



MINUTES CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

July 22, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Lakeville City Hall, Marion Conference Room

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

Mayor Hellier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Staff Present: Justin Miller, City Administrator; Julie Stahl, Finance Director; Allyn Kuennen, Assistant City Administrator; Tina Goodroad, Community Development Director

2. Citizen Comments

None

3. Action Item

a. ~~Antlers Ridge Development Contract~~

4. Discussion Items

a. Franchise Fees

Assistant City Administrator Kuennen presented updated materials related to the franchise fee proposal which would fund future public safety building expenses.

Council had questions relating to how customers would go about with combining account numbers, communication efforts, and the implementation timeline. Next steps will be to notify the utility companies of the proposal and to hold a public hearing on November 18th.

b. 2Q 2024 Financial Report & Finance Mid-Year Report

Finance Director Stahl presented the second quarter financial report and indicated that, in general, expenses and revenues were in line with budgeted amounts. Stahl also updated the council on finance department activities, including implementation of the new financial software and status updates on how many residents were utilizing electronic payment options for utility bills.

c. Dunham Property Discussion

Community Development Director Goodroad presented a sketch plan proposal for development of the Dunham parcels south of County Road 70. Bob Dunham, Mike

Brandt, and Bob Domack discussed their current recycling operations and their desire to expand to land south of their current location. Council asked questions about their operations, odor control, and permitting processes. Council directed staff to continue to work with the Dunham's towards an Interim Use Permit and zoning amendments to encourage the development of the property to the south.

d. Cannabis Zoning Discussion

Community Development Director Goodroad updated the council on cannabis regulations being finalized by the State of Minnesota and indicated staff was seeking clarity on zoning for cannabis-related businesses in Lakeville. Staff and council reviewed the different types of businesses and where they might be appropriate. Staff was directed to begin work on ordinances that capped the number of businesses as allowed by statute, create a 500-foot buffer around schools, and prepare zoning amendments for a public hearing with the planning commission.

5. Items for Future Discussion

Mayor Hellier asked that the council review "social districts" that allow cities to loosen alcohol regulations, similar to what some other cities have received special legislation for.

6. Committee/ City Administrator Updates

Mayor Hellier noted that he attended a Regional Council of Mayors meeting that focused on city/school partnerships. One idea generated was to share legislative priorities and possibly work together to formulate ideas that benefit both cities and schools.

7. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

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