

**MINUTES
APPEALS HEARING
&
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Appeals Hearing for September 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Benson, Devries, Hunt, and Mahr. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Mike Mohler, Fire Chief; Jim Mork, Police Chief; Keith Dahl, Ehlers & Associates; Ravin Severin and Family Members; Quad Press.

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**1. A HEARING TO APPEAL THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS DESIGNATION
AS A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG, by Raven Severin**

Jim Mork, Police Chief, provided information to the City Council regarding Ravin Severin's dog, Ace, and the reasons he has been designated as a dangerous animal by Centennial Lakes Police Department. Discussion ensued.

Ravin Severin, Lexington, MN. stated that she feels her dog is not a dangerous animal and said that the CSO hadn't asked about vaccination records because of a dog bite. Severin stated that she doesn't deny the dog had gotten out from the house because they don't have a fence around the property; they are renters, and their landlord won't let them install a fence.

Councilmember Hunt stated that she needs to be in control of her dog at all times. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Benson asked Severin if she is disputing if the dog killed other animals. Severin replied that she was disputing the dangerous animal designation. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries stated that there is fencing available that is invisible to keep animals contained. Severin replied that it is too expensive, and they can't afford it.

Mike Pagevac, Lexington, MN. stated the chickens that were killed by Ace were his son's pets and they spent thousands of dollars putting up a fence to protect them, and Ace went around the fence to get to the chickens. He added they spent thousands more raising the chickens and they only have two left. They have given Severin every opportunity to do what is right with no response from her. Discussion ensued.

James Woods, Lexington, MN. explained that Ace is his dog and takes full responsibility for him. Councilmember Devries stated that both Blaine Police and CLPD have dealt with Ace. You need to put up a fence.

Attorney Glaser reviewed the ordinances with the Council and their options of upholding the police department's designation of Ace as a dangerous animal or not. Discussion ensued.

2. ADJOURN APPEALS HEARING

Councilmember Devries made a motion to adjourn the Appeals Hearing at 7:36 p.m. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to discuss.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

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

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports 8-20 through 9-9, 2025
- B. North Metro TV – August 2025
- C. City Report – August 2025
- D. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes
- E. Park Board meeting minutes – September 8, 2025
- F. Council Workshop meeting synopsis

No discussion on Letters and Communications.

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:

Council Meeting – August 21, 2025

Council Meeting – September 4, 2025

B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:

Check #'s 53274 through 53318

Check #'s 15834 through 15850

C. Financial Reports

- Cash Balances
- Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

D. Recommendation to approve Closing of Completed Project Funds

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Recommendation to Uphold Centennial Lakes Police Department's Dangerous

Dog Designation for Raven Severin

Councilmember Benson made a motion to modify the Chief of Police's designation of Ravin Severin's dog. Ace, to a Potentially Dangerous Dog and ordering imposition of the requirements from the ordinance and any other conditions the Chief of Police finds appropriate.

B. Recommendation to approve the purchase of a Fire Chief's vehicle – 2017

Chevrolet Tahoe up to \$35,000.00 and up to \$1000.00 for logo and graphics

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve the purchase of a Fire Chief's vehicle – 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe up to \$35,000.00 and up to \$1000.00 for logo and graphics. Councilmember Mahr seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Hunt stated that the Park Board will be doing the Holiday Lighting contest December 7-14 with the judging on December 15th.

Councilmember Mahr stated the Cable Commission meeting was cancelled.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Fall Festival is this Friday and Saturday, as well as the 75th Anniversary.

9. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

No input from the city administrator.

10. CLOSED SESSION

- 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.

Mayor Murphy explained the need to go into closed session.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to go into is closed session at 8:10 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 Mahr seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Benson made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:46 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.