

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Murphy

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

Mayor Murphy called to order the Regular Council meeting for June 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Benson, Hunt, and Mahr. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Andy Berg, ABDO; Quad Press.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to discuss Items not on the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. 2024 AUDIT REPORT – ANDY BERG – ABDO

Andy Berg from ABDO was present to give an overview of the 2024 Audit report. Berg provided a Powerpoint presentation summarizing the report.

Councilmember Mahr asked about the pension obligation for the City. Discussion ensued.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *Devries provided the next meeting date of Wednesday, June 11 for the Airport Commission*
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Mahr) *Quarterly meetings – Mahr provided an update on the executive director recruitment process.*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek explained that Chipotle contractor has provided a June 11th date as a tentative date to begin the construction phase of the new restaurant.*
Petracek reminded the members that the next City Council meeting is Wednesday, June 18th due to the 19th being Juneteenth. He explained that the website has a new look and will be easier to navigate for Lexington information.

He also updated the Council on the 8854 Hamline Ave. property that they received a property maintenance complaint on. Discussion ensued.

7. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial lakes Police Department Media Reports – 5-7 through 5-27, 2025
- B. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – May 13, 2025
- C. North Metro TV – April 2025
- D. City Report – April 2025
- E. Metropolitan Council – 2024 Annual Population Estimate

Councilmember Mahr asked about the 2024 Annual Population estimate. Petracek stated that he is in the process of contesting the estimate with the Met Council. He added that they have not included phase 3 of Lexington Lofts in the estimate. He hopes to have an updated estimate soon. Discussion ensued.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – May 15, 2025
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 52907 through 52966
Check #'s 15729 through 15742

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

9. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to accept the 2024 Audit Report

Councilmember Mahr made a motion to accept the 2024 Audit Report. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance NO. 25-03 – An Ordinance to Revise Chapter 5 – Regulation of Adult Use Cannabis Business Operations

Petracek provided an overview of Ordinance No. 25-03. He explained that with the adoption of this new regulation for cannabis business operations, the Planning Commission is recommending that the City of Lexington would only allow a dispensary in a B-4 zone, which would be the strip mall south of Landings of Lexington. He explained that this was the best place to locate a cannabis dispensary based on a 500 ft. distance from municipal parks, daycare facilities, and schools. He added that if they want more details about the legal aspects, they can ask Attorney Glaser at the next Council meeting. Discussion ensued. No action taken

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C. Recommendations to approve Liquor License Renewals

- Carbones
- Curious Crow
- Poncho's Taqueria & Café
- Cowboys Saloon
- Boulevard Bar & Grille

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve Liquor License Renewals for; Carbones, Curious Crow, Poncho's Taqueria & Café, Cowboys Saloon, and Boulevard Bar & Grille. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Recommendation to approve New Business License

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve a new business license for Affordable Plumbing Solutions, LLC. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Recommendation to approve Business License Renewals

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

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

No discussion from Mayor Murphy and City Council.

11. CLOSED SESSION

This portion of the meeting is closed pursuant Minn. Stat. Section 13D.03, and is permitted for Labor Negotiation Strategy and discussion regarding the City of Lexington 2025-2026 Management and Non-Union compensation.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.03, and is permitted for Labor Negotiation Strategy and discussion regarding the City of Lexington 2025-2026 Management and Non-Union compensation. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:08 p.m.. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

A. Recommendation to Approve the 2025-26 Management and Non-Union wages.

Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve and amend the proposed 2025-2026 management and non-union salaries to provide a 4% increase to all full-time liquor store personnel (Rivard, Lagerstrand, Larson, and Lohmeyer) and a 5% increase for administration (Edwards, Galiov, and Petracek). Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*