

**SPECIAL WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2017**

5:45 p.m. Closed Special Meeting

Mayor Willcox called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Conference Room at Wayzata City Hall. Council Members present: Koch, McCarthy, Plechash and Tyacke. Also present: City Manager Dahl, and City Attorney Schelzel.

Mr. Tyacke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Plechash, to recess to a closed special meeting of the Wayzata City Council to conduct a performance evaluation of Wayzata City Manager Jeffrey Dahl pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 3. The motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Tyacke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Plechash to adjourn the closed meeting at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Joint Workshop Meeting with Parks & Trails Board

Mayor Willcox called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Community Room at Wayzata City Hall. Council Members present: Koch, McCarthy, Plechash and Tyacke. Also present: City Manager Dahl, and Director of Public Service Dudinsky. Parks & Trails Board Members Present: Baasen, Borg Babcock, Bader, Cunningham, McWethy, Purdy, and Showalter.

Mr. Dahl stated that at the October 17, 2017 City Council Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Workshop, the City Council discussed future Parks and Trails Projects with Chair Dan Baasen. While significant time was allocated for discussion pertaining to the Platform Tennis Initiative, time ran out prior giving all of the Council Members a chance to weigh in. As a result, the "next step" given to the Parks and Trails Board was that there would be a need to continue discussion.

Mr. Dahl state that the main objectives of the joint workshop meeting are to:

1. Build "team" and improve working relationships between the Council and Parks and Trails Board;
2. Review Parks and Trails role and the value it provides;
3. Discuss City Council 2017-2020 Strategic Plan as it relates to the Parks and Trails Board;
4. Provide more detail of what a Parks Master Plan could entail;
5. Allow all Council Members a chance to provide feedback on Parks Master Plan and Platform Tennis; and
6. Discuss and Provide Consensus on "Next Steps" for both Master Plan Process and Platform Tennis.

Mr. Dahl provided a history of the Parks and Trails Board. He stated that in 2011, the City commissioned a Parks and Trails Taskforce, which drafted a report that ultimately recommended, among other things, creation of an appointed board that would focus on parks. As a result, the Parks and Trails Board was created in 2012 by the City Council with the overall objective to champion parks and trails in the City and advise the City Council on issues related to park improvements, trail expansion, maintenance needs, and recommendations on allocation of Capital Improvement Funds.

Mr. Dudinsky went over Parks and Trails accomplishments over the past several years.

Mr. Baasen read the Parks and Trails Board self-adopted mission:

To provide recommendations to the City Council for the preservation, protection, enhancement, and promotion of a healthy park and trail system for the benefit and enjoyment of all community members and visitors.

Mr. Baasen read the Parks and Trails Board self-adopted vision:

To be responsible stewards of our parks, trails, lakefront, and natural resources and promote peaceful reflection, invigorating activity, community enrichment, and education for individuals and groups of all ages and abilities.

Mr. Dahl provided an overview of the Parks Master Plan initiative. He stated that the City Council held a Strategic Planning Session over a two-day retreat in April. One of the main strategic initiatives discussed was providing resources to the Parks and Trails Board to put together a Parks Master Plan for parks and trails in Wayzata into the future. He said that while the Platform Tennis Initiative sparked the overall need for a Parks Master Plan at the Strategic Planning Session, the discussion focused on the need for more of a comprehensive road map for the parks and trail system that would address future park and trail improvements, expansions, re-use, etc. In addition, because the importance of parks has seemingly increased over the past decade and as such, the City has designated more resources for park projects, there should be more of a public process to clarify wants and needs of community members. Mr. Dahl said that the Lake Effect went through this process, however, it did not tie in the rest of the park system.

Mr. Dahl reported that ultimately, the City Council voted to approve the attached Strategic Plan with resources dedicated to the Parks and Trails Board in 2018 to launch a Parks Master Plan. The details of the process was left up to the Parks and Trails Board to decide.

The group reviewed an example of a recent Parks and Trails Master Plan that Deephaven completed in 2016.

The Council provided feedback regarding the Platform Tennis Initiative and how it relates to the Master Planning process. Ultimately, after much discussion, the consensus was that the Platform Tennis Initiative could move forward parallel, or along with, the Master Planning Process as long as public feedback is obtained.

Mr. Baasen indicated that the Parks and Trails Board will move forward with the Master Planning process as soon as possible.

Mayor Willcox thanked all for coming and for their hard work in making Wayzata a better place to live.

The workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Malone 12-05-2017

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City Clerk