

MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION 7:00 PM
&
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2023 -
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Grote

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

Mayor Grote called to order the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Benson, Harris, and Winge. Excused Absence: Devries. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: TRUTH IN TAXATION

- A. Final 2024 Budget Recommendations

No citizens were present to address the City Council with questions or concerns about the proposed 2024 Budget.

3. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Harris made motion to adjourn the Truth in Taxation hearing at 7:02 p.m. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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4. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Grote
Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Harris, Winge and Benson

Mayor Grote called to order the Regular City Council meeting for December 7, 2023 at 7:03 p.m. Councilmember's present: Benson, Harris, and Winge. Excused Absence: Devries. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiiov, Finance Director.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to address the Council on items not on the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- a. Airport (Councilmember Devries) *No report*
- b. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) *Quarterly meetings – No report*
- c. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek updated the Council on the progress of of Cook's Autobody and the new ownership. He also stated that the potential for Autozone going into the old Anoka County Social Services building is looking more and more promising. Discussion ensued.*

8. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 11-8 through 11-28, 2023.
- b. City Report – October 2023
- c. North Metro TV – October 2023 Update
- d. Council Workshop meeting synopsis – November 15, 2023
- e. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – November 14, 2023
- f. Public Notice
- g. Alexandra House – Letter of Recognition

Some discussion on the Letter of Recognition from Alexandra House.

9. CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – November 16, 2023
- b. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 50949 through 51017
Check #'s 14964 through 14983
Check #'s 14986 through 14999

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

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Resolution NO. 23-17 – A Resolution Adopting
Final 2024 Operating Budget for the City of Lexington

Councilmember Winge made a motion to Approve Resolution NO. 23-17 – A Resolution Adopting Final 2024 Operating Budget for the City of Lexington. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Recommendation to Approve Resolution No. 23-18 – A Resolution Certifying
2023 Tax Levy Collectable in 2024.

Councilmember Winge made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 23-18 – A Resolution Certifying 2023 Tax Levy Collectable in 2024. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Recommendation to Approve Resolution NO. 23-19 – A Resolution Opting
to Increase the Benefit Level for Fire Fighters Who Are Vested in the Statewide
Volunteer Firefighter Plan.

Councilmember Benson made a motion to Approve Resolution NO. 23-19 – A Resolution Opting to Increase the Benefit Level for Fire Fighters Who Are Vested in the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Recommendation to Approve Resolution No. 23-20 – A Resolution
Approving Parking Restrictions on Restwood Road and Griggs Ave. near
Lexington Lofts

Councilmember Benson made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 23-20 – A Resolution Approving Parking Restrictions on Restwood Road and Griggs Ave. near Lexington Lofts. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. Recommendation to approve wage increase for election judges in 2024

Mayor Grote made a motion to approve wage increase for election judges in 2024. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- F. Recommendation to approve New Business License – Brito’s Burritos –
9372 Lexington Ave. – Manuel Brito

Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve New Business License – Brito’s Burritos – 9372 Lexington Ave. – Manuel Brito. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- G. Recommendation to approve Cannabinoids License Renewal(s)

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve Cannabinoids License Renewal(s). Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Benson stated everything is great in Lexington.

Councilmember Winge congratulated Centennial High School football on winning the State Championship.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Glaser explained the need to go into closed session.

Councilmember Winge made a motion to go into closed session at 7:15 p.m. 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 Harris 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 Benson made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:01 p.m. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Benson made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.