

City of Excelsior
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, August 2, 2021

6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Luger, City Attorney Staunton, City Engineer
Dawley, Public Works Superintendent Amundsen, Interim Planner
Mullin and City Clerk Williams

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) July 19, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes

(b) July 19, 2021 City Council Minutes

Caron moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the July 19, 2021, City Council Work
Session Minutes and July 19, 2021, City Council Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council about the development at 511
Second Street and the purchase of 106 Center Street.

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 Crazy Days, upcoming events, and the Executive Director job posting at the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce.

(b) Construction Updates

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

(c) Drought Update

Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent, gave an update on the current drought situation.

(d) Excelsior Fire District Update

Councilmember Dierking gave an update on the Excelsior Fire District's recent hires, fundraising efforts, training, and funding available for firefighters with physical and mental health symptoms.

(e) Jenny Palmer/Finance Director Introduction (Amended)

Jenny Palmer introduced herself as the new Finance Director of Excelsior.

(f) Commission Update (Amended)

Mayor Carlson stated that he will be conducting interviews for the Heritage Preservation Commission and Councilmember Hersman stated that she will be conducting interviews for the Park and Recreation Commission.

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

(a) None

7. AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Meeting Agenda

Hersman moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the August 2, 2021 Meeting Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) Consent Agenda

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. 2022-2023 Street & Utility Improv. Project Feasibility Study Proposal and Authorization

Action – Adopted Resolution 2021-55 Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement for Water Street Overlay Improvements Project and 2022-2023 Street & Utility Improvements Project.

3. June Building Permit Report

Action – Accepted June Building Permit Report.

4. July Building Permit Report

Action – Accepted July Building Permit Report.

5. 2021 Goal Report – Second Quarter

Action – No Action .

6. Grant Application Authorization

Action – Adopted Resolution 2021-53 Resolution Authorizing Submission of Brownfield Gap Program Financing Application for Environmental Assessment and Clean-Up of Property in Hennepin County.

7. Approve Pay Voucher No. 3 East Parking Lot Improvements Project

Action – Approved Construction Pay Voucher No. 3 for the East Parking Lot Improvement Project and Authorize Payment in the amount of \$1,495.11 to GMH Asphalt Corporation.

8. Approve Pay Voucher No. 1 2021 Street & Utility Improvements Project

Action – Approved Construction Pay Voucher No. 1 for the 2021 Street & Utility Improvements Project and Authorize Payment in the amount of \$58,965.82 to Northdale Construction Co, Inc.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) 770 Excelsior Boulevard CUP Amendment

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council with concerns about the proposed CUP amendment.

Paul Ostergaard, Applicant, answered questions regarding the CUP Amendment.

Kurschner moved, Dierking seconded, to adopt Resolution 2021-52 Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Conditional Use Permit to Add a Second Drive-Thru for McDonald's Restaurant at 770 Excelsior Boulevard. Motion carried 5/0.

9. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(a) 511 Second Street Extension Request

Kurschner moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the 511 Second Street Extension Request. Motion carried 3/2. Councilmembers Caron and Hersman voted no.

(b) 2022 Excelsior Fire District Budget

Caron moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the 2022 Excelsior Fire District operating budget and capital improvement project. Motion carried 5/0.

(c) 2022 South Lake Minnetonka Police Department Budget

Kurschner moved, Hersman seconded, to approve the 2022 South Lake Minnetonka Police Department budget. Motion carried 5/0.

10. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) Emergency Ordinance for Water Restrictions and Emergency Water Usage

Caron moved, Hersman seconded, to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 634 An Emergency Ordinance for Seasonal Water Restrictions and Water Emergencies and Resolution No. 2021-54 Resolution of the Excelsior City Council Approving Publication of Ordinance Number 634 by Title and Summary. Motion carried 5/0.

11. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

(a) None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None

13. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Wheeler Wetland Flood Improvements Feasibility Review

No Action. The Council provided direction to the City Engineer.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Dierking moved, Hersman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nalisha Williams, City Clerk