

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LEXINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 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 January 21, 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; Jack Borgen, Liquor Store Manager; Gina Estrem and Holly McCallister, Dominion Housing.*

**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 as typewritten. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

**5. REPRESENTATIVES FROM DOMINIUM /LANDINGS OF LEXINGTON WILL BE PRESENT TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL**

*Gina Estrum and Holly McCallister, Representatives from Dominion, were present to address the City Council on the issues surrounding Landings of Lexington. Ms. McCallister apologized for how their building has been a drain on the City's resources – police and fire departments. McCallister went on to explain that they are taking steps to alleviate this strain on these city services. They have set-up regular meetings with both the fire department and police department to work through problems to alleviate any issues with Landings of Lexington. She also stated they are educating their residents on being a good neighbor and have hired a resident advocate to help them address any language barriers they may have with their residents. Discussion ensued.*

*Mayor Murphy asked Dominion how they are handling the increase domestic violence calls. Ms. Estrum explained the legal challenges to evict someone causing domestic violence. Discussion ensued.*

*Petracek asked about the background check on applicants. Ms. Estrum explained that they use a third-party company that does background checks and evaluates future tenants. That company follows the proper procedures and then makes a recommendation to sign a lease or not with an individual.*

*Councilmember Hughes stated that he is disappointed at how Landings of Lexington has operated up to this point. Discussion ensued.*

*Mayor Murphy stated that the City Council made a commitment to their citizens and assured them that there wouldn't be an increase in crime and he feels like this is not going well at all. Discussion ensued.*

*Petracek stated we need to keep communicating with Dominionium to ensure that they get this under control.*

**6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Public Notice – January 12, 2021 Planning & Zoning Public Hearing
- B. Minnesota Green Step Cities
- C. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports 12-23-20 through 1-12-21
- D. City Report – December 2020
- E. North Metro TV – December 2020 Update
- F. Public Notice – January 21, 2021 Council Workshop meeting cancelled
- G. Planning & Zoning meeting and Public Hearing minutes January 12, 2021

*No discussion on Letters and Communications.*

**7. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:  
Council Meeting – January 7, 2021
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:  
Check #'s 13724 through 13724  
Check #'s 47222 through 47278  
Check #'s 13582 through 13597  
Check #'s 13600 through 13615
- C. Financial Reports
  - Cash Balances
  - Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

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

## 8. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance NO. 21-01 and Recommendation to Approve Ordinance NO. 21-01 An Ordinance Revising Chapter 10 Regarding Shade Tree Regulation

*Attorney Glaser summarized the 2nd reading of Ordinance NO. 21-01 due to the length of the ordinance. Petracek explained the next steps following the adoption of this ordinance, involves the Council appointing a City Forester so that we can begin the enforcement of the new regulations. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve Ordinance NO. 21-01 and Recommendation to Approve Ordinance NO. 21-01 An Ordinance Revising Chapter 10 Regarding Shade Tree Regulation. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

- B. Recommendation to approve Resolution No. 21-05 A Resolution of the City Council of Lexington, Minnesota Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance

*Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-05 A Resolution of the City Council of Lexington, Minnesota Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

- C. Recommendation to approve low quote from Stan Morgan & Associates not to exceed \$47,108.22 for installation of beer cooler #2 at Lexington Municipal Liquor Store

*Jack Borgen, Liquor Store Manager, was present to explain that this project started at the end of 2019. He further explained that the extra space that beer cooler #2 is needed for new and popular products such as: Craft beer, seltzer, and Minnesota produced liquors. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the low quote from Stan Morgan & Associates not to exceed \$47,108.22 for installation of beer cooler #2 at Lexington Municipal Liquor Store. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

- D. Recommendation to approve the recommendation from Lexington Park Board to rename Tot Park to Lexington City Park

*Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve the recommendation from Lexington Park Board to rename Tot Park to Lexington City Park. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

#### **9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

*Councilmember Devries asked about the installation of the new liquor store sign. Borgen stated it would be installed this month.*

*Councilmember Hughes asked if Certificates of Occupancy's have been issued for the new Parkview homes. Petracek stated that he believed that some C.O.'s have been issued. Discussion ensued.*

#### **10. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT**

*Petracek stated they have started the process to install the light at Lovell and Lexington Ave. He added that O'Reilly's is expecting to begin the construction phase on Monday. Discussion ensued.*

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilmember Hughes made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**NO WORKSHOP WAS HELD DUE TO LACK OF DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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