

City City of Excelsior
City Council Strategy Session

MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2020

5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Carlson called the strategy session to order at 5:05 p.m. This strategy session was a remote meeting conducted via Zoom.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Luger, City Attorney Staunton, Public Works Superintendent Amundsen, City Engineer Dawley and City Clerk Peterson

Attorney Staunton stated in accordance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the Mayor, the City Manager and the City Attorney have determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the "COVID-19 Health Pandemic" emergency declared under Chapter 12 of the Minnesota Statutes. All staff and City Council members will be participating by telephone or other electronic means.

2. PARTNERSHIPS WITH SHOREWOOD

Mary Lake

The Council will revisit this item in the fall with staff researching additional information to include who would be responsible for the culvert.

West Lake Street Access

The Council directed City Attorney Staunton to research legal issues on this matter and advise the Council.

Updating Water and Sewer Agreements

The Council directed staff to work on updating the agreements.

Realigning the City Boundary Limits

City staff will revisit this issue with the City of Shorewood.

Partnering/Merging Public Works Operations (such as water)

The Council decided a sub-committee of Councilmember Kurschner and Mayor Carlson will meet with Shorewood to discuss issues quarterly.

Partnership with Greenwood

City Manager Luger and Mayor Carlson will explore options and bring back recommendations to a future meeting.

3. ROTARY CONCERT AGREEMENT

The Council discussed changes to the Rotary Concert Agreement. City Attorney Staunton will make changes and bring back the Agreement for Council approval at a future meeting.

4. NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS ON COMMISSIONS

The Council discussed and recommended an ordinance change to make it clear that each commission shall be made up of "up to" seven members and regardless of the number of members at any given time, that the quorum for each commission be four members.

5. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council would like to continue to conduct remote meetings until July 6 and reevaluate in-person meetings at the July 6 meeting. The July Ice Cream Social will be deferred until August. The Council would like to host the Volunteer Appreciation Event and would like it to be held in the fall if possible.

5. DISCUSSION OF OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council would like staff to research the costs of making downtown look better to include banners and trees.

The Council requested staff research the cost of adding one or two more restrooms in The Commons and increased costs of more frequent cleanings to the restrooms.

The Strategy Session adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lynette R. Peterson, City Clerk