

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2025**

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: Koch, MacDonald, Plechash, and Sorensen. Also present: Interim City Manager Aurora Yager and Community Development Director Alex Sharpe.

5:00 p.m. Discussion of Imagine 2050 - Comprehensive Plan Update

Director Sharpe provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan process, noting that all metro-area cities must update their plans every 10 years and that Wayzata's current plan is the *2040 Comprehensive Plan*. He explained that the plan guides future development, redevelopment, and land use decisions.

Sharpe reviewed the background requirements from the Metropolitan Council and outlined the proposed process and schedule. He highlighted the extensive community engagement from the 2040 Plan, which cost approximately \$80,000 and established a strong foundation for future updates.

Council discussed the level of engagement desired for the 2050 Plan, expressing interest in a more focused and efficient process that builds on prior work rather than repeating it. Concerns were raised about the estimated cost of up to \$325,000. Both staff and Council identified the housing chapter as a key area needing updates.

The Council agreed that a smaller, targeted advisory committee, including representatives from the Council, Planning Commission, Parks and Trails Committee, and business community, would be preferable to assigning the work solely to the Planning Commission.

Staff will prepare a draft RFP for Council review in spring 2026 and develop a list of potential committee members for appointment.

5:45 p.m. Discussion of 2026 Legislative Priorities

Ms. Yager explained that each year the City Council works with staff to align legislative priorities with the City's strategic goals. This alignment guides staff in allocating resources, such as lobbying services, and communicating with legislative representatives and the community. Staff and the Mayor have recently met with the City's Lobbyist to develop a potential strategy for the upcoming year. Feedback from both our lobbyist and our local representatives have been incorporated into the draft 2026 Legislative Priorities.

Ms. Yager noted that the legislative priorities were the same as the prior year with a few exceptions. The bonding request was reduced in scope and dollars requested for bonding to hopefully increase success at the Capital. Two new additions were to request expanded eligibility for TIF for Panoway Phase 3 and to request standardized rules and increased restrictions for e-bikes and motorized scooters.

The Council discussed the sales tax priority and comparing the benefits of a food and beverage versus a local option sales tax. Consensus was to bring the discussion back to a workshop with the City's lobbyist to discuss more about the process and benefits of the two sales tax options.

The Council also discussed adding in another legislative priority about the population thresholds for state aid and finding ways to lower that or make an exception. The Council also discussed expanding priority #4 or adding a priority more related to the importance of maintaining local control.

Mayor Mullin brought up a concept some Mayors had been discussing of a shared lobbyist amongst lakes area cities focused on issues of local control. Consensus from the Council was that they were concerned

about this issue and interested in learning more at a future workshop about a potential shared lobbying effort.

6:30 p.m. Discussion of Future Council Topics

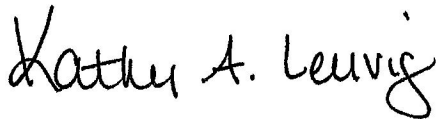
Mayor Mullin and Council Member MacDonald brought up a recent meeting held with Park St. residents regarding their dissatisfaction with the landscaping corrections already made. While the Council previously authorized the top of the slide structure to not be installed, per the manufacturer it had to be installed for structural integrity and some of the neighbors are not happy with that result. The Mayor asked the Council if there was any appetite to do anything more to address the slide design and landscaping.

Consensus from the Council was to make a reasonable investment to address landscaping and corrections to the slide structure.

Ms. Yager noted that other future workshop topics were listed in the packet and below but the item for short-term rentals still needed to be vetted by the Council to determine if there was interest and that may change due to the litigation.

- Nov 5 Final CIP Review
- Nov 18 Final Budget Status Update
- Nov 18 Public Safety Needs Assessment Study (tentative)
- Dec 2 Board and Commission Interviews
- Dec 2 Closure 600 Block Lake St Pedestrian Activities
- Dec 16 Short Term Rentals

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