

City of Excelsior
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. This meeting was a remote meeting conducted via Zoom.

2. ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Carlson and Councilmembers Caron, Dierking, Hersman, and Kurschner

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Luger, City Attorney Staunton, Public Works Superintendent Amundsen, and City Clerk Williams

Mayor Carlson stated that the regular order of the meeting would-be put-on hold in order to address the tragedy that occurred in Excelsior on July 1st.

South Lake Minnetonka Police Chief, Mike Meehan, addressed the Council about the tragedy.

3. OPEN FORUM

Gwin Pratt, Maple Plain, addressed the Council about lifeguards, lifesaving equipment, and water safety.

Erin Pratt, addressed the Council about the tragedy that occurred on July 1st.

Alice Pratt, Maple Plain, addressed the Council about the search and rescue efforts that occurred on July 1st.

Joe Delgado, 5960 Prestwick Court, addressed the Council about the tragedy that occurred on July 1st.

Ally Delgado, 5960 Prestwick Court, addressed the Council about the liferings at the beach.

South Lake Minnetonka Police Chief, Mike Meehan, addressed the Council about the water rescue tools that the officers were equipped with.

Andrew Punch, 561 Third Street, addressed the Council about water safety equipment.

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council about the tragedy that occurred on July 1st.

Andrew Punch, 561 Third Street, addressed the Council about the agenda items regarding tobacco licenses and the water restriction policy.

Duane Anderson, 55 Florence Drive, addressed the Council about the paid parking on Second Street.

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council about revenue and the vacant parking lot across the street from Maynard's.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (a) June 21, 2021 Work Session Minutes
- (b) June 21, 2021 City Council Minutes
- (c) June 30, 2021 City Council Closed Session Minutes

Hersman moved, Caron seconded, to approve the June 21 2021, Work Session Minutes, June 21 2021, City Council Minutes, and June 30 2021 City Council Closed Session Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce Update

Jen Weiss, Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on the 2021 4th of July events, 2022 4th of July fireworks location, and upcoming events.

(b) Pavilion Update

Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent, gave an update on the Pavilion Project.

(c) Construction Updates

Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent, gave an update on current construction projects.

(d) PAC Update

Councilmember Hersman gave an update on the recent PAC meeting.

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

(a) None

7. AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Meeting Agenda

Kurschner moved, Caron seconded, to approve the July 6, 2021 Meeting Agenda with the addition of Items 13a and 13b. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) Consent Agenda

Caron moved, Hersman seconded to approve the July 6, 2021 Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

1. Review Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approve Verified Claims over \$20,000

Action – Reviewed Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approve Verified Claims over \$20,000.

2. Approval of Tobacco Licenses

Action – Approved Tobacco Licenses.

3. Approval of Business Licenses

Action – Approved Business Licenses

4. Disposing of Surplus Equipment and Materials

Action – Authorized staff to dispose of surplus City equipment.

5. Crazy Days Road Closure Resolution

Action – Approved Resolution 2021-47 Resolution Imposing Temporary Parking Restrictions for July 23rd – July 25th, 2021.

6. Letter to Minnesota Department of Transportation

Accepted Letter to Minnesota Department of Transportation.

7. Resolution to Adopt Water Supply Plan and Critical Water Deficiency Ordinance

Action – Adopted Resolution 2021-46 Resolution Adopting the Excelsior Water Supply Plan and scheduled the second reading of Ordinance No. 630 Water Usage in a Critical Water Deficiency for the July 19, 2021 City Council Meeting.

8. Replace Vent and Clean Ground Storage Tank

Action – Approved the proposal from KLM Engineering for \$21,960 to install a new vent and power wash the 300,000 gallon ground storage tank.

9. Ending Local Emergency Declaration

Action – Adopted Resolution 2021-48 Resolution Ending the Period of Local Emergency.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) None

9. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(a) None

10. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) None

11. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

- (a) Excelsior Flats - Concept Plan Review for 690 Excelsior Boulevard

Representatives from John Kramer & Sons and Sharratt Design & Co presented a concept plan for 690 Excelsior Boulevard.

Zoom connection and recording was stopped due to technical difficulties.

Zoom connection and recording was resumed.

Lance Black, Planning Commissioner, 274 Lake Street, addressed the Council about the concept plan.

- (b) Accept Resignation & Declare Vacancy on City Commission

Action – Accepted Ross McGlasson’s resignation, declared vacancy on the Park and Recreation Commission and appointed Councilmember Hersman to conduct interviews. Motion carried 5/0.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) None

13. NEW BUSINESS (Amended)

- (a) Revisit Lifeguards and Water Safety Efforts

The Council discussed water safety, lifeguard staffing, and safety equipment. The Council directed staff to replace life rings at the beach, provide signage at the children’s beach and explore the option of lifeguard staffing and equipment provided at other Lake Minnetonka beaches.

(b) Full Reopening of Excelsior City Hall

City Manager Luger gave an update on the current staffing at City Hall and requested to push the full reopening of City Hall to August 2nd.

The Council directed staff to continue with the current hours of 7:30-11:30AM for conducting business at City Hall and to reopen City Hall during regular business hours beginning August 2nd.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Dierking moved, Hersman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M.
Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Nalisha Williams, City Clerk