

City of Excelsior
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, August 15, 2022

6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Caron called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Carlson (arrived at 7:36 P.M.) and Councilmembers Caron, Hersman, and Kurschner

Absent: Councilmember Dierking

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) August 1, 2022 City Council Work Session Minutes

(b) August 1, 2022 City Council Minutes

Hersman moved, Kurschner seconded, to approve the August 1, 2022 City Council Work Session Minutes, and August 1, 2022 City Council Minutes. Motion carried 3/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

Joan Maher, 905 Excelsior Boulevard, addressed the Council about the 690 Excelsior Boulevard application.

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council about the 690 Excelsior Boulevard application and the proposed hotel development.

Kressi Tiziani, 348 Second Street, addressed the Council about temporary parking during the construction of the proposed 339 Third Street redevelopment.

Gary Christenson, 348 Second Street, addressed the Council about temporary parking during the construction of the proposed 339 Third Street redevelopment.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce Update

No Update.

(b) Heritage Preservation Commission Update

Kevin Staunton, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney, gave an update on the Heritage Preservation Commission.

(c) Construction Update

Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent, gave an update on construction.

(d) Concession/Plaza Project Update

Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent gave an update on the Concession/Plaza Project.

(e) Candidate Filing

City Clerk Williams gave an update on the candidate filing period.

(f) LMCC Update

Councilmember Kurschner gave an update on LMCC.

(g) Councilmember Hersman Update on LoCorr Development

Councilmember Hersman addressed the Council about the LoCorr Development at 690 Excelsior Boulevard.

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

(a) Bill Damberg, Klondike Dog Derby

Bill Damberg, Klondike Dog Derby, gave an update on the Klondike Dog Derby.

7. AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Meeting Agenda

Hersman moved, Kurschner seconded, to approve the August 15, 2022 Meeting Agenda with the addition of Item 13(b) and 13(c) and change of Item 9(a) to 9(b) and Item 9(b) to 9(a). Motion carried 3/0.

(b) Consent Agenda

Hersman moved, Kurschner seconded, to approve the August 15, 2022 Consent Agenda. Motion carried 3/0.

1. Review Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approve Verified Claims over \$20,000

Action – Reviewed Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approved Verified Claims over \$20,000.

2. Continue Oak Street/Water Street Gateway Discussion to September 19th

Action – Continued Oak Street/Water Gateway Discussion to September 19th.

3. Approve Pay Voucher No. 1 Concession Building/Plaza

Action – Approved Pay Voucher No. 1 Concession Building/Plaza.

4. The Commons Ballfield Scheduling Policy

Action – Adopted The Commons Ballfield Scheduling Policy.

5. Approve the 2023 Excelsior Fire District Budget and CIP

Action – Approved the 2023 Excelsior Fire District Budget and CIP.

6. Receive Quotes and Award – First Street Boulevard Tree Plantings

Action – Received Quotes and Awarded the Recommended Quote – First Street Boulevard Tree Plantings.

7. Approve Pay Voucher No. 5 East Parking Lot Improvements Project

Action – Approved Pay Voucher No. 5 East Parking Lot Improvements Project.

8. Approve Pay Voucher No. 10 2021 Street & Utility Improvements Project

Action – Approved Pay Voucher No. 10 2021 Street & Utility Improvements Project.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (a) None

9. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Minnehaha

Tom McCarthy, Museum of Lake Minnetonka, gave a presentation.

The Council provided feedback to the representative.

(b) 106 Center Street Proposals

The Council provided feedback and will interview ALTUS and Stoddard Companies at the September 6, 2022 City Council Meeting.

(c) South Lake Minnetonka Police Department 2023 Budget

Brian Tholen, South Lake Minnetonka Police Department, gave a presentation.

Kurschner moved, Hersman seconded, to approve the budget increase of 5.4% for the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department. Motion carried 4/0.

(d) Cemetery Committee

Bryan Pittman, WSB, gave a presentation.

The Council provided staff with direction on the cemetery management application, cemetery tree removal, and Committee status.

10. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) None

11. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

(a) Accept Resignation & Declare Vacancy on City Commission

Hersman moved, Caron seconded, to accept Dean Salita's resignation, declare a vacancy on the Heritage Preservation Commission, direct staff to advertise for Citizen Inquiry Forms, and appoint Councilmember Caron to conduct interviews. Motion carried 4/0.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) 339 Third Street Parking

Mikaela Huot, Baker Tilly, addressed the Council.

The Council provided staff with direction.

- (b) Draft Ordinance No. 639 Cannabinoid Licensing Ordinance

Hersman moved, Caron seconded, to waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 639 and schedule a public hearing, the second reading and adoption for the September 6, 2022 City Council meeting with direction as provided. Motion carried 3/1. Mayor Carlson voted no.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Consider Repeal of Chapter 1306 (Fire Code Provision requiring Sprinkler Systems)

Kellie Murphy-Ringate, Excelsior Fire District, addressed the Council.

The Council provided staff with direction to bring back a draft ordinance of the repeal of Chapter 1306 to the September 6, 2022 City Council meeting.

- (b) Discussion on LoCorr

The Council discussed Councilmember Hersman's request to rescind Resolution 2022-23 for 690 Excelsior Boulevard, Excelsior Flats.

- (c) Mayor's Minute

Mayor Carlson gave an update on a health-related matter.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Caron moved, Hersman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 P.M. Motion carried 4/0.