

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2025**

5:40 p.m. Discuss Consideration of Code Amendment Request to Allow Outdoor Bars in Public Right-of-Way for Proposed CoV Patio Improvements

Mayor Mullin called the meeting to order at 5:40 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, Public Works Director/City Engineer Mike Kelly, Interim Chief of Police Jamie Baker, and Community Development Director Alex Sharpe.

Mr. Sharpe indicated that CoV has submitted a proposal to renovate its existing patio and bar, including an extension into the public right-of-way (ROW). The City Council is being asked to hold an initial discussion on the matter. To proceed, the proposal would require several City Council approvals, starting with an amendment to Chapter 315 of the ROW ordinance, which currently prohibits bars and related facilities in the ROW. If the ordinance is amended, the following approvals would be needed:

- Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit
- 2025 Sidewalk Café Permit
- Design Review (Planning Commission recommendation and Council approval)
- Updated Liquor License

Mr. Sharpe stated that a similar request was made by CoV in 2020 which was denied due to concerns over setting a precedent, obstructing lake views, and impacts on public space in a prominent downtown location.

Key Discussion Points for Council Consideration:

- Alignment with the City's strategic goals
- Liability concerns for the City
- Criteria for future ROW business applications
- Impact on lake views
- Feasibility of removable construction to avoid ROW disruption
- Management of fees, maintenance, and other logistics

Jon Davis, representing CoV, discussed their proposed plans. All of the Council Members indicated their appreciation of CoV's thriving business and wanted to expand but ultimately there was not consensus to allow an active bar on public right-of-way. The Council encouraged CoV to evaluate alternative locations on their site which would not require the use of the public right-of-way.

6:00 p.m. Discussion of 2026 Budget Process and Council Budget Priorities

Deputy City Manager Yager provided background noting feedback received after the 2025 Budget process and wanted to start the 2026 Budget with open-ended dialogue with the Council to ensure alignment on the schedule and presentation and material expectations.

Some specific questions staff asked for feedback on included:

- What, if anything, would you like to see changed from the 2025 Budget process to the 2026 Budget process?
- What feedback or changes would you like to see made to the proposed 2026 Budget Calendar?
- Before staff begin drafting the 2026 Budget, are there any expectations, projects/initiatives, or changes in services that you would like to see incorporated?

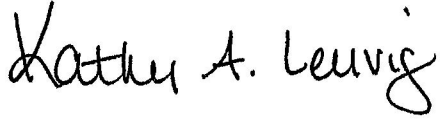
The Council discussed the schedule and did not suggest any changes. Feedback on the budget process was generally positive with the following feedback suggested:

- Add more detail by department including prior year history to understand trends over time
- Add more context of consultants used by the City
- Continue to include suggestions for how to cut the budget

- Spend more time on CIP review and add in more context including TIF funding and top five projects in terms of cost by fund
- Consider updates to the Excess Fund Transfer Policy

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kathy Leervig, City Clerk