

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

MINUTES
EXCELSIOR WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 1, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Gaylord called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmember Beattie

Also Present: City Manager Luger, City Attorney Staunton, Consulting City Planner Richards, Finance Director Tumberg, City Planner Smith, Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf, and City Clerk Orlofsky

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Carlson moved, Caron seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4/0.

3. ESTABLISH LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN PRIORITY LIST

Tumberg presented the Long Term Financial Plan Priority List and asked the Council to select which goals should be included in the Long Term Financial Plan.

Caron suggested that the Dock Extensions should be slated for 2016. The East and West Parking lot upgrades should be slated for 2017.

Miller suggested that we add The Gazebo and Trail Crossing Enhancements to 2016. Luger added that the Council can take a look at it in 2016, however; financing for the bump outs and other extensive trail enhancements project will not likely be available in 2016.

Miller suggested that perhaps staff could make some simple upgrades in 2016 such as signs.

Carlson thought that we should assign dates to all the items to help Council keep the items in the forefront.

Tumberg explained that staff recently took the dates off of the items with undetermined start and finish dates, because there was a perception that the City was not being realistic with dates.

Luger suggested that staff could add a tentative date or prioritize items A and B, that would help give an indication that there is a chance it would move up.

Carlson suggested that we add pedestrian crossings to the list of priorities.

3. ESTABLISH LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN PRIORITY LIST - CONTINUED

Tumberg stated that she will craft a resolution to be considered for adoption at the February 16th City Council Meeting. After the Long Term Financial Plan priority list is adopted staff will submit the listing to the newspaper for publication and include the adopted list in the next issue of the City newsletter and on the City website.

4. WORK SESSION PRIORITIES AND SCHEDULE

Luger proposed grouping the Downtown Parking discussion into four categories for future Work Sessions: Vision for the Downtown; Traffic Study and Curb Cuts on Water Street; East and West Parking Lots; and Funding for Parking. Luger also suggested changing the work session schedule to once a month meetings in order to allow for more time to thoroughly discuss the topics mentioned above.

Carlson stated that he personally likes the current work session format.

Gaylord added that he also likes the current work session format.

Luger added that staff is currently working on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the the 810 Excelsior Boulevard site and asked if the Council wanted to consider parking ramps at that site. Council agreed that this use and all uses should be considered for this site.

Luger also asked the Council if they were still interested in looking at a lease options as well. The Council stated that they would look at lease options, but the lease would have to be very attractive.

5. DOWNTOWN PARKING

Planner Richards suggested that the City Council review the list of parking items provided in the memo and comment on the priority given by Staff for each item, and discuss a schedule for review.

Priority 1: Policy Discussion - Vision for the downtown

Priority 2: Traffic study

Priority 3: East and West Parking Lots

Priority 4: Funding: Parking Impact Fee/Maintenance Fees/Parking Meters

Priority 5: Cooperative Parking Models – Downtown or 810 Excelsior Boulevard

Gaylord thought that Staff was focused on the right priorities and that this was a good list to start with.

Miller felt that Priority 4 should be bumped to Priority 2.

Luger explained that Priority 2 was set so high because of the time sensitivity with funding.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Carlson moved, Caron seconded, to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Orlofsky
City Clerk