

MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION 7:00 PM
&
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2024 - Immediately Following Public Hearing
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Grote

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

Mayor Grote called to order the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Murphy and Winge. Excused Absence: Benson. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Quad Press; Numerous Lexington citizens; Centennial High School Students.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: TRUTH IN TAXATION

- A. Final Proposed 2025 Budget

*Barb Mahr
9232 Ryan Pl.
Lexington, MN.*

Ms. Mahr asked the Council why the new apartments haven't provided the tax relief that citizens were told they would provide Lexington.

Petracek responded by saying that his memo to the Council can provide the explanation to the 2025 General Levy increase of 3%. He added that to simplify it, the costs to provide law enforcement services has gone up considerably over the past few years, and that the new apartments have dampened the taxpayer's increase as a result of those added expenses. He continued by saying the apartments provide much more benefit to the taxpayer's other than property tax relief. He added the new apartments provide increase utility revenues and franchise fees, which pay for your equipment, road maintenance, and other large projects. Discussion ensued.

3. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the Truth in Taxation hearing at 7:06 p.m. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA
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9180INGTON AVE

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** – Mayor Grote
 - A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Murphy, Winge and Benson

Mayor Grote called to order the Regular Council meeting for December 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Murphy and Winge. Excused Absence: Benson. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Quad Press; Numerous Lexington citizens; Centennial High School Students.

2. **CITIZENS FORUM**

No citizens were present to discuss items not on the agenda.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS**

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *No report given.*
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) *Quarterly meetings – No report given*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *No report given.*

5. **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Council Workshop meeting synopsis
- B. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 11-20 through 11-26-2024

No discussion on Letters and Communications.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
 - Council Meeting – November 21, 2024
 - Election Canvass meeting 11-13-2024
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:

Check #'s 52256 through 52306
Check #'s 52255 through 52100
Check #'s 15483 through 15492

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 24-20 A Resolution Certifying 2024 Tax Levy Collectable In 2025

Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 24-20 A Resolution Certifying 2024 Tax Levy Collectable In 2025. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 24-21 A Resolution Adopting 2025 Operating Budget For The City Of Lexington

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 24-21 A Resolution Adopting 2025 Operating Budget for the City Of Lexington. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

No input from the Mayor or City Council

9. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

No input from the city administrator

10. CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to go into closed session at 7:18 PM pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the pending litigation versus the City of Blaine regarding the interconnected water and sewer systems. Mayor Grote seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- This portion of the meeting is closed pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the pending litigation versus the City of Blaine regarding the interconnected water and sewer systems.

Councilmember Winge made a motion to reconvene into open session at 7:44 PM. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.
Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*