

City of Excelsior  
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:36 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,  
Public Works Superintendent Amundsen, Interim Planner Mullin,  
and City Clerk Williams

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) August 9, 2021 Special Work Session Minutes

(b) August 16, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes

(c) August 16, 2021 City Council Minutes

Caron moved, Hersman seconded, to approve the August 9, 2021 Special Work Session Minutes, August 16, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes, and August 16, 2021 City Council Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council about 106 Center Street, affordable housing, and the proposed expenses of the Concession Building.

Andrew Punch, 561 Third Street, addressed the Council about having the work session available via Zoom and the run rate 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 the current job vacancies of businesses, the holiday season, and Art & Apples on the Lake.

(b) Construction and Drought Updates

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

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

(c) Dock Update

Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent, gave an update on the mooring season ending on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

(d) Fall Clean-Up

Nalisha Williams, City Clerk, gave an update on the Fall Clean-Up that is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>.

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

(a) Recognizing Chief Meehan

Mayor Carlson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Michael Meehan.

7. AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Meeting Agenda

Dierking moved, Caron seconded, to approve the September 7, 2021 Meeting Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) Consent Agenda

Hersman moved, Caron seconded, to approve the September 7, 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 Approved Verified Claims over \$20,000.

2. August Building Permit

Action – Approved August Building Permit.

3. Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) 2022 Budget

Action – Approved the 2022 Budget for the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission.

4. Resolution 2021-59 Art & Apples on the Lake Road Closure

Action – Approved Resolution 2021-59 Resolution Imposing Temporary Parking Restrictions for September 17-19, 2021

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) 456 Lafayette Avenue Variance

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council with questions from the Planning Commission's discussion regarding this application.

Kurschner moved, Hersman seconded, to adopt Resolution 2021-61 Resolution Approving an Application for a Variance from the Shoreland Setback Standard at 456 Lafayette Avenue with the changes as noted. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) 540 Mill Street Conditional Use Permit

Kurschner moved, Caron seconded, to adopt Resolution 2021-60 Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a 5' Fence at 540 Mill Street with the conditions as noted. Motion carried 4/1. Councilmember Dierking voted no.

9. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Paradise Charter Cruises Winter Storage Lease

Kurschner moved, Dierking seconded, to table this item. Motion carried 5/0.

Kurschner moved, Caron seconded, to take the item from the table. Motion carried 5/0.

Dierking moved, Caron seconded, to continue this item to the September 20, 2021 City Council Meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) 101 Center Street Residential Review Permit Amendment

No action. Information only.

(c) 186 Maple Street Residential Review Permit

No action. Information only.

10. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) None

11. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

(a) None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) HPC Appointment

Caron moved, Dierking seconded, to accept the recommendation from the Heritage Preservation Interview Committee to appoint Peter Hartwich. Motion carried 5/0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

(a) VJAA Proposal for Concession Building/Plaza Project

Kurschner moved, Dierking seconded, to continue this item to the September 20, 2021 City Council Meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) Permitting Software

Caron moved, Kurschner seconded, to authorize staff to sign the proposal with CivicOptimize for the permitting software. Motion carried 5/0.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Dierking moved, Hersman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nalisha Williams, City Clerk