**CITY OF LEXINGTON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

**9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

1. **Call to Order:** – Mayor Kurth
   1. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Hughes, Payment, Plasch

***Mayor Kurth called to order the Regular City Council meeting for February 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember’s present: Devries, Hughes, Payment, and Plasch. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Tina Meyer, Finance Director; Mark Vanderbloomer, Assistant Fire Chief; Jerome Adams, MNDOT; Centennial School District Students.***

1. **Citizens Forum**

***No citizens were present to address the Council.***

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS**

***Councilmember Payment made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition of item 8(E) on the agenda to discuss City Council schedule for the Parkview Hearing being held on February 19, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Devries. Motion carried 5-0.***

1. **I 35 MN PASS UPDATE – JEROME ADAMS (MNDOT)**

***Jerome Adams from MNDOT provided a presentation updating the City Council on the I35W Mnpass lane process. Adams explained that the decision has been made to use concrete instead of asphalt. He explained that it is more expensive, but due to its durability and lower maintenance MNDOT felt it was better for the project. Discussion ensued.***

***Adams stated that MNDOT is planning to do some spot improvements along the I35W corridor with estimated costs upward of $200 million. Discussion ensued.***

***Adams further explained the proposed noise walls that will affect Lexington citizens. He discussed the voting process and public meetings process for the noise wall proposals. Discussion ensued.***

***The consensus of the Council was to hold the public meetings for the noise wall proposals close to the residents affected by the noise walls at either Rasmussen College or Eagle Brook Church.***

1. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**
   1. Airport (Councilmember Plasch) – ***Councilmember Plasch explained the 2016 Aviation Days***
   2. Cable Commission (Councilmember Payment) ***Councilmember Payment provided an update on the Cable Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) amendment and the bonding for the HD upgrades.***
   3. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) ***Petracek explained that the staff had Active Shooter Training provided by Sergeant Bill Jacobson of the Centennial Lakes P.D. and asked the Council if they would be interested having the training at a workshop. Discussion ensued. The consensus was to have the training at a future workshop.***

***Petracek also asked the Council if they have any questions about the agenda or packet to contact him or Tina prior to the meeting in the event more research would need to be done to answer the question prior to the Council meeting.***

1. **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
   1. Council Workshop meeting minutes – January 21, 2016
   2. Royal Roofing – City Hall roofing contract
   3. MSA – List of Items to Be Corrected- Fire Station Project
   4. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – January 20, 2016
   5. Anoka County Environmental Services – Non Profit Organizations – Temporary FoodLicensing Fee

***Some discussion on items B and E.***

1. **Consent ITEMS:**
   1. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:

Council Meeting – January 21, 2016

* 1. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:

Check #’s 13416 through 13416

Check #’s 40398 through 40344

Check #’s 10703 through 10721

***A motion was made by Councilmember Plasch to approve the consent agenda* items. *The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Motion carried 5-0.***

1. **Action ItemS:**
   1. Recommendation to approve Carbone’s (Robert Karas) Liquor License Violation Fine

***Attorney Glaser asked the Council to table this item again. Glaser explained that the Karas’ are retired and living in Las Vegas. He added that they are not trying to blow-off the City Council meeting; they just haven’t been able to get here from Vegas for the appointment. They do intent to address the Lexington City Council regarding their liquor violation. Discussion ensued. No action taken.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve ezTask as new website vendor for $4990.00

***Mayor Kurth asked the Council to consider approving the bid from Govoffice due to the cost difference of webhosting per month between ezTask bid and Govoffice -$1,300/month.***

***Tina Meyer, Finance Director, explained the reason she is recommending ezTask for our new website is due the ease of updating it over Govoffice, which is what Lexington currently has for their website. Discussion ensued. Meyer also explained that ongoing maintenance is difficult with the current website and ezTask is much easier for someone without an IT background to maintain.***

***Councilmember Hughes asked how much the cost of savings would be on labor to maintain the website with Eztask. Discussion ensued.***

***Councilmember Devries stated he feels it makes more sense to go with Eztask to cut back on the staff time and eliminate other software maintenance.***

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to approve ezTask as the new website vendor in the amount of $4,990.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. The motion carried 5-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve Installation of City Hall Cabling for $3870.00.

***Finance Director Meyer explained this cabling is needed for the new phone system that will be installed in 2016. Discussion ensued.***

***Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve the installation of City Hall cabling by Popp Communications in the amount of $3,870.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Payment. Motion carried 5-0.***

* 1. Request for Cost Analysis for Benefit Level Change for Firefighters

***Mayor Kurth provided an explanation for the request to study the need to increase the retirement benefit levels for our firefighters. He explained that there would be no cost to the City if the study would show that benefits could be raised without increasing the amount the City contributes. Discussion ensued.***

***Assistant Fire Chief Mark Vanderbloomer explained that the pension benefits haven’t been increased in 6-12 years. Discussion ensued.***

***Mayor Kurth asked Attorney Glaser if he should abstain from the vote, as he may benefit financially from the study being conducted. Discussion ensued.***

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to approve conducting a cost analysis for benefit level change for Lexington Firefighters. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Kurth and Councilmember Payment abstained from the vote.***

* 1. Discuss City Council Schedule for Parkview Hearing on February 19, 2016

***Attorney Glaser asked the Council about the availability of the members to attend the Parkview hearing on February 19, 2016. He explained there are two options: 1. The entire Council can attend, or 2. The Council can empower a subset of the Council to make decisions at the hearing. Discussion ensued.***

***Councilmember Hughes asked Attorney Glaser if he thought there would be more influence if the entire City Council attended. Discussion ensued. Glaser suggested making a decision at this meeting.***

***A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to appoint Mayor Kurth to make decisions at the Parkview Hearing on behalf of the Lexington City Council. The motion was seconded by*** ***Councilmember Devries. Motion carried 5-0***.

1. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

***Councilmember Devries asked Finance Director Meyer if the Park Board issues had been addressed. Meyer stated they had.***

***Councilmember Plash updated everyone on his health issues.***

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Motion carried 5-0.***

***I hereby certify that the February 4, 2016, Regular City Council Minutes as presented, were approved by the Lexington City Council on February 18, 2016.***

***Bill Petracek***

***City Administrator***

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