

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2025**

5:00 p.m. Discussion of Public Safety Priorities, Initiatives, and Communications for Downtown

Mayor Mullin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council Members present in-person in the community room at City Hall offices: MacDonald, Parkhill, Plechash, and Sorensen. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Deputy City Manager Aurora Yager, and Interim Police Chief Jamie Baker.

Chief Baker provided background with previous Councils and the Panoway District Committee about mitigation tactics used to increase public safety in the community, especially during the summer months in and around Lake Street.

Discussion included a prioritized list of public safety issues and what staff is working on in order to mitigate impacts that included excessive noise, parking, fishing, e-bikes, loitering, and public smoking/drinking/cannabis use. Additionally, Council Member MacDonald brought up safety concerns with the intersection on Lake Street in front of Ben and Jerry's and wanting to discuss potential improvement options.

Next steps include:

- Updating the prioritized list of safety issues for a future workshop which will include information such as the City's current fines vs. maximum fines and required changes to implement those changes.
- Options for safety improvements in front of Ben and Jerry's
- Description of changes to police presence this summer based on having additional resources
- Install an electronic sign regarding e-bikes
- Draft ordinance related to e-bikes

5:45 p.m. Receive General Update on Strategic Plan Initiatives and Discussion of Priorities for 2025

Mr. Dahl provided an update on the progress of the City's strategic plan initiatives and discussed strategic initiatives planned for 2025.

Mr. Dahl highlighted the sales tax initiative noting that some potential changes at the capital might make the opportunity to pursue a Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) more appealing or achievable but moving forward with a future LOST request would require the Council to update its legislative priorities. There was consensus to make the adjustment to the legislative priorities and staff noted that a workshop dedicated to a sales tax use and engagement plan would be at the next workshop.

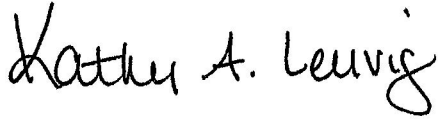
Mayor Mullin asked Council Members to chime in with ideas of potential future priorities. A list of brainstormed ideas included:

- Charging for parking
- Occupancy issues at the Promenade
- Short-term rentals
- Public art
- Outdoor Sidewalk Café fees and public use
- Wayzata Boulevard safety
- Lake Street traffic closing mechanisms (i.e. bollards)
- Tree ordinance review for impacts to institutions
- Local control of assessing
- Phase 3 of Panoway – timing, funding, and scope

1 Next steps include updating the legislative priorities, discussing a sales tax use and engagement plan at a
2 future workshop, and holding a retreat in the summer to further review the brainstormed priorities.

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4 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy A. Leervig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct dot over the 'i' in 'Leervig'.

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10 Kathy Leervig, City Clerk