

City of Excelsior  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

MINUTES  
EXCELSIOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2017  
Council Chambers

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gaylord called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Beattie, Caron, Miller, Mayor Gaylord

Absent: Councilmember Carlson

Also Present: City Manager Luger, City Attorney Staunton, Finance Officer Malecha, Planning Director Smith, and Public Works Superintendent Amundsen, City Clerk Orlofsky

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) Special City Council Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2017

Beattie moved, Miller seconded, to approve the February 21, 2017 Special City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4/0.

(b) Work Session Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2017

Beattie moved, Miller seconded, to approve the February 21, 2017 Work Session Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4/0.

(c) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2017

Beattie moved, Miller seconded, to approve the February 21, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

(a) Community Gardens

Kristy Reardon, 22345 Bracketts Road, Shorewood, addressed the City Council.

Cynthia Imes, 140 Oak Street, Excelsior, addressed the City Council.

The City Council directed staff to speak with Mr. Wahlsted and have him remediate the soils at the gardens and to have staff research the different methods to correct the drainage issues the garden plots have.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) None

6. AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Meeting Agenda

Beattie moved, Caron seconded, to approve the March 6, 2017 City Council Agenda. Motion carried 4/0.

(b) Consent Agenda

Beattie moved, Caron seconded, to remove Item 6(b)6 Single Family Development Standards Continuation and move it to Item 11(b). Motion carried 4/0.

1. Approve Verified Claims - Approve for Payment Manual Checks 82738-82784 and EFT Checks 1422E -1429E

Action – Approve for Payment Manual Checks 82738-82784 and EFT Checks 1422E -1429E.

2. February Building Permit

Action – Accepted for filing.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 564- Oak Street Sidewalk Snow Removal

Action – Adopted Ordinance No. 564, exempting sidewalk snow removal for residential properties on the southerly side of Oak Street, and directed staff to approve ordinance publication by title and summary.

4. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 565 - Permitted Number of Liquor Licenses

Action – Adopted Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Article II, Division 2, Section 4-63 of the Excelsior City Code, as presented, and direct staff to approve ordinance publication by title and summary.

5. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 563 - Social Host

Action – Adopted Ordinance No. 563 and directed staff to approve the ordinance publication by title and summary.

6. Single Family Development Standards – Continue to the April 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting

Action – This Item was moved to Item 11(b) on the Regular City Council Agenda.

7. Special Event Permit for the 2017 Lake Minnetonka Half Marathon

Action – Approved the Special Event Permit for the Lake Minnetonka Half Marathon on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and adopted Resolution No. 2017-11 – A Resolution Imposing Temporary Street Closure on May 7, 2017.

(b) *Consent Agenda - Continued*

8. Special Event Permit for the Our Savior Lutheran Community Easter Egg Hunt

Action – Approved Special Event Permit for the 2017 Our Savior Church & School Easter Egg Hunt.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- (a) None

8. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) 2017 Fourth of July Request

Laura Hotvet, Director of the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber, addressed the City Council.

Beattie moved, Caron seconded, to continue this item to the March 20, 2017 City Council Meeting. Motion carried 4/0.

- (b) 2017 Art on the Lake Request

Laura Hotvet, Director of the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber, addressed the City Council.

Caron moved, Beattie seconded, to approve plan A and asked staff to work with the Chamber to create a plan B in case there are flooding issues, and to mark the irrigation boxes so there is no confusion for those who need to drive on the grass at The Commons. Motion carried 4/0.

- (c) Special Event Permit for the 2017 Excelsior Farmers Market

Caron moved, Beattie seconded, to approve the Special Event Permit for the 2017 Excelsior Farmers Market at the one-time fee of \$500.00 and adopt Resolution No. 2017-12 – A Resolution Imposing Temporary Street Closure on Water Street on Tuesday's starting in May through October. Motion carried 4/0.

9. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

- (a) First Reading of Ordinance No. 566 - Tree Trimming

Beattie moved, Caron Seconded, to waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 566; Amending Chapter 10 of the Excelsior City Code to add Tree Trimmer Licensing, and schedule the second reading for the March 20, 2017 City Council Meeting. Motion carried 4/0.

10. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

(a) Planning Commission

- 1) 494 and 470 Water Street – Sign Variance (PC No. 17-01)

John Boskamp, owner of Snap Fitness and Yoga Fit, addressed the City Council.

Beattie moved, Caron seconded, to adopt Resolution o. 2017-10 denying a variance for internally illuminated and a backlit sign for Snap Fitness and Yoga Fit. Motion carried 4/0.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Sales Tax

Council directed staff to contact Senator Osmeck with Mayor Gaylord and Councilmember Miller to discuss leaving the sales tax request at 0.05%, and at 7 million.

(b) Single Family Development Standards

Beattie moved, Caron seconded, to continue this Item a Special Meeting on March 10, 2017 at 4:30 pm in the Council Chambers. Motion carried 4/0.

12. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Annual Appointments to Advisory Commissions

Beattie moved, Miller seconded, to appoint Dale Kurschner effective when he meets the residency requirement as a member to the Planning Commission. Motion carried 4/0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Beattie moved, Miller seconded, to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Orlofsky  
City Clerk