

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2024– 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Grote

- A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Harris, Winge and Benson

Mayor Grote called to order the Regular City Council meeting for March 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: Benson, DeVries, Winge and Harris. Also Present: Chris Galiov, Finance Director, City Attorney Kurt Glaser, and Jim Fischer, Public Works.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

Sam Bennett, Lino Lake Resident, was present to discuss an initiative for clean-up along Lake Drive. He inquired about promoting the effort on social and other media to City residents. Mr. Bennett is currently planning for an event on May 4, and one more in the fall. Councilmembers and staff present informed him about the next scheduled City newsletter. Discussion ensued.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Attorney Glaser informed the Council that there is no need to hold any of the closed sessions. Councilmember DeVries made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove both closed sessions. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 3-13 through 3-26, 2024

Mayor Grote referred to a recent shooting at Landings of Lexington. He noted that he learned about it from residents' concerns; he noted that in the future Council should be informed of such serious incidents. Attorney Glaser said he'd discuss this with Chief Mork.

- B. Council Workshop Synopsis – March 21, 2024
C. Anoka Count EMV's Assessments 2023 & 2024
D. Median Estimated Market Value 2024 Assessment
E. Mediation and Restorative Services

Councilmember Benson inquired about the letter. Finance Director Galiov gave a summary of the service, and the savings provided to the city. Councilmember Harris, who is also a liaison to the Park Board, was aware of Ms. Baugh-Buys' intent to address is also a liaison to the Park Board, was aware of Ms. Baugh-Buys' intent to address the Council.

Councilmember Harris Lexington made a motion to reopen the Citizens Forum at 7.11 p.m. due to the arrival of Lexington resident Amanda Baugh-Buys. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion.

Ms. Baugh-Buys raised an issue regarding the rubber mulch installed at the Memorial Park playground. She expressed her concerns with the possible harm from the staining that the rubber mulch caused, as well as potential harm to the environment and pollution. The finance director explained that staff is aware of the issue and is working with the vendor and Public Works to resolve the issue. PW Lead Fischer and Finance Director Galiov described the process and reasons for using rubber mulch vs wood chips. Discussion ensued.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
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- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 51397 through 51434
Check #'s 15145 through 15163

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve Solicitors/Peddlers License (Edward Jones).

Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve Solicitors/Peddlers License for Edward Jones. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve City Hall sign specifications and quote of \$53,855.00.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to Approve City Hall sign specifications and quote of \$53,855.00. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 24-10 A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement For Bids For 2024 Street Improvements of Griggs Avenue between Flowerfield Road and Restwood Road and Griggs Avenue between approximately 375 Feet North of Restwood Road (to exclude the new bituminous overlay at Lexington Lofts) and Lake Drive

Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 24-10 A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement For Bids For 2024 Street Improvements. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries asked staff to contact Lexington Lofts so they can correct issues with their garbage enclosure.

5. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

Attorney Glaser informed the Council that mediation in the personnel matter is scheduled for the following week. Attorney Glaser also informed the Council the trial in the matter of City of Blaine is postponed for later this year, and possibly even January of 2025.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.