

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024**

3:00 p.m. Discussion of Panoway Lakewalk and Dock Operating Policies

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Council Members present in-person in the community room at City Hall offices: Iverson, Parkhill, and Plechash. Absent: MacDonald. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Public Works Director/City Engineer Mike Kelly, Parks and Environment Planner Nick Kieser, Deputy City Manager Aurora Yager, Community Development Director Emily Goellner, Police Chief Marc Schultz, Deputy Police Chief Jamie Baker, and City Clerk Kathy Leervig. In addition, Park Mobile representative Rob Stephens was also in attendance.

Mayor Mouton spoke about the tragic incident involving the fatal shooting of two police officers and a firefighter from the City of Burnsville during a domestic assault call over the weekend. The Mayor conveyed deep sadness over the tragedy and emphasized the significance of mental wellness for both Wayzata Police and Fire staff, as well as all City employees, in light of this event. Police Chief Schultz acknowledged Wayzata's support for the memorial honoring the fallen officers and firefighter.

Parks and Environment Planner Nick Kieser provided background on the Panoway policy discussion noting the City Council met on January 9 to discuss options for a boat parking pay system and hourly boat rental opportunities. Summaries of that past discussion, along with updated recommendations from the Panoway District Committee, the Parks and Trails Board, and staff are included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Kieser led a discussion covering various topics on the potential to implement an hourly boat parking pay system, such as boat parking rates and time limits, potential revenue, and enforcement. Following this, a representative from Park Mobile provided insights into the functionality of the Park Mobile App and how it could be tailored to meet the specific needs and preferences of the City. The conversation also touched upon the importance of installing relevant signage to raise awareness about the app and its mobile payment capabilities.

There was consensus on the Council that an hourly boat parking system should be implemented at the new dock system. Enforcement would be focused on education for the first couple of months with a new system and would like to explore the options Park Mobile offers to help with enforcement. Signage should be kept as minimal and nondisruptive as possible. A sandwich board communicating the dock pay system could be placed at the docks when the dockmasters are working. The Council noted that the cost to park should be set at \$4/hour for the 6'-32' boats and \$6/hour for the 32'-50' boats. Options to offer reduced prices for Wayzata residents should be explored to be implemented in 2025, but, if possible, the reduced rates could be implemented in 2024. The Council also emphasized the need for a communication plan to be created to help educate dock users of the new pay system.

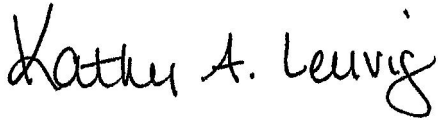
Staff noted that an agreement will be drafted with Park Mobile that will be presented at a future City Council meeting. Any Ordinance changes will be drafted and presented to the Council along with the draft agreement.

Additionally, Mr. Kieser highlighted the potential for utilizing two slips at the Depot Docks for commercial boat rentals. Letters of interest have been received from two companies, Tonka Boat Rental and Duffy Boats, willing to enter into seasonal rental agreements for this purpose. Kieser reviewed the potential revenue, the differences between Tonka Boat Rental and Duffy Boats, Lake Minnetonka Conservation District requirements, safety concerns, signage, and storage. The Council discussed and decided that given the bustling activity in the Panoway area and considering the timing of the dock's completion, there was consensus to consider the opportunity next year. If this option is explored in future years, then the proposed fee should be increased from what was noted in the packet.

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2 The final Panoway policy items listed were reviewed and discussed by Council. The consensus among the
3 Council members was in favor of the recommendations noted for each policy outlined in the agenda
4 packet. The only policy item that the Council desired more information was for the time limit to moor
5 boats on the new docks. Staff noted that various options can be drafted for this item for the Council to
6 review.

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8 The Council instructed staff to present all matters discussed at a forthcoming Council meeting for final
9 recommendation and approval. Staff noted that draft Ordinance changes and any agreements needed will
10 be presented to Council for review and approval.

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12 Respectfully submitted,

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14 Kathy Leervig, City Clerk