

City of Excelsior  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

MINUTES  
EXCELSIOR WORK SESSION

May 6, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Luger, Public Works Superintendent Amundsen, Finance Officer Horn, Community for the Commons Deb Rodgers, Park and Recreation Commission Chair Tom Wolfe, Commissioners Wendy Berghorst, Paul Mullenbach, Ross Rogney, and Dave Wahlstedt.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Dierking moved, Kurschner seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

3. JOINT SESSION WITH COUNCIL, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMONS

Finance Officer Horn updated the Council on the April 2019 Park Improvement Fund Operating Statement.

Finance Officer Horn discussed the Charitable Gambling Contributions and Eligible Expenses. It was noted the City must only spend funds on lawful purpose expenditures as defined in MN Statute 349.12, subdivision 7a. Other applicable statutes for the City regarding the use of Charitable Gambling proceeds are MN Statute 349.213 and 349.12 subdivision 25a, (1) to (7), (10) to (15), and (19). See attached statutes.

Finance Officer Horn explained the Gazebo Gateway project is not eligible to be funded using Charitable Gambling Contributions. Best uses would be 349.12 subdivision 25a (7) or (15). Some of the options discussed included playground, bandshell, ball field, tennis courts, great lawn, etc.

City Council consensus was reached to direct Staff to work with the Parks and Recreation Commission to designate the City's Charitable Gambling Fund Balance for eligible projects in The Commons Master Plan Improvements and for the Parks and Recreation Commission to work with Community for The Commons to determine what those projects might be.

3. JOINT SESSION WITH COUNCIL, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMONS - CONTINUED

Finance Officer Horn discussed commitment of additional Park Improvement Fund Balance to The Commons Master Plan.

Miller presented his proposal.

The Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission supported moving forward with Miller's proposal.

Luger updated the Council on Goal Setting for Parks and Recreation as follows:

- Research options to replace the Gazebo by TCF Bank.
- Revisit the Mooring Policy and Ordinance at the end of the dock season and recommend any changes to the Council.
- Explore installing a trail in Excelsior-Studer Park.
- Discuss the roles of the Commission with regard to The Commons in a future work session.

Caron recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission add testing a of Lake Street one-way to their goals.

Mayor Carlson thanked Commission members for the time and work they put in, thanked Community for The Commons for their hard work, and thanked staff for the reports presented tonight.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Caron moved, Dierking seconded, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,  
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.