

MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION 7:00 PM
&
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2021 - Immediately Following Public Hearing
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 Truth In Taxation hearing for December 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hughes, and Winge. Excused Absence: Harris. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director: Dan Dobsen & Connie Wissell, 9174 Jackson Ave.: John Engler, 9440 Dunlap Ave.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: TRUTH IN TAXATION

A. Final 2022 Budget Recommendations

*Dan Dobsen
9174 Jackson Ave.
Lexington, MN.*

Mr. Dobsen was present to express his concerns that his City taxes were going up 35%. Mayor Murphy explained that the City has a proposed 5% increase to their General Levy, which is coming down from 7% preliminary levy that was set in September. Mayor Murphy also explained that last year the city kept their levy at a 0% increase. Discussion ensued.

*John Engler
9440 Dunlap Ave.
Lexington, MN.*

Mr. Engler stated he is concerned about the tax increase this year. He questioned the increase with all of the housing development going on in Lexington. Discussion ensued.

3. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Winge made motion to adjourn the Truth in Taxation hearing at 7:29 p.m. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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AGENDA**

3. 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 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hughes, and Winge. Excused Absence: Harris. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director: Dan Dobsen & Connie Wissell, 9174 Jackson Ave.: John Engler, 9440 Dunlap Ave.

4. CITIZENS FORUM

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

5. 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 4-0.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *Councilmember Devries asked if a letter was sent to the Commission about the City of Lexington’s participation. Petracek said he had not, but would make that happen.*
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) – *Councilmember Winge stated they did not have a meeting.*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek did not have a report.*

Choose a building block.

7. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 11-10 through 11-15, 2021
- B. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – November 9, 2021
- C. Park Board meeting minutes – November 2, 2021
- D. Draft – 2022 Schedule of meeting dates and Calendar

No discussion on Letters and Communications.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – November 18, 2021
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 21-25 A Resolution Adopting
Final 2022 Operating Budget For the City of Lexington

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 21-25 A Resolution Adopting Final 2022 Operating Budget For the City of Lexington. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 21-26 A Resolution Certifying
2021 Tax Levy Collectable in 2022

Councilmember Devries made motion to approve Resolution NO. 21-26 A Resolution Certifying 2021 Tax Levy Collectable in 2022. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Recommendation to Not Waive Monetary Limits on Municipal Tort Liability
Established by Minnesota Statute .§466.04

Councilmember Devries made a motion to Not Waive Monetary Limits on Municipal Tort Liability Established by Minnesota Statute .§466.04. Councilmember Winge Seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Recommendation to approve payment #4 for 2021 Street Improvement Project to North Valley, Inc. in the amount of \$24,264.46

Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve payment #4 for 2021 Street Improvement Project to North Valley, Inc. in the amount of \$24,264.46. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. Recommendation to approve Amendment to Lexington Lofts Development Agreement

Attorney Glaser explained the need to amend the Lexington Lofts Development Agreement. He stated that the developer – Norhart – is shifting their financing by dividing the property in half. Lexington Lofts II will be financed by another agency that is different from the first two phases of the development. Glaser added Bremer Bank and Premier Bank would finance the new ownership under Norhart. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve an Amendment to Lexington Lofts Development Agreement. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

No input from Mayor and City Council

10. CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Glaser explained the need to go into closed session per State Statute.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to go into closed session at 7:39 p.m . pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the legal aspects surrounding personnel matters under investigation. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 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 the legal aspects surrounding personnel matters under investigation.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to reconvene into open session and go back into closed session at 8:06 p.m. pursuant to 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 Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 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.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:53 p.m. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hughes made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.