

City of Excelsior  
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Caron called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Carlson (arrived at 7:21 P.M.) and Councilmembers Caron, Dierking, Hersman, and Kurschner

Absent: None

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) August 15, 2022 City Council Closed Session I

(b) August 15, 2022 City Council Closed Session II

(c) August 15, 2022 City Council Meeting

Hersman moved, Kurschner seconded, to approve the August 15, 2022 City Council Closed Session 1, August 15, 2022 City Council Closed Session II, and August 15, 2022 City Council Minutes. Motion carried 4/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

Craig Rossebo, 662 Pleasant Street, addressed the Council about 44 First Street, 300 Water Street, and 138 George Street.

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council about 690 Excelsior Boulevard.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce Update

Tiffany King, Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on upcoming events.

(b) 339 Third Street Update

Councilmember Hersman gave an update on the proposed 339 Third Street redevelopment project.

(c) Planning Commission Update

Julia Mullin, Community Development Director, gave an update on the Planning Commission.

(d) Concession/Plaza Project Update

Kevin Swanson, Gardener Builders, gave an update on the Concession/Plaza Project.

(e) Construction Update

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

(f) St. Alban's Bay Bridge Update

Morgan Dawley, City Engineer, gave an update on the St. Alban's Bay Bridge.

(g) Fall Clean-Up October 29<sup>th</sup>

Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

- (h) 300 Water Street

Acting Mayor Caron gave an update on 300 Water Street.

- (i) Men's Garden Club (Amended)

Councilmember Kurschner gave an update on the Men's Garden Club.

Mayor Carlson joined the meeting.

- (j) Mayor's Minute (Amended)

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

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

- (a) Tricia Thomas, Excelsior Donation Yoga

Tricia Thomas, Excelsior Donation Yoga, gave an update on Donation Yoga.

7. AGENDA APPROVAL

- (a) Meeting Agenda

Dierking moved, Hersman seconded, to approve the September 6, 2022 Meeting Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

- (b) Consent Agenda

Hersman moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the September 6, 2022 Consent Agenda with the changes as discussed. Motion carried 5/0.

- 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. Concession Building Plaza Furnishings Fundraising Agreement

Action – Approved the Concession Building Plaza Furnishings Fundraising Agreement.

3. August Building Permit Report

Action – Approved August Building Permit Report.

4. July Financials

Action – Approved July Financials.

5. Concessions Project Revision No. 1 – Addition of Fire Tables by C4C

Action – Approved Project Revision No. 1.

6. Extend Advertisement for Heritage Preservation Commission Vacancy

Action – Extended advertisement for the Heritage Preservation Commission vacancies until the positions have been filled.

7. Authorization of (3) Easement Agreements for 520 Cedar Lane, 540 & 548 Mill Street

Action – Authorized City signatures and payment for the easements for 520 Cedar Lane, 540 & 548 Mill Street.

8. Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Action – Approved the Eagle Scout project proposal and accepted the donation of time and materials to construct compost/weed bins.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (a) Application for Amendment to Variance 678 Pleasant Street

Mark Knapp, 678 Pleasant Street, Applicant, addressed the Council.

Paul Wiik, Sussel Corporation, Architect, addressed the Council.

Kurschner moved, Hersman seconded, to approve Amendment to Variance at 678 Pleasant Street Option B. Motion carried 4/1. Councilmember Caron voted no.

- (b) Ordinance No. 639 Cannabinoid Licensing Ordinance Second Reading

Kurschner moved, Hersman seconded, to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 639 Cannabinoid Licensing Ordinance with the changes as discussed. Motion carried 4/1. Mayor Carlson voted no.

Caron moved, Kurschner seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-36 Authorizing Publication by Title and Summary. Motion carried 5/0.

9. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) 106 Center Street

Tim Alt, ALTUS, Applicant, addressed the Council.

Chris Fahey, The Music Coop, Co-Applicant, addressed the Council.

Bill Stoddard, Stoddard Companies, Applicant, addressed the Council.

Beth Babcock, 44 First Street, stated she would like residential properties at this site.

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Tristana Ward, 135 First Street, addressed the Council about the petition.

Tia Black, 274 Center Street, stated she would like residential properties at this site.

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council about heritage and identity.

Eric Snyder, 25 Center Street, stated he would like residential properties at the site.

Chrystal O'Hanlon, 227 Center Street, addressed the Council about preservation of the building.

Bruce Noll, 242 First Street, addressed the Council about developments in Excelsior.

Caron moved, Dierking seconded, to direct staff to prepare the documents to designate 106 Center Street as a Landmark Property at the September 19, 2022 City Council Meeting. Motion carried 4/1. Councilmember Kurschner voted no.

Caron moved, Hersman seconded, to accept the ALTUS proposals, establish a Council work group with Councilmember Dierking as the Council liaison, and provided staff with direction. Motion carried 4/1. Councilmember Kurschner voted no.

Mayor Carlson left the meeting.

(b) Repeal of Chapter 1306 First Reading

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

Dan Johnson, 240 Third Street, addressed the Council.

Kurschner moved, Hersman seconded, to waive the first reading and schedule the second reading and adoption for the September 19, 2022 City Council meeting, and provided direction to staff. Motion carried 4/0.

10. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) None

11. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

- (a) None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) None

13. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) SLMPD Joint Powers Agreement (Amended)

Continued to the September 19, 2022 City Council Meeting.

- (b) Schedule Special Work Session(s)

Dierking moved, Hersman seconded, to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Motion carried 4/0.

Hersman moved, Dierking seconded, to schedule a special work session on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. and Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Motion carried 4/0.

Kurschner moved, Hersman seconded, to schedule a strategy session on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Motion carried 4/0.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hersman moved, Kurschner seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 P.M. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nalisha Williams, City Clerk