

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LEXINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2021– 7:00 P.M.  
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CALL TO ORDER:** – Mayor Murphy

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

*Mayor Murphy called to order the Regular City Council meeting for December 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Harris, Hughes and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Erik Edwards, Interim Fire Chief; Members of the Lexington Fire Department; Quad Press Representative.*

**3. CITIZENS FORUM**

*No citizens were present to discuss items not on the agenda.*

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS**

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

**5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 11-24 through 12-7, 2021
- B. City Report – November 2021
- C. North Metro TV – November 2021 Update

*No discussion on Letters and Communications..*

**6. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:  
Council Meeting – December 2, 2021
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:  
Check #'s 48411 through 48462  
Check #'s 14096 through 14098  
Check #'s 14101 through 14117  
Check #'s 14118 through 14124  
VOID #13876
- C. Financial Reports
- Cash Balances

- Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

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

## **7. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to approve Erik Edwards as Lexington Fire Chief with enclosed salary recommendation

***Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the appointment of Erik Edwards as Lexington Fire Chief with the recommended salary. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- B. Swearing in of Fire Chief Erik Edwards

***Mayor Murphy conducted the swearing in of Fire Chief Erik Edwards.***

- C. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 21-27 A Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement of North Highway Drive between Woodland Road and Hamline Avenue

***Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 21-27 A Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement of North Highway Drive between Woodland Road and Hamline Avenue. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- D. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 21-28 A Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement of Hamline Avenue between Edgewood Road and 97<sup>th</sup> Lane NW.

***Councilmember Harris made motion to approve Resolution NO. 21-28 A Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement of Hamline Avenue between Edgewood Road and 97th Lane NW. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- E. Recommendation to approve Centennial Lakes Little Leagues request to use Lexington Memorial Park ball fields from April 1 through September 30, 2022 (all fields, Monday through Friday 4:00 pm. till 10:00 pm.)

***Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve Centennial Lakes Little Leagues request to use Lexington Memorial Park ball fields from April 1 through September 30, 2022 (all fields, Monday through Friday 4:00 pm. until 10:00 pm.). Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

## **8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

***Councilmember Harris reminded the community about “Santa Around Town” on Saturday. Discussion ensued.***

## 9. CLOSED SESSION

This portion of the meeting is closed pursuant Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss legal aspects of options related to the interconnected water and sewer with the City of Blaine. This portion of the meeting is also closed pursuant Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(c), and is permitted to determine the asking price for, and to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale to parts of the interconnected water and sewer with the City of Blaine.

*Attorney Glaser explained the reason for going into closed session.*

*Councilmember Devries made a motion convene into closed session at 7:13 p.m. pursuant Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss legal aspects of options related to the interconnected water and sewer with the City of Blaine. This portion of the meeting is also closed pursuant Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(c), and is permitted to determine the asking price for, and to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale to parts of the interconnected water and sewer with the City of Blaine. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Councilmember Hughes made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:17 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

## 10. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

*Petracek explained that the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization training is coming up soon. He explained to the Council the need to have a trained Councilmember on IBAE in order for Lexington to take back their authority to provide this service to the property owners in Lexington. Discussion ensued. Petracek stated he would send out the link for training to the Council, which needs to be completed by February 1st.*

*Petracek also updated the Council on local businesses: Endurance Fitness is moving to Lino Lakes to the old YMCA. Discussion ensued. He added that Anoka County Social Services is also moving out of the building located next to Northway Mall. Discussion ensued. He also explained that Cook's Auto Body has been sold to an individual who is planning on remodeling the building to offer youth sports training in the facility. Discussion ensued.*

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember Hughes made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**NO WORKSHOP WAS HAD DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA ITEMS**