

City of Excelsior  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

MINUTES  
EXCELSIOR WORK SESSION

April 23, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Mayor Carlson and Councilmembers Caron, Dierking,  
Kurschner, and Miller

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Luger, Public Works Superintendent Amundsen,  
Finance Officer Horn, City Planner Becker

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

3. COUNCIL GOAL SETTING SESSION

Install a Sidewalk Along College Lake and Improve the Water Street and Oak Street Intersection

The Council set this goal as a high priority and wanted it placed under Goal #1 with the title:

Improve the College Lake Neighborhood

- Evaluate potential pedestrian facility options on Water Street
- Complete traffic study and discuss what options to further explore
- Review TIF balance and decide how to utilize the remaining funds
- Assess the drainage and water quality at College Lake

City Hall Staffing

The Council set this goal as a high priority and thought the following items should also be discussed related to staffing:

- Review staffing levels and determine how to more effectively reduce employee turnover and increase recruitment.
- Consider how to best use the resources of the Council and the Commissions.

Water Street Trees

The Council set this goal as a medium priority and wanted it placed under Goal #1 with the direction for staff to work with Bartlett on developing a phased-in tree replacement plan.

#### Special Event Policy and Ordinance

The Council set this goal as a medium priority with the title, 'Complete Revisions on the Special Event Policy and Ordinance'.

#### Formula Business

The Council set this goal as a medium to high priority for the Planning Commission to work on.

#### Inflow and Infiltration

The Council set this goal as a medium priority and asked staff to place it under a future City Council agenda for discussion.

#### Utilizing City Resources

The Council merged this item with the City Hall Staffing goal.

#### Expanding Public Transit Options

The Council asked that this goal be renamed to 'Facilitating Access to Excelsior with Transportation Options' and for it to be placed in the list of 2020 goals. This goal was kept with the understanding that it did not include a discussion on a potential transit station; this goal is intended to address all modes of transportation, such as biking, ride-sharing, public transit, etc.

#### Consent Agenda

Mayor Carlson stated that at the beginning on the consent agenda he would list the items that are on the consent agenda; the Council agreed to remove this goal.

#### Lake Street One-Way System Test

The Council would like this goal addressed during the joint work session with the Park and Recreation Commission.

#### Polyphosphate Addition to Water Supply

The Council asked that this goal be renamed to 'Water Quality' and set it as a high priority.

#### St. Alban's Bay Bridge

The Council moved this goal to the list of 2020 goals.

#### Fund Balance Transfer Policy

The Council agreed to discuss this item during the 2020 budget process.

Mooring Policy and Ordinance

The Council agreed that the Park and Recreation Commission will revisit the mooring policy and ordinance at the end of the mooring season and recommend any changes to the Council.

Parking Passes for Private Events

The Council set this goal as a low priority and directed staff to work on a policy. Kurschner also wanted to consider providing free parking passes to residents without garages as part of this policy.

Vacant Buildings and Lots

The Council agreed to remove this goal.

The Council will rank the high priority goals and send those rankings to Luger who will bring the prioritized list back to a future Council meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Kurschner moved, Caron seconded, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Becker  
Acting City Clerk