

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

MINUTES
EXCELSIOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2019
Former Library
343 Third Street

6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Caron, Dierking, Kurschner, Miller, and Mayor Carlson

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Luger, City Attorney Staunton, City Engineer Dawley, Public Works Superintendent Amundsen, City Planner Becker, Finance Officer Horn, and Event Planner Edwards

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) March 18, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Dierking moved, Miller seconded, to approve the March 18, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) March 18, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

Kurschner moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the March 18, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

(a) Andrew Punch, 561 Third Street, addressed the Council.

(b) Caitlin Pulitzer, 122 First Street, addressed the Council.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) Ice Castle Update

Luger provided an update on the Ice Castle Event.

(b) Excelsior Fire District Update

Miller provided the Excelsior Fire District Update.

(c) Single Family Task Force Update

Kurschner provided an update on the Single-Family Task Force meetings.

(d) Community for The Commons Update

Caron provided an update on Community for The Commons.

(e) Sales Tax Update

Caron provided an update on the request for a sales tax.

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

Kathy Barclay, Excelsior Lions, addressed the City Council.

7. AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Meeting Agenda

Caron moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the April 1, 2019 City Council Agenda. Motion carried 5/0. Motion by Caron, seconded by Kurschner, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) Consent Agenda

Miller moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the April 1, 2019 Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

1. Approve Verified Claims - Approve for Payment Manual Checks 085112 – 085155

Action – Approved for Payment Manual Checks 085112 – 085155.

2. March Building Permit Report

Action – Accepted the March Building Permit Report.

3. Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grant Agreement

Action – Approved the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grant Agreement.

4. Kowalski's Adding 3.2 Sales to their Liquor License

Action – Approved adding 3.2 sales to Kowalski's liquor license.

5. Continue the PUD Ordinance to April 15, 2019

Action – Approved continuing the PUD Ordinance to the May 6, 2019 Council meeting.

6. Claims

Action - Accepted the Claims report.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) 168 First Street Side Yard Setback Variance

Dan Wyrwoski, 168 First Street, addressed the Council.

John Gilles, 166 Linwood Avenue, addressed the Council.

Caron moved to approve Resolution 2019-15, a resolution providing approval of a side yard setback variance for 168 First Street, seconded by Kurschner. Motion carried 5/0.

10. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

None

11. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) Construction Management and Noise Ordinances

Dierking moved, Caron seconded, to waive the first reading of Ord. No. 595, an ordinance to amend Appendix E, Article 10, Section 10-6 as it relates to requirements outlined in the Construction Management and Noise Ordinance and schedule the second reading for April 15, 2019.

12. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

(a) Parks and Recreation Commission Adopt-a-Garden Proposal

Colleen Lockovitch addressed the Council.

Tom Wolfe, Park and Recreation Commission Chair, addressed the Council.

Kurschner moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the amendment of the Adopt-A-Tree and Seat policy with Community for The Commons to include the garden adoption program.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Streetscape Proposal

Laura Hotvet, Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce Director, addressed the Council.

Caron moved, Dierking seconded, to allocate the existing budgeted amount of \$2500 for summer streetscape improvements. Motion carried 3-2 with Carlson and Miller dissenting. Kurschner clarified that this is in no way a sign that the Council is not in support of local businesses. Caron moved, Kurschner seconded, to appoint Councilmembers Caron and Dierking to a City Council work group to engage the Chamber Board and Executive Director and involve the City Manager on creating a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Chamber. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) Direction on the 2019 Street and Utility Improvement Project

Direction to staff to look at alternative options for a sidewalk and provide advantages and disadvantages of each option and discuss further at the next City Council meeting.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Hennepin County Mill Street Crosswalk Update

Direction to staff to continue the Hennepin County Mill Street Crosswalk Update item to the next meeting.

- (b) Moratorium on Demolitions

Rennie Piontek, 177 West Lake Street, addressed the Council.

John Gilles, 166 Linwood Avenue, addressed the Council.

Lance Black, 274 Lake Street, addressed the Council.

Mark Brabec, 127 West Lake Street, addressed the Council.

Direction to staff to look at more incentives to preserve existing single-family homes, explore construction schematics, require schematics of surrounding homes, and creating a design review board with the Single-Family Standards Task Force.

- (c) April 15, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Caron, seconded by Dierking, to reschedule the April 15, 2019 City Council meeting to April 23, 2019.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Dierking moved, Caron seconded, to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Becker
Acting City Clerk