

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LEXINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024– 7:00 P.M.  
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 Regular City Council meeting for September 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: Devries, Murphy, and Winge Excused absence: Benson. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Steve Winter and Tim Bicknell, MSA Consultants; Jason and Ted Stomel, Northway Mall owners; The Quad Press; Barb Mahr and Jill Hunt.*

**3. CITIZENS FORUM**

*Jason Stomel  
Owner, Northway Mall  
California*

*Mr. Stomel was present to address the Council on the potential of a Chipotle Restaurant and other restaurants in Northway Mall. He stated that there have been a significant number of vacancies in Northway Mall over the past years and added that they have had interest from Chipotle to build a new restaurant in the parking lot of Northway Mall. He continued by saying that he is very confident that Chipotle would bring in other restaurants to the vacant lot in front of the daycare. He added that this addition is super critical for the revitalization of Northway Mall. Discussion ensued.*

*Stomel handed out a brochure with community input that he obtained through Facebook. He stated that there was a high level of desire for new restaurants in Lexington. He understands that there may be too many Mexican restaurants in the Lexington area, but he feels there are differences between a Chipotle, El Lorro, and Pancho's. Discussion ensued.*

*The consensus was support for a Chipotle in Lexington. Councilmember Winge and Devries expressed their support for a Chipotle.*

*Ted Stomel addressed the Council and stated that he is here on behalf of his son to support his efforts to build a Chipotle in Northway Mall and to ensure he addressed everything needed to make this happen.*

*Barb Mahr  
Lexington, MN*

*Ms. Mahr addressed the Council and question the fees to design and remodel the Memorial Park bathrooms. Councilmember Murphy asked that she listen to the discussion regarding the architect contract under the Action items.*

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS**

*Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the Agenda with no Changes or Corrections. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

#### **5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Rports – 8-21- through 9-10-2024
- B. Public Notice – Lexington Fall Fest & Fire Department Open House
- C. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – September 10, 2024

*No discussion on Letters and Communications.*

#### **2. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:  
Council Meeting – September 5, 2024
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:  
Check #'s 51980 through 52027  
Check #'s 15378 through 15390  
VOID #15367
- C. Financial Reports
  - Cash Balances
  - Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

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

#### **3. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to approve Memorial Park Bathroom Remodel – MSA  
Consultants Contract for Architectural Design

*Tim Bicknell, Architect MSA Consultants, understood that the Council felt the fees were too high to design the remodel of the Memorial Park bathrooms and to make them handicap accessible .*

*Mayor Grote asked if Option #1, the hallway was going to be wide enough for handicap accessibility. Bicknell stated that he had contacted the State and they didn't have a problem with leaving the hallway the way it is for Option #1. Discussion about Option #2 being fully handicap accessible and Option #1 not being fully handicap accessible.*

*Bicknell stated that to design Option #2, he was able restructure the fees to get them down to \$16,800 from \$23,500. Discussion ensued.*

*Barb Mahr asked why the City is using taxpayer dollars to do the remodeling of the bathrooms in Memorial Park. There is a whole group of volunteers with Centennial Little League – plumbers, electricians, etc. - that would do this at no cost to the City. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve Memorial Park Bathroom Remodel – MSA Consultants Contract for Architectural Design to design Option #2 of the proposed designs for \$16,800. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 - 1 no vote.*

- B. Recommendation to accept O'Reilly's Auto Parts development improvement and cancel the letter of credit

*Councilmember Devries made a motion to accept O'Reilly's Auto Parts development improvement and cancel the letter of credit. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

- C. Recommendation to approve RES – PRYO Pyrotechnic Special Event Permit for Fireworks Display at Lexington Fall Festival

*Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve RES – PRYO Pyrotechnic Special Event Permit for Fireworks Display at Lexington Fall Festival. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

- D. Recommendation to approve allowing a time extension on Fall Festival noise level from 9:00 PM till 12:00 AM

*Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve allowing Cowboy's Saloon a time extension on Fall Festival noise level from 9:00 PM till 12:00 AM. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

#### 4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

*Councilmember Devries stated that he received phone calls from 30 different residents to put the recording that involved the fire department lawsuit on the agenda for discussion. He is requesting to place this item on the last City Council meeting in October. Mayor Grote protested saying that the lawsuit is settled and doesn't need more discussion.*

*Attorney Glaser stated that a member of the Council has the right to place an item on the agenda for discussion and the City Council has the ability to approve or not approve the agenda with that particular item on the agenda. Discussion ensued.*

*Petracek confirmed having this item on the agenda for discussion at the October 17th meeting.*

#### 5. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

*No input from the city administrator.*

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.  
Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

# No Council Workshop