

AGENDA

CITY OF LEXINGTON REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING September 9, 2024 – 4:45 P.M. 9180 Lexington Avenue Lexington, MN 55014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Chairperson Koch, Commissioners Baugh-Buys, Ginter, Murphy, and Rose. Also present - Finance Director Galiov, PW Lead Fischer.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

A. City of Minneapolis Resolution on recycled tires.

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5. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES

A. May 6, 2024

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6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Discuss Christmas Lights Contest dates

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

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8. PARK BOARD INPUT

9. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION

By Gordon

Prohibiting the use of City funds for the installation or replacement of any facilities or amenities using waste tires and encouraging others to discontinue the use of waste tire materials as ground cover and infill in Minneapolis.

Whereas, the use of waste tire mulch on playgrounds and as infill on playing fields can result in regular, long-term exposure to potentially hazardous substances through inhalation, ingestion, and absorption through the skin; and

Whereas, synthetic turf and waste tire crumb rubber has been documented to become significantly hotter than natural grass and even asphalt because it absorbs solar radiation and can reach temperatures as high as 170 degrees Fahrenheit, which puts children at greater risk for dehydration, heat stress, heat stroke, and burns; and

Whereas, waste tires contain hazardous substances, including heavy metals such as zinc, cadmium, and lead that leach from the material as they degrade, contaminating the soil, plants, and aquatic systems and harming aquatic life such as algae and fish; and

Whereas, as tire mulch and crumb heats up, it releases potential toxic gases and chemicals such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs); and

Whereas, parents have reported children putting pieces of tire mulch in their mouths, and tire dust on children's clothes, skin, and inside their nostrils after playing on these surfaces, and

Whereas, on June 10, 2015, a study by the Environment and Human Health, an organization of physicians and public health professionals, found 96 chemicals in the rubber tire infill used in synthetic turf and rubber tire mulch used as surfacing in playgrounds; and

Whereas, of the 96 chemicals detected, a little under a half have had no toxicity assessments done on them for their health effects and the other half have had some toxicity testing done on them, but even many of those chemicals had incomplete toxicity testing and therefore all health effects are not fully known; and

Whereas, of the half of those chemicals that have had toxicity assessments, 20% are known to be probable carcinogens; 40% were found to be irritants; 24% are respiratory irritants, some of which are known to cause asthma symptoms; 37% are skin irritants; and 27% are eye irritants; and

Whereas, the City's current legislative policy includes support of a health study of synthetic turf and crumb rubber; and

Whereas, the October 2015 *Scrap Tire Mulch on Duluth Public Schools' Playgrounds* report indicated that 12 of the 13 chemicals found in a tested sample of waste tire playground mulch are listed by the Minnesota Department of Health as "chemicals of high concern," and included barium, chromium, lead, zinc, anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, chrysene, fluoranthene, phenanthrene, pyrene and methyl isobutyl ketone; and

Whereas, in May 2016, in a memo on the hazards to children's health of using recycled tires in athletic fields, the Dean of Global Health of Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and author of the textbook *Children's Environmental Health*, Philip J. Landrigan concluded that, "the use of recycled waste tires for playground mulch and crumb rubber athletic field infill potentially puts the health of children and athletics at risk;" and

Whereas, in May of 2016, the Edina Energy and Environment Commission voted to condemn the use of crumb rubber in Edina, and

Whereas, in June 2016, the Duluth School Board voted unanimously to replace the waste tire mulch used on most district elementary school playgrounds by the start of the 2017-2018 school year; and

Whereas, two bills, House File 3496 (HF3496) and Senate File 3108 (SF3108), have been introduced in the Minnesota State Legislature to establish a moratorium on the use of waste tire mulch and crumb rubber on any new construction of public parks and school playgrounds until 2019, and requiring signage on public parks and school playgrounds already utilizing the material to educate users on ways to reduce exposure; and

Whereas, in both 2008 and 2016 the Public Health Advisory Committee and the Community Environmental Advisory Committee, at the request of the City Council, studied the use of waste tires; and

Whereas, a citizen-led group called Play it Safe Minnesota is organizing Minneapolis parents and residents on the hazards of waste tire mulch; and

Whereas, the public has a right to a healthful environment and to be free of the health and environmental hazards posed by the chemical exposures and other dangers from recycled waste tire mulch and crumb;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis prohibits the use of City funds, in the form of grants or direct appropriations to city- or community-led projects, for the installation or replacement of any facilities or amenities using waste tires, including the use of waste tire crumb rubber and waste tire mulch.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis encourages our government and institutional partners, including the Minneapolis Public School Board, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the University of Minnesota and other colleges, universities, schools, and child development facilities, to discontinue the use of waste tire materials as ground cover and infill in Minneapolis and develop contingency plans and budgets for changing or removing the waste tire rubber mulch and crumb that is now in use to less toxic options.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis supports other government agencies and partners operating in the City in their efforts to address community concerns related to waste tire materials and their efforts to find funding for alternative materials.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis direct the Minneapolis Health Department to:

1. Consider and make recommendations about conducting an inventory of all fields and playgrounds in the City that use waste tires including those located at places of worship, private schools, day care centers, etc. in Minneapolis. This should include partnering with other organizations that may be undertaking this work. The inventory should include location, approximate square footage, and estimated usage.
2. Make recommendations regarding the precautions people should take who may use or play on these fields and playgrounds considering water contamination, exposure to toxins, and exposure to intense heat. Consider:
 - a. Requirements that facility operators and/or owners post health and safety information and/or provide health and safety education materials to field and playground users.
 - b. A public awareness effort for users and property owners about the best safety precautions that can be taken as to limit or prevent exposure to and ingestion of toxins as well as health concerns related to the heat effects.

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2024 – 4:45 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue
Lexington, MN 55014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Present Chairperson Koch, Commissioners Rose, Ginter and Murphy. Absent – Commissioner Ginter. Also present - Finance Director Galiov. Commissioner Baugh-Buys was present at 4.54 p.m.

Call to order 4:46 pm

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No one wished to address the board.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Rose, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

A. None.

5. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES

Commissioner Ginter, seconded by Chairperson Koch made a motion to approve the Park Board Minutes of April 1, 2024, with correction of Item 5 motion to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Recommendation to City Council to approve the project of boy scout Nicholas Mancl for constructing a Gaga Ball Pit/court at Memorial Park.

The Board was familiar with the project and confirmed their approval. Commissioner Rose, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the project. Motion carried 5-0.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

A. April 4, 2024

B. April 18, 2024

8. PARK BOARD INPUT

The Board discussed the new ordinance proposing changes to the Park Board. Discussion ensued. The Board concluded that under a new ordinance the optimal number of meetings would be four – in March, May, September, and December.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ginter seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5.01 pm.

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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 August 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: Benson, Devries, Murphy, and Winge Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Erik Edwards, Fire Chief and Members of Lexington Fire Department; Jim Mork, Police Chief and Members of Centennial Lakes Police Department; Brent Baker, Allina Health; Various family members and Lexington citizens; Quad Press

3. CITIZENS FORUM

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda without changes or corrections. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. ALLINA HEALTH LIFESAVER AWARD PRESENTATION

Lexington Fire & Centennial Lakes Police Departments

Brent Baker, Allina Health Emergency Medical Service, was in attendance to award members of Lexington Fire Department and Centennial Lakes Police Department “Lifesaver Awards” on behalf of Allina Health EMS for resuscitating an individual in Lexington during a 911 medical call. The members that were awarded Life Saver awards were:

*Ray Hernandez – CLPD Police Officer
Seamus Linderholm – CLPD Police Officer
Nolan Wahlberg – CLPD Police Sergeant
Erik Edwards – Lexington Fire Chief
Jeffrey Geiger – Lexington Firefighter
Zach O’ Connel – Lexington Firefighter
Amanda McCarthy – Allina Paramedic
Kay Empe – Allina EMT*

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *No report*

- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) *Quarterly meetings – No report*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *No report*

7. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports 7-17 through 7-22, 2024
- B. Council Workshop meeting minutes – July 18, 2024
- C. Public Notice – Election Public Accuracy Test

No discussion on Letters and Communications

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – July 18, 2024
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 51823 through 51860
Check #'s 15306 through 15323
Check #'s 15291 through 15302

VOID #15039

*Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.
Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

9. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve Business License Renewals

*Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve Business License Renew.
Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

*Councilmember Devries stated that the light on the west entrance sign is flickering.
Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Murphy thanked Lexington Fire and Centennial Lakes Police
Department for their service.*

Mayor Grote discussed the upcoming “National Night Out.”

11. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember Grote made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.
Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 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 August 15, 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; Mary Vinzant, Deputy City Clerk; Quad Press; Lexington Citizens.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item #5 – Senator Kreun Address. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports 7-24 through 8-6-2024
B. North Metro TV – July 2024 Update
C. City Report – July 2024 Update

No discussion on Letters and Communications

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – August 1, 2024
B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 51861 through 51917
Check #'s 15330 through 15355
Check #'s 15291 through 15303

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve North Metro Telecommunications
Commission Budget

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve North Metro Telecommunications Commission Budget. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 24-14 A Resolution Declaring
Cost To Be Assessed, And Ordering Preparation Of Proposed Assessment
for Griggs Avenue

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 24-14 A Resolution Declaring Cost To Be Assessed, And Ordering Preparation Of Proposed Assessment for Griggs Avenue. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Recommendation to approve Street Improvement Project Partial Payment
#1 to North Valley, Inc in the amount of \$45,084.87

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve Street Improvement Project Partial Payment #1 to North Valley, Inc in the amount of \$45,084.87. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Recommendation to approve Business License Renewal

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve Business License Renewal. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Recommendation to approve Special Event License Hocktoberfest –
Centennial/SLP Girls Blue Line Club Fundraiser at Boulevard Bar & Grille
– October 5, 2024 from 12:00 PM till 4:00 PM

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve Special Event License Hocktoberfest – Centennial/SLP Girls Blue Line Club Fundraiser at Boulevard Bar & Grille – October 5, 2024 from 12:00 PM till 4:00 PM. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- F. Recommendation to approve Special Event License Centennial Boys Blue
Line Club Fundraiser at Boulevard Bar & Grille - September 28, 2024 from
3:00 PM till 8:30 PM

Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve Special Event License Centennial Boys Blue Line Club Fundraiser at Boulevard Bar & Grille - September 28, 2024 from 3:00 PM till 8:30 PM. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries discussed the progress of Griggs Ave. mill and overlay project.

Discussion was had about the new city hall sign being hooked up.

5. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

Petracek discussed dates to canvass election results for the november election. The consensus was to hold the Special City Council meeting on November 13th.

Petracek stated the Griggs Ave. mill and overlay completion won't be until mid to late September. He added that the milling machine caused some damage to the new curb and gutter that was installed, and it will take time to replace it before the road can be asphalted.

He also stated that he would be on vacation the following week.

6. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.
Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*