

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Grote

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

Mayor Grote called to order the Special City Council meeting for May 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: Benson, Devries, and Winge Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Mike Murphy; Quad Press Staff; Diane Harris.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

*Diane Harris
3781 Centerwood Road
Lexington, MN.*

Ms. Harris addressed the City Council. She expressed her concerns about appointing Mike Murphy to the City Council to replace her position. She stated that this Council seat should be something that all of citizens of Lexington have an opportunity to apply.

Ms. Harris continued by saying that she only saw her resignation letter in the last meetings Council packet and nowhere else. She stated that as a City Councilmember of 8 years, her resignation needs to be read at this City Council meeting. Ms. Harris proceeded to read her resignation letter to the Council. .

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember DeVries made a motion to approve the agenda without changes or corrections. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve _____ to fill vacant City Council seat through December 31, 2024

Councilmember Devries made a motion Approve Mike Murphy to fill the vacant City Council seat through December 31, 2024. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Grote stated he doesn't feel Mike Murphy should be appointed to fill the vacant Council seat since 50 percent of Lexington didn't vote for him in the last election. Councilmember Devries stated that Mike Murphy has the experience needed to fill this position as he was a former Mayor and Councilmember; he also knows and understands the issues surrounding the Blaine water utility lawsuit. Discussion ensued.

Motion carried 3-1

Petracek swore in Mike Murphy. Mike Murphy took his seat on the Council

- B. Discuss Resolution NO. 24-12 – A Resolution Amending the Appointees for 2024

Discussion about Resolution 24-12 and the appointments. The consensus of the Council was to appoint the following Councilmembers to the various committees:

Cable Commission Alternate - Councilmember Murphy

County HRA – Councilmember Benson

Fire Relief Ex-Officio Trustee – Councilmember Winge

Park Board liaison – Councilmember Murphy

Personnel Committee – Councilmember Winge

Alternate - Councilmember Devries

Police Governing Board – Councilmember Winge

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 24-12 – A Resolution Amending the Appointees for 2024 with the discussed changes to appointments. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion 4-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Benson made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.