

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2024**

5:00 p.m. Discussion of American Legion Post 118 Request for Amendment to City Code Related to Pull Tab Operation

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council Members present in-person in the community room at City Hall offices: Iverson, MacDonald, Parkhill, and Plechash. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Public Works Director/City Engineer Mike Kelly, Parks and Environment Planner Nick Kieser, City Clerk Kathy Leervig, and City Attorney David Schelzel.

Clerk Leervig provided background noting that the American Legion Post 118 has approached the City about exploring the option to allow Pull Tabs at the Legion. Ms. Leervig noted the current City Code allows only one license and one location in the City. The Wayzata Lions Club holds the only license and operates at the Wayzata Bar and Grill. Based on a previous agreement between the Fire Relief Association and the Lions, the Lions contribute 50% of their net proceeds from the sale of Pull Tabs to the City to help fund Fire Department expenditures on behalf of the Relief Association. The Legion noted their willingness to donate 15-25% of net profits from Pull Tabs to the City, in a similar arrangement as the Lions, albeit in a smaller percentage. City Manager Dahl reminded the Council that there is no legal requirement for the Lions and the Legion to donate those amounts to the City.

The discussion with the Council determined this was a unique request and directed staff to explore amending the City Code to allow a second license and second location within the City and to bring this forward at a regular council meeting within the next month. Council discussed the 10% administrative fee that could be charged to each license holder as allowed by state statute but decided not to pursue that revenue as it would have a negative impact on net profits. Councilmember Plechash stated he did not support gambling and would not support the amendment. Mayor Mouton suggested staff report back in a year with the impact of the additional license if approved by council.

5:45 p.m. Discussion of Panoway Lakewalk and Dock Operating Policies

Planner Kieser reviewed the Panoway policy items that need Council direction prior to the opening of the lakewalk and docks in the Spring. With the future opening of the new lakewalk and docks in summer 2024, the Panoway District Committee (PDC) and Dock Design Working Group (DDWG) have discussed policy questions that will help to manage and operate the new areas. Both groups have discussed the policy items at multiple meetings with Councilmember MacDonald as a member of the PDC and Councilmember Parkhill as a member of the DDWG. Their recommendations and staff's discussion notes for policy questions are attached to the agenda packet for review.

The two policy items that held the most discussion with the PDC and DDWG were:

- 1) the introduction of a parking pay system for boats at the new docks
- 2) the possibility of allowing boat rentals options to take up slips at the new docks

City Council first started the discussion on the first policy item regarding the parking pay system for the new dock system. The Council discussed the general idea of implementing a pay system or keeping the docks free to use by the public. There were varying opinions on the Council on whether to implement the pay system when the docks open or keep the docks free.

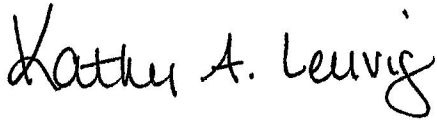
If a pay system is implemented, Council noted that more information is required in regard to enforcement measures, pay-by-hour/seasonal permit system, days the pay system should be enforced, signage impact,

1 and how the pay-by-hour system works. Enforcement will be a significant issue to solve for the pay
2 system to work accurately. The Council also noted that a seasonal permit could be another alternative to
3 explore instead of requiring users to pay each time they use the docks. Another idea was discussed to only
4 require the pay-by-hour payment from Thursday to Sunday. Council also wanted additional information
5 to show how the app or text-to-pay options work for the payment system. Overall, Council noted that
6 more information is required on the main discussion items for the pay system to make an informed
7 decision.

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9 Council then discussed the second policy item regarding the possibility for boat rental options. Staff noted
10 that two companies have inquired about adding boat rental options at the new docks system. The two
11 companies are Duffy Boats and Tonka Boat Rental. Council liked the possibility of the additional revenue
12 this use would bring and the notion that people who do not have a boat on Lake Minnetonka have the
13 opportunity to access the lake. Council brought up the concerns of losing public boat slips, significant
14 safety concerns, and the need to not add any additional staff responsibilities. The safety concerns were
15 emphasized for the Duffy Boats since those are smaller/lighter boats which could run into issues at the
16 new docks. Council noted that more details and a proposal should be brought forward by the companies
17 for their review that shows how the boat rental program would operate and how that would affect the
18 dock system.

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20 Staff will bring the remaining policy items to a future City Council workshop for discussion along with
21 additional details for the two main policy items discussed at this workshop.

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23 Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy A. Leervig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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25 Kathy Leervig, City Clerk