WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2014

AGENDA ITEM 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Mayor Willcox called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Council Members present: Amdal, Anderson, Mullin and Tanner. Also present: City Manager Nelson, City Planner Gadow, and Police Chief Risvold.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Approve Agenda.

Mr. Tanner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Amdal, to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Public Forum – 15 Minutes (3 minutes per person).

a. CenterPoint Energy to Present Award

Steve Marsh, CenterPoint Energy, presented a $750 Community Partnership Grant to Police Chief Risvold and indicated the grant will be used towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the Police Department. Chief Risvold thanked CenterPoint its generosity and described the need for an additional defibrillator to save lives.

Rail Safety Update

Chief Risvold provided an update relating to his meeting with Congressman Walz, representatives of the railroad, natural gas and petroleum industry, fire departments, and elected officials to address the issue of rail safety.

b. Presentation by Partners in Prevention Coalition

Rochelle Olson, Partners in Prevention Coalition, described their vision and mission to reduce substance use among youth. Ms. Olson answered questions of the Council relating to the impact of the City's ordinances regulating advertisement of liquor and best practices.

c. Cemetery Walk

Judy Starkey, Heritage Preservation Board, announced the Cemetery Walk, co-sponsored with the Historical Society, on June 7, 2014, and invited all to join them. Mr. Willcox described the tour and character actors who are dressed in period costumes and describe those entombed in the cemetery.

AGENDA ITEM 4. Consent Agenda.

Mr. Amdal made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to approve the consent agenda:

a. Approval of Workshop Minutes of May 20, 2014, and Minutes of May 20, 2014
b. Approval of Check Register
c. Approval of Municipal Licenses
d. Approval of Municipal Licenses which Received Administrative Approval (Informational Only)

The motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Public Hearing.

a. Consider On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Cru Entertainment LLC dba "CRU" at 700 Lake Street East

Ms. Nelson presented the request by CRU for liquor licenses and recommended approval as the application and background investigation were in satisfactory order. It was noted the licensed

premises will include the first floor indoor restaurant and an outdoor patio on the south and southwest side of the building.

Dean Vlachos, owner of CRU, stated they are excited to do business in Wayzata and anticipates a July 24, 2014 opening. He described the patio seating with Italian umbrellas, and menu offerings. Mr. Vlachos indicated CRU will be a fabulous restaurant and assured the Council it will be an establishment of which all can be proud.

Mayor Willcox opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. There being no input, Mayor Willcox closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Tanner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Amdal, to approve On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Cru Entertainment LLC dba "CRU" at 700 Lake Street East. The motion carried 5/0.

The Council thanked Mr. Vlachos for investing in Wayzata.

AGENDA ITEM 6. New Business.

a. LMCD to Discuss 2015 Draft Budget and Review Activities and Projects

Dan Baasen, Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) Board Chair, reported on Code updates relating to qualified commercial marinas and that future updates will address yacht clubs, municipal and transient slips. He also reported on the impact of record high water levels of Lake Minnetonka and indicated there are four new LMCD Board Members.

Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director, described their 2015 budget process, 2014 programs and activities, changes made to LMCD Code for commercial marinas, and Lake Minnetonka Boater Safety Education courses. Mr. Nybeck read Code Section 2.021 detailing parameters for declaring high water conditions, which occurred on May 13, 2014, when it reached 930.25 feet. He stated they are seeking assistance from Wayzata for AIS peace officer training and that all Wayzata Police Officers receive this training by the 2015 boating season.

Mr. Nybeck presented the 2015 LMCD budget, noting it includes a 0.6% levy increase; 1.1% expenditure decrease; 2% increase in personnel services, 63.8% decrease in office lease/storage; $95,000 for harvesting of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM); a transfer of $35,000 from the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Reserve Fund for future replacement of EWM capital equipment; $30,000 for AIS prevention and management projects; and, $3,300 to provide on-line viewing of LMCD Board meetings. Mr. Nybeck noted the LMCD levy, since 2008, has increased about $22,000. For Wayzata, the proposed 2015 budget is an increase of $889 over the 2014 budget, or a 2.3% increase.

Mr. Nybeck answered questions of the Council relating to the City's 2.3% increase when compared to other communities and indicated he would provide additional information, such as a spreadsheet, relating to this issue. With regard to the report of Mound dumping sewage into Lake Minnetonka, Mr. Nybeck stated they have been referring inquiries to the City of Mound. Mr. Nybeck stated they have met with Ms. Nelson about Lake Effect next steps and gave direction on the process.

Messrs. Baasen and Nybeck described the role of the LMCD to inspect watercraft and partnership with other regulating agencies to control the spread of AIS through a coordinated effort. Mr. Nybeck also described the treatment of Zebra Mussels occurring in Robinson Bay.

The Council thanked Messrs. Baasen and Nybeck and the LMCD for their work on the City's behalf and for keeping the levy as low as possible.

AGENDA ITEM 7. City Manager's Report and Discussion Items.

a. Next Steps Lake Effect – Transient Docks

Ms. Nelson referenced her May 28, 2014, memorandum outlining staff's meeting with representatives of Marine Dock and Lift to consider options for additional transient docks at the Broadway and depot locations. She presented three layouts to add transient dock capacity, related costs, buy back options, and lease terms. If a three-year consideration, she recommended the

lease option. Ms. Nelson stated the LMCD expressed concern with winter deicing (bubbler) that may result in destabilizing ice in the bay so the dock sections could instead be floated into the marina. Ms. Nelson stated a study has not been formally conducted about the level of transient dock shortfall but such comments had been received during the Lake Effect meetings. The Council indicated its preference for a high-end dock aesthetic and asked staff to obtain material samples.

The Council considered the number of docks, most efficient layout to eliminate conflicts with other boats, and joint venture option with retailers/restaurants/Chamber to help support this effort.

Member Mullin stated that while he supports improving transient boat slips and knows more are needed, he does not support this plan as he finds it over benefits two alcohol/restaurant establishments; the funding partners have expressed concern about alcohol use on the lake; and, this option does not make an impactful difference (based on timing and number of slips). Member Mullin stated he supports businesses and transient boat slips but for a higher purpose beyond alcohol and restaurants.

The Council acknowledged that additional transient boat slips are needed today and a lease option allows the City to try transient docks as an 'experiment' to determine the scale of transient dock shortage, as well as what does and does not work.

The Council requested additional information on key dates with a.m./p.m. peaks and weekends to learn how often the existing docks are being used, why the docks are being used, the resulting benefit to the business community, the number of additional transient boat slips that will make an impact, whether "dock boys" should be considered to assist boaters, and the option of posting signage indicating maximum time for dock use (if it becomes a problem).

The Council asked staff to request a prorated term as the docks may not be placed for another month and to develop an educational component so the community understands this is a test/interim program to determine need. Ms. Nelson stated there is a maintenance program if the docks are leased and staff can provide more information on that option.

The Council supported a concurrent process with the LMCD subject to presentation of dock layout and lease terms. The majority of the Council supported moving forward with the lease of cedar transient docks that would be attached to the existing dock structure so a new pier is not required.

Meeting with Mary deLaittre

Mr. Gadow suggested several dates to meet with Mary deLaittre to consider Lake Effect Next Steps. The Council indicated availability on June 26, 2014, at 5 pm.

Concession Stand Update

Ms. Nelson reported that staff continues to obtain additional bids for the electrical component, is working on the Agreement, and met with the two individuals who are interested in operating a hotdog stand this summer.

Other

Ms. Nelson stated the June 17, 2014, Workshop will include: presentation by LHB of the concept plans for east corridor landscape and cost estimates, and, discussion with Presbyterian Homes on the east play area design and neighborhood connections.

Ms. Nelson reported on the water quality test that occurred at the City's beach, finding the water was swimmable. The Council asked staff to determine whether geese deterrents could be used at the City's beach.

Ms. Nelson described the impact of high water levels at the City's marina and other road locations where water is over the road.

Ms. Nelson stated staff is reviewing the Bushaway Construction Cooperative Agreement and bids will be accepted on July 8, 2014. She stated an update will be provided at the next Council meeting.

Downtown Parking Study

Ms. Nelson stated the HRA, at its April meeting, reviewed the Downtown Parking Study and considered financing options for a parking ramp in the Mill Street area. She requested Council direction for addressing downtown parking needs including a process for determining the site, developing and RFP/RFQ for the design process, and further defining the financing and parking agreements with surrounding properties.

Mr. Mullin stated it is a foregone conclusion that there is a parking issue in Wayzata that will only get more severe. He offered the following next steps: 1. Restripe the Mill Street parking lot, remove the unneeded lift station to create more stalls, reconsider motorcycle parking, and remove the collection bin to create more stalls; 2. Implement a shuttle service that is partnered with schools and marketed to restaurant and others during high season demand; 3. Explore renegotiating with Presbyterian Homes and Marquee Place to improve public parking capacity and quality; 4. Build a parking ramp on Mill Street; and, 5. Build a parking ramp to the west in the next 10-20 years.

Mrs. Anderson requested numbers on constructing an underground parking ramp and indicated she thinks there are locations other than Mill Street. She noted there would be an incredible loss of tax revenue in that area because there could be more retail, office suites, and condos in this prime area of Wayzata. Mrs. Anderson stated a previous speaker had discussed why parking ramps should not be constructed in a desirable location that is close to the water and has large crowds. Rather, parking should be out of a congested area, such as the west end of Wayzata. Mrs. Anderson asked the Council to consider this differently to assure the creation of a walkable community and not create a large eyesore.

The Council acknowledged that parking was an immediate need and that a parking ramp could be constructed underground.

The Council agreed that Lake Street and that sidewalk also needed to be addressed to create a space that is adequate to accommodate pedestrians and also support sidewalk café uses. The Council asked staff to post the Power Point presentation made by Gil Penalosa to the City's website.

Mr. Willcox suggested creating a small task force to research existing parking agreements and covenants and provide a recommendation on how each can be addressed. Mr. Amdal felt it was the Council's responsibility to address existing parking agreements and covenants, create a spreadsheet detailing those agreements, and the HRA can assist with financing options. He suggested this topic be a regularly scheduled Workshop agenda item so it can be moved forward. The majority of the Council supported the suggestion of Mr. Amdal and asked staff to develop a Workshop schedule to address existing parking agreements and covenants, and create a spreadsheet, with the HRA assisting on financing options.

Ms. Nelson stated staff will develop an RFP/RFQ in terms of design that would include commercial aspect components, engineering (underground option), other locations such as the west end, and potential partnership with Presbyterian Homes and Marquee Place. In addition, as a first step, staff will meet with property owners to gain an understanding of existing agreements. Ms. Nelson noted it had always been envisioned that the corner of Lake and Superior Streets would become something else that would fund a parking ramp. That piece will also have to be taken into consideration.

Mrs. Anderson asked that the discussion start with understanding everyone's definitions, the number of parking spaces needed, and expectations as a City given the Lake Effect.

The Council indicated a willingness to consider Mr. Mullin's suggested first steps to restripe the Mill Street parking lot, remove the unneeded lift station to create more stalls,

reconsider motorcycle parking, and remove the collection bin to create more stalls. The Council agreed with the need to address summer peak parking solutions for employees of businesses (i.e., shuttle busses, off-site parking) and consider a ramp location that does not impact views from the bluff district or storefronts.

To address the parking issue in the marina area given County's construction projects, staff was asked to reach out to Three Rivers Park District to determine whether they are willing to find a temporary location or redirect trail users to a location other than the trailhead. Ms. Nelson stated staff has been in discussion with Mr. Born and Three Rivers Park District about how to off-load parking.

Bus Rapid Transit Study by Met Council

Mr. Gadow stated he reviewed the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study that the Met Council considered as part of its 2030 Comprehensive Plan. He explained that Study identified corridors that included I-394 but indicated that additional study was required to determine feasibility.

Comment on Pull Tab Operation

Mr. Mullin read a constituent's statement about pull tabs. Mr. Mullin suggested the City maximize its pull tab opportunity and promote how it benefits local charities.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Public Forum Continued (if necessary).

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM 9. Adjournment.

Mr. Tanner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Amdal to adjourn. There being no further business, Mr. Willcox adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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