



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

June 24, 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 06:00 PM.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Bermel

Staff Present: Julie Stahl, Finance Director; Allyn Kuennen, Assistant City Administrator; Courtney Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator; Zach Johnson, City Engineer; Paul Oehme, Public Works Director; Tina Goodroad, Community Development Director; Kati Bachmeyer, Community Development Manager

2. Citizen Comments

A resident of Eureka Township expressed her concern regarding the future of Applewood Orchard.

3. Discussion Items

a. Applewood Orchard Introduction

Community Development Director Goodroad, joined by Chris Fuller of Endurance Farm Partners, provided an overview of the Applewood Orchard property, located at 22702 Hamburg Avenue. They explained that the property is for sale and Endurance Farm Partners is working with the existing owner to purchase the property. Endurance Farm Partners desires a broader “agritourism” use to be considered in Lakeville’s zoning, as a definition and use, either in an agricultural zoning or within an industrial zoning district, as the use is a production use. Mr. Fuller shared Endurance Farm Partners' plans for the orchard and introduced the consideration of annexation in the future.

The Council expressed interest in working with Endurance Farm Partners and directed staff to continue exploring zoning options for the property.

b. Pedestrian Crossing Policy

City Engineer Johnson stated that the current Pedestrian and Bicyclist Crosswalk Policy was adopted by the City Council on December 21, 2020. With the guidance of the recently completed Dakota County Pedestrian Crossing Safety Assessment, the City partnered with SRF Consulting to collect and review data, facilitate community engagement and analyze and evaluate pedestrian crossings with the goal of updating the

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Crosswalk Policy to ensure all users in the City benefit from an improved multimodal infrastructure system. Mr. Johnson stated that the proposed revised policy establishes guidelines and an evaluation process that provides a consistent, uniform approach for improving pedestrian/bicyclist safety at uncontrolled crossing locations using the best management practices. The policy is designed to provide a clear, understandable/relatable process in support of maintaining a consistent application of crossing enhancements that produces a safer environment for all pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Council expressed support for the policy and thanked Mr. Johnson for the update.

c. ~~Street Light Policy and Charges~~

Staff withdrew the Street Light Policy and Charges item from the agenda.

d. Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) with Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA)

Community Development Director Goodroad, along with representatives of the Dakota County Community Development Agency, provided information to the City Council regarding Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) funds. They explained that the 2023 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. The new law establishes a 0.25% metropolitan regional sales tax, with a portion of the proceeds allocated to metropolitan cities over 10,000 in population. They stated that Lakeville will receive a distribution of aid under this legislation with an estimate of \$385,117 in 2024. Cities can use the funds for a number of projects.

The Council shared its support in partnering with the Dakota County CDA to implement LAHA funding.

4. Items for Future Discussion

None.

5. Committee/ City Administrator Updates

None.

6. Adjourn

Motion was made by Wolter, seconded by Lee, to adjourn. Voice vote was taken on the motion. Ayes- Lee, Wolter, Volk, Hellier

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

City Council Work Session Minutes
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