuennen, Assistant City Administrator; Courtney Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator; Tina Goodroad, Community Development Director

2. Citizen Comments

The following residents expressed concerns with the sale of the vacant parcel north of Kenwood Trail Middle School by the Lakeville School District.

- Henry Caswell; 20319 Kensington Way
- Don Duffy; Bloomington, works for ISD 194
- Amy Eggers; 19141 Kenwood Way
- Ellen Engels; 18609 Irvine Trail
- Elise Stachewicz; 20098 Harness Avenue
- Chris Markham; 17761 Javelin Court, former science teacher at Kenwood Middle School
- Jackson Thunker; 8355 173rd Street West
- Mark Eggers; 19141 Kenwood Way
- Joanne Pahl; 19705 Jersey Avenue
- Josh Wolter; 18462 Ixonia Avenue; track coach with ISD 194
- Rick Ringeisen; 20085 Italy Avenue; retired ISD 194 teacher and current coach
- Nate Larson; 19172 Jewel Path
- Amy Golly; 9409 178th Street West
- Brent Eisinger; 19237 Jewel Path
- Sophia Eisinger; 19237 Jewel Path
- Howard Schneider; 19634 Jersey Avenue

Mayor Hellier thanked residents for attending the meeting and for expressing their concerns. He explained the City's process. Next steps include the purchaser of the property filing an application for a comprehensive plan amendment with the City. The application would then go before the Planning Commission where a public hearing would be held.

Next, the Planning Commission would make a recommendation that is forwarded on to the City Council for a final decision that requires a 4/5th vote for approval.

- Don Schuster; 19390 Iteri Avenue, requested assistance from the City Council in a matter regarding a requirement for city services to be connected to his property.

3. Discussion Items

a. 2024 Legislative Priorities Draft

Assistant City Administrator Kuennen and Assistant to the City Administrator Miller provided an overview of the City's proposed 2024 legislative priorities and highlighted changes from the 2023 version. Added priorities include School Resource Officers and Earned Sick and Safe Time. Revisions were made to several other priorities to reflect changes since 2023.

The Council directed staff to make several edits that will be reflected in the final version that will go before the City Council on December 18, 2023. The Council also directed staff to invite Lakeville's legislative delegation and other stakeholders to the January work session for a roundtable discussion.

Councilmember Wolter abstained from any discussion relating to the municipal liquor policy.

b. Potential Housing Programs

Community Development Director Goodroad proposed possible uses of funds the City will be receiving. She explained that the Legislature passed a housing bill with \$1 billion in new funding for various housing programs. The Legislature appropriated state funds for the programs and established a metro wide sales tax for housing needs, including a portion of this tax as a local housing aid for metropolitan cities. She stated that Lakeville will receive a distribution of aid under this legislation with an estimate of \$385,117 in 2024. She proposed several potential uses including affordable development related, preservation of affordable housing, and home buyer assistance.

The Council expressed interest in establishing a local housing trust fund. The Council also suggested additional uses of the funds including financial assistance for seniors moving to assisted living, financial assistance for natural disasters, and partnering with 360 Communities or Habitat for Humanity.

4. Items for Future Discussion

None.

5. Committee/ City Administrator Updates

Lee: Attended the Personnel Committee meeting where they are in the final stage of the Human Resources Director search.

Volk: Stated that there will be a closed session before the next meeting for the City Administrator's review.

Bermel: The Public Safety Committee reviewed a phlebotomy proposal from Chief Paulson.

Hellier: Stated that the Lakeville School Board will soon be considering an agreement that extends the naming rights of Hasse Arena.

Lee: Stated that he met with citizens of Highview Hills who recently celebrated their 100th birthdays.

6. Adjourn

Motion was made by John Bermel, seconded by Joshua Lee, to adjourn. Voice vote was taken on the motion. Ayes - John Bermel, Joshua Lee, Luke Hellier, Michelle Volk, Dan Wolter

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator Luke M. Heller, Mayor