

**CITY OF LEXINGTON**  
**WORKSHOP SYNOPSIS**  
**Thursday, March 20, 2025**  
**Immediately following Council meeting**  
**City Hall**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Murphy
2. **Roll Call:** DeVries – Benson – Mahr and Hunt

*Mayor Murphy called to order the City Council Workshop for March 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hunt, and Mahr. Excused absence: Benson Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Jim Mork, Police Chief; Kathy Hohnkamp, Police Admin; Janet Anderson, Kelly Tisdall, and Elizabeth Stock: Dominium (Landings of Lexington); Quad Press*

**3. Discussion Items:**

- A. Discuss - Landings of Lexington Police call volume - Councilmember Hunt

*Jim Mork, Police Chief, provided a handout to the Council breaking down the 911 call volume at Landings of Lexington and the number of police calls for service. Chief Mork stated that he has never worked with a group of people - Dominium – owners of Landings of Lexington – that are more attentive to working with the police department to solve problems and their concerns at their facility.*

*Janet Anderson, Dominium Vice President, explained that Landings of Lexington has 500 residents or 1/6th of the Lexington population or 17%, but have only 9% of the overall 911 calls in Lexington. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Mahr asked about the lack of parking in the complex and how it impacts the increased calls the City's budget. Ms. Anderson responded by saying that when Landings of Lexington tows vehicles, it is usually because a resident hasn't registered their vehicles with the main office. The staff works continuously to educate residents on the need to register their vehicles so they don't get towed. Discussion ensued.*

*Mahr also asked about the availability of guest parking. Ms. Anderson responded by saying they do have parking available for guests, and they, also are required to register their vehicles at the main office. Mahr also stated that the two-hour parking limit on Lovell Road is not enough. She asked who determines that time limit. Mayor Murphy stated that the County sets that time limit. Mahr responded by saying we need to get this changed from 2-hour parking to 4-hour parking.*

*Petracek stated if the Council is agreeable to this, he would contact Anoka County to get this process started.*

*Councilmember Hunt stated that 58 police calls at Landings of Lexington is too many calls for service and it is very concerning.*

**B. Discuss – Rental Housing Fee Structure and Ordinance - Councilmember Mahr**

*Councilmember Mahr discussed the staff analysis for the rental housing program and the financials.*

*Petracek explained that the rental housing inspection and licensing process works on a two- year licensing renewal basis. He further explained that currently the building inspections, property maintenance, and rental housing program, which is provided by Inspectron Inc, is right at breakeven based on revenues from building permits and rental housing licensing fees, and expenses from the Inspectron contract. Discussion ensued.*

*Mahr stated that she doesn't want the residents of Lexington subsidizing the rental housing program and feels that is being subsidized. Petracek disagreed with Mahr and explained that the rental housing fees more than pays for the enforcement of the rental housing code, and it is the fluctuation of building permits that may or may not provide the adequate revenues to maintain it at break-even. He stated that there is some room to increase the rental licensing fees, if the City Council chooses, but it doesn't need to be immediate. He stated that the two-year licensing process has begun, with rental inspections being conducted in 2025. Discussion ensued.*

*The consensus of the City Council is to consider an increase of rental housing fees on the 2026 Fee Schedule that will be adopted in January.*

**4. Staff Input**

**No staff input**

**5. Council Input**

**No Council input**

**6. Adjourn**

*Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Mahr seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*