

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING

October 5, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gaylord called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Beattie, Caron, Miller, Carlson and Mayor Gaylord

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Luger, City Attorney Stauton, Finance Director Tumberg, Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf and City Clerk Orlofsky

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Carlson moved, Caron seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

3. SPECIAL EVENT, LIQUOR LICENSE AND DOCK FEES

Tumberg described the proposed changes to the fees, which include:

- Charge one fee for each type of event, instead of charging local and non-local rates
- Charge fees per day instead of per event
- Level 1 events would be charged \$150 per day (no change from the local rate)
- Eliminate Level 3 and merge it with Level 2, with a fee of \$1,000 per day
- Athletic event that uses streets only remain at \$250 per day (no change from the local rate)
- Athletic event that uses streets and The Commons/parking Lot would be set at \$1,000 per day (previously \$500 per event)
- Alcohol on City Property would be charged \$250 per day (no change from the local rate)
- Water Street/sidewalk closure would be charge \$500 per day (no change from the local rate)
- Parades would be charged \$30 per day (no change from the local rate)

The Council agreed to remove the local versus non-local fees and change the rates per staff's suggestions.

Tumberg also explained the School District event fees. Currently, any school district associated event is charged a flat fee of \$30 per day. School District events range from tennis and soccer lessons to end of the year class parties to Tour de Tonka. Tumberg said the Council may want to consider a separate event fee for use of the ball field or tennis court. Use of those areas doesn't impede others' use of The Commons as much as events that utilize the green space in the park, so the Council may want to consider a separate fee structure for those areas.

3. SPECIAL EVENT, LIQUOR LICENSE AND DOCK FEES - CONTINUED

Gaylord expressed his concerns for the School District getting to use the City and all of its resources for an event like Tour De Tonka for only \$30 a day.

Carlson added that he would support an increase in the School District rates. Maybe for the School District they charge per session instead of per day.

Miller also stated that he was in favor of raising those fees for the School District.

Caron mentioned that she would like to keep the parades for the School District at the lower rate. When you compare the parades to the fees for using the The Commons she feels they are different.

Liquor License Fees

Tumberg provided the background information on the Liquor License Fees. The Council could look into implementing a public safety utilization fee that would charge establishments for each call over a set number of calls instead of increasing the on-sale intoxicating license. That way the businesses who heavily utilize police services would pay for their additional call volumes. The South Lake Minnetonka Police Department will be presenting Point of Last Drink (POLD) data at the next work session. That information may be helpful in determining whether a public safety utilization fee makes sense.

Beattie expressed interest in pursuing a public safety utilization fee. The other Council members agreed.

Caron commented that she would like to focus on that POLD data, and she asked to see comparables from other cities.

4. PROCESS FOR EXPLORING WHETHER TO EXTEND THE DOCKS

Luger explained that one of the 2015 City Council Objectives was to research the feasibility of extending the residential/commercial/transient docks. At the September 9th Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) meeting, the Board unanimously approved an ordinance that gives municipalities the ability to extend their docks up to 200 feet. This ordinance change now allows the City to extend the residential/commercial/transient docks, if the City Council is still interested in exploring this option.

Miller asked if the City applied for the extension would we get it. Luger thought yes the City would.

Caron expressed her concern about the LMCD potentially taking away the buoys.

Jeff Morris, LMCD Representative, explained that he was unclear on the definition on where the slips could be added and asked that staff clarify with the LMCD staff.

Dave Lawrence, Paradise Charter Crusies, asked the Council to consider the aesthetics of the bay. He added if the City doubles their docking space as well as the Gables and everyone else, that the bay will soon resemble a football field of boats in the bay.

4. PROCESS FOR EXPLORING WHETHER TO EXTEND THE DOCKS-CONTINUED
Mayor Gaylord said they will send the discussion on whether to extend the docks to the Park and Recreation Commission for review and ask them to seek input from the public.

The Council discussed potentially adding this topic to the Open House, but ultimately decided it was not ready for the Open House coming up in October.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Carlson moved, Beattie seconded, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Orlofsky
City Clerk