

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP SYNOPSIS
Thursday, October 20, 2022
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Murphy
- 2. Roll Call:** DeVries – Harris – Winge – Benson

Mayor Murphy called to order the workshop for October 20, 2022 at 7:50 p.m. Councilmembers present: Devries, Harris, and Winge. Excused Absence: Benson. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Mary Vinzant, Deputy City Clerk

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss
 - Business Regulation and Licensing

Petracek explained that staff is asking to incorporate tighter regulations in place for new businesses applying for a business license.

Mary Vinzant, Deputy City Clerk, provided an overview of the business license application and renewal process. She discussed Mary's Montessori's and Little Rabbit's Hole licensing process and the fact that there has not been a patron or any progress toward actually opening a daycare facility since the license was approved. She explained that it has been almost 3 years since both providers had licenses approved, and neither provider obtained their daycare license from the State. She is concerned about what both potential daycare providers are actually doing or what type of business they are conducting. At this point there has been no attempt to open a daycare facility in the building owned by Menlo Park. She stated that the leasing agent told her that Little Rabbit's Hole is paying rent on the building. Discussion ensued.

Vinzant suggested the following regulations in the ordinance:

- 1. Once a business license has been approved by the City Council, if the business has not begun operation within 90 days, their license would be suspended.*
- 2. Any business that needs State licensure would need that license obtained prior to the City approving and issuing the business license.*

The City Council discussed revoking Little Rabbit's Hole business license. Glaser stated that there is due process to revoking a license. He stated that a letter would need to be sent to the

business owner that there will be a hearing to revoke their business license on a certain date. The Council would hold the hearing at a City Council meeting and determine if the license should be revoked. Discussion ensued. Petracek stated he would work with staff to get this revocation process started.

Attorney Glaser would prepare the discussed amendments to the business licensing ordinance for the first reading at the next City Council meeting.

4. Staff Input

No staff input

5. Council Input

No Council input.

6. Adjourn

Councilmember Harris made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.