

City of Excelsior  
City Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 2020

6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Council: Councilmembers Caron, Dierking, Kurschner, Miller and Mayor Carlson

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Luger, City Attorney Staunton, Public Works Superintendent Amundsen, Planning Director Becker, Finance Director Horn and City Clerk Peterson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) February 18, 2020 Work Session Minutes

Dierking moved, Kurschner seconded, to approve the February 18, 2020 Work Session Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) February 18, 2020 City Council Minutes

Dierking moved, Caron seconded, to approve the February 18, 2020 City Council Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

Matt Mueller, Minnesota Inboard, addressed the Council regarding concerns with the LMCD Board representative for Excelsior.

Georgette Jabbour, Tonka Bay Marina, addressed the Council regarding concerns with the LMCD Board representative for Excelsior.

Mike Anderson, Marine Max, addressed the Council regarding concerns with the LMCD Board representative for Excelsior.

Mayor Carlson stated the topic of LMCD Representative will be added as item 13(c) under New Business.

Jay Johnson, American Promise West Metro Chapter, addressed the Council inviting the Council and citizens of Excelsior to two public meetings about the American Promise Pledge.

Ann Hersman, 823 Hidden Lane, addressed the City Council regarding the chain link fence on the parking lot across from Maynards.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) Klondike Dog Derby

Bill Damberg and Bethany Hway, Co-Founders of the Klondike Dog Derby, gave an update on the event stating the next event will be February 6, 2021. Fundraising will kick off on May 29 with the Kegs for the Klondike event at Excelsior Brewing Company.

(b) Christmas in May

Mayor Carlson gave an update on Christmas in May.

(c) Project Advisory Committee Update (Bandshell)

City Manager Luger presented an update on the Project Advisory Committee regarding the bandshell.

(d) Siren Update

Public Works Superintendent Amundsen gave an update on the siren.

(e) Council Strategy Session

Mayor Carlson gave an update on the Council Strategy Session that was held on Saturday, February 29.

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

None.

7. AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Meeting Agenda

Kurschner moved, Caron seconded, to approve the March 2, 2020 Meeting Agenda with the addition of 13(b) Landmark Ordinance and Incentives and 13(c) LMCD Representative. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) Consent Agenda

Caron moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda for March 2, 2020. Motion carried 5/0.

1. Approve Verified Claims – Approve for Payment Manual Checks (# 086194 – 086244)

Action - Approved for payment manual checks (# 086194 – 086244).

2. Continue Second Reading of Amendments to Special Events Permit Ordinance

Action – Continued the proposed second reading and adoption of the Special Events Permit Ordinance to the March 16 meeting.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) None.

9. PETITIONS, REQUEST and COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Minnehaha

The Minnehaha Committee presented information on the Minnehaha's history and current needs.

Petra Cripe, 450 West Lake, addressed the Council regarding concerns with vandalism in The Commons should the Minnehaha be housed there.

Bob Bolles, 229 George Street, addressed the Council regarding frustration with the Minnehaha Board not investigating citizen suggestions on possible launch sites.

Chris Tietz, Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce President, addressed the Council reading into the record a letter of support for the Minnehaha to stay in Excelsior.

Ross McGlasson, 723 Water Street, addressed the Council regarding the Minnehaha and the Council finding a solution on where to launch.

Nicki Craig, 731 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, addressed the Council supporting the Minnehaha staying in Excelsior.

Mayor Carlson and Councilmember Miller will meet with the Minnehaha Committee to discuss possible launch and building sites in Excelsior and report back options to the Council at a future meeting.

(b) PaddleTap Lease

Ryan Jaeger, PaddleTap owner, addressed the Council regarding the renewal of their lease.

Caron moved, Miller seconded, to approve the three-year lease agreement with PaddleTap for Transient Pier #1, Slip #1, the same as last year, and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the lease. Motion carried 5/0.

10. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- (a) None.

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

- (a) Residential Review Board

Planning Director Becker gave background information on the Residential Review Board process.

Dan Brattland, 6 Third Street, addressed the Council with concerns regarding a Residential Review Board stating he is not in support of the Board.

Tia Black, 274 Lake Street, addressed the Council regarding concerns with implementing a Residential Review Board.

John Gilles, 166 Linwood Avenue, addressed the Council regarding concerns with implementing a Residential Review Board.

Andrew Punch, 561 Third Street, addressed the Council regarding concerns with the ordinance and implementing a Residential Review Board.

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council in support of implementing a Residential Review Board.

Ann Hersman, 823 Hidden Lane, addressed the Council in support of implementing a Residential Review Board.

Jane Bauman, 31 Third Street, addressed the Council in support of implementing a Residential Review Board.

Krista Fleck, 415 Lafayette Avenue, addressed the Council in support of implementing a Residential Review Board.

Mark Brabec, 185 West Lake Street, addressed the Council regarding concerns with implementing a Residential Review Board stating he is not in support of it.

Van Erickson, 141 West Lake Street, addressed the Council regarding concerns with implementing a Residential Review Board stating he is not in support of it.

Greg Fahey, 241 Second Street, addressed the Council regarding concerns with implementing a Residential Review Board stating he is not in support of it.

The Council decided to send the Residential Review Board item to the Planning Commission to gather more information on the following: 1) Are Good Neighbor Guidelines enforceable; 2) The cost of implementing a Residential Review Board; 3) Composition of the Board; 4) Thresholds that trigger a review; and 5) Guidelines if a Review Board is not implemented. The Council should route any further questions regarding the Residential Review Board to City Manager Luger.

The Residential Review Board and Floor to Area Ratio information will return to the April 6 Council Meeting for further discussion.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Volunteer Recognition Event

Dierking moved, Kurschner seconded to schedule a Volunteer Recognition Event on April 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with the guest list as discussed.

(b) Landmark Ordinance and Incentives

The Council directed staff to add changes as discussed to the Landmark Ordinance and bring back to the Council for approval. Historic Preservation incentives will be continued to the March 16 Council agenda.

(c) LMCD Representative

Richie Anderson, Orono resident and LMCD Representative for Orono, distributed information regarding LMCD meetings and wake/surf boats on Lake Minnetonka.

Georgette Jabbour, Tonka Bay Marina, addressed the Council with concerns regarding the LMCD representative for Excelsior.

Matt Mueller, Minnesota Inboard, addressed the Council with concerns regarding wake/surf boat legislation.

Eric Forsberg, Marine Max, addressed the Council regarding concerns with the LMCD representative for Excelsior.

Chris Bank, World Champion Wake Surfer, addressed the Council regarding the process for appointing the LMCD representative.

Jill Sims, National Marine Manufacturers Association, addressed the Council regarding legislation establishing a 1,000 foot setback for wake/surf boats.

The Council directed staff to look at Water Patrol public records regarding wake/surf boat complaints and to invite the Excelsior LMCD Representative Mark Kroll to the March 16 City Council meeting to report on the LMCD meetings.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Dierking moved, Caron seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynette R. Peterson, City Clerk