

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 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 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: Benson, Devries, Murphy, and Winge Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Quad Press; Amanda Baugh-Buys

3. CITIZENS FORUM

*Amanda Baugh-Buys
9310 Syndicate Ave
Lexington, Mn.*

Ms. Baugh-Buys was present to discuss the rubber mulch in Memorial Park that was installed under the park equipment. She stated that the City of Minneapolis passed a Resolution to remove the rubber mulch due to the toxicity of the product.

Councilmember Devries stated that the reason the City installed the rubber mulch because the wood mulch became rotten and moldy. Discussion ensued.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item #5. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *Next meeting in October*
B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) *Quarterly meetings – No report*

City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – Petracek explained that the Gaga Ball court that was proposed by the Eagle Scout is ready for use in Memorial Park. Discussion ensued.

Petracek stated he and the city engineer had a meeting with Anoka County Highway Department regarding their intention to reconstruct Lovell Road between Hamline Ave.

and Lexington Ave. in 2027. He added that Anoka County will be presenting their thoughts at the October workshop.

Petracek also discussed that AT&T has submitted an application to rezone a portion of Memorial Park to construct another cell tower next to the existing tower owned by American Tower Corporation. Attorney Glaser provided an explanation of the need to rezone the property and wanted to get the temperature of the Council on their desire to add another cell tower in Memorial Park, which additional revenue to the City for the lease of the land. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Council was supportive of a new cell tower in Memorial Park.

6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports 8-7 through 8-20, 2024
- B. Council Workshop meeting synopsis
- C. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes

No discussion on Letters and Communications

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – August 15, 2024
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 51918 through 51979
Check #'s 15359 through 15374
- 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.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 24-15 A Resolution for
Hearing on Proposed Assessment - Setting a Public Hearing Date of
October 3, 2024

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 24-15 A Resolution for Hearing on Proposed Assessment - Setting a Public Hearing Date of October 3, 2024. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 24-16 A Resolution Certifying Proposed Tax Levy Requirements for 2025 to Anoka County for Collection

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 24-16 A Resolution Certifying Proposed Tax Levy Requirements for 2025 to Anoka County for Collection. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Councilmember Winge questioned the fees for the architect in the contract. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to table the Memorial Park Bathroom Remodel – MSA Consultants Contract for Architectural Design until the next meeting. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Recommendation to approve Centennial Lakes Police Department 2025 Budget

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve the Centennial Lakes Police Department 2025 Budget. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Recommendation to approve Constitution Week Proclamation

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve Constitution Week Proclamation. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. Recommendation to approve New Business License

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve a New Business License for Professional Karate Studios. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- G. Recommendation to approve Special Event Permits – Lexington Fall Fest – September 20 through September 21, 2024

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Special Event Permits – Lexington Fall Fest – September 20 through September 21, 2024. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- H. Lexington Block Party – Boulevard Bar & Grille – September 20 through September 22, 2024

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Lexington Block Party – Boulevard Bar & Grille – September 20 through September 22, 2024. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries stated that restwood road potholing was complete. He asked if public works would be filling the potholes on Restwood Road closer to Lexington Ave. Petracek stated he would follow up with public works.

Councilmember Benson discussed the beginning of early voting next week.

Councilmember Murphy stated that Councilmember Kruen will be at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Winge discussed a flier that was distributed throughout the community regarding the lawsuit. He asked the Mayor if he would be releasing the recording involving the lawsuit. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Glaser stated that the recording is protected by the Data Practices Act and it can't be disclosed to public because of lawsuit because it contained sensitive information. Councilmember Devries replied by saying that he thought everything was public following the settlement of the lawsuit. Glaser responded that the investigation involving the lawsuit is also protected by the Data Practices Act, but the Council can add it to the agenda for discussion for future meetings. Discussion ensued.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Benson made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.