

**CITY OF LEXINGTON  
WORKSHOP SYNOPSIS  
Thursday, December 19, 2024  
Immediately following Council meeting  
City Hall**

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

*Vice Mayor Winge called to order the City Council workshop for December 19, 2024, at 7:24 p.m. Councilmembers present: Benson, Devries, and Murphy. Excused Absence: Grote Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Tim Bicknell, MSA Consultants; Amanda Baugh-Buys; various Lexington citizens.*

**3. Discussion Items:**

- A. Discuss Memorial Park Playground Equipment – Rubber Mulch Councilmember Murphy

*The Council discussed the email from Brad Dieringer regarding the rubber mulch. They also discussed the Public Playground Safety Handbook by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and their recommendation on the usage of rubber mulch in public parks.*

*Amanda Baugh-Buys explained that this rubber mulch is toxic to children and the stuff is rubbing off on our children when they play in it. She added that if this isn't changed in ten years, it will be an environmental hazard, as well. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Devries stated that when the playground equipment had wood chips underneath the playground equipment and it became moldy; he also added that the City of Blaine uses rubber mulch for their playground equipment.*

*Vice Mayor Winge asked the Council if we replace it. Councilmember Devries asked if we go back to using sand or other material. Discussion ensued.*

*The consensus of the Council was that nothing could be done about it in the wintertime, and that they would revisit it in the spring.*

**4. Staff Input**

*None.*

**5. Council Input**

*None*

**6. Adjourn**

*Councilmember Murphy made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*