**PUBLIC HEARING**

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**CITY OF LEXINGTON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 7, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

**9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **Call to Order: -** Mayor Kurth
   1. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Harris, Hughes, Murphy,

***Mayor Kurth called to order the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for December 7, 2017 at 7:02 p.m. Councilmember’s present: Devries, Hughes, and Murphy. Excused Absence: Harris***

***Also present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Glen Rank, Dinkytown Rentals; Jerome Evans, Citizen; Centennial School District Students.***

1. **PUBLIC HEARING: Truth In Taxation**

***Jerome Evans***

***2633 Flowerfield Road***

***Lexington, MN.***

***Mr. Evans was present to provide his concerns for the increase in tax levy for 2018. He explained that his proposed local taxes are going up 18% and believes this is out of control. Discussion ensued.***

***Mayor Kurth explained to Mr. Evans that the City of Lexington has done a lot of road construction in the past few years, with debt taken out this year to complete Flowerfield, Restwood, and Hamline Roads. Discussion ensued.***

1. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING**

***A motion was made by Councilmember Devries to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

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1. **Citizens Forum**

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

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

***A motion was made by Councilmember Murphy to amend and approve the agenda by adding Item #G – Recommendation to approve public utility easement for DuWayne Ave. Property. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

1. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**
   1. Airport (Councilmember Harris) – ***No report***
   2. Cable Commission (Councilmember Murphy) – ***Councilmember Murphy explained that all HD upgrades were completed at Northmetro TV***
   3. City Administrator (Bill Petracek)

***Petracek provided an explanation to the agenda amendment in regards to not having the public hearing for the bond financing of the Lovell Building Project. He stated that Dominium made an attempt at a bond allocation from the State for their housing project, but were denied the financing. He added this is just the first attempt, and Dominium will continue to apply for Housing Revenue Bond financing for the project. He added there might be some changes to the age-restricted senior housing project to more of a mixed-use – senior living and general living – to help them obtain the financing necessary to move forward with the project. Petracek added that federal tax reform is changing affordable senior housing financing. Discussion ensued.***

1. **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
   1. Public Notice – Lexington Fire Department Truck Dedication Ceremony
   2. Public Notice – Planning & Zoning Public Hearing on December 12, 2017
   3. Public Notice – Truth In Taxation Public Hearing – December 7, 2017
   4. Council Workshop meeting minutes – November 16, 2017
   5. North Metro TV – October 2017 Update
   6. Centennial Lakes Police Department – Media Reports:

* 11-2-2017 through 11-8-2017
* 11-9-2017 through 11-15-2017
* 11-16-2017 through 11-21-2017
* 11-22-2017 through 12-1-2017
  1. 2018 Calendar and meeting dates schedule

***No discussion on Letters and Communications***

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

Council Meeting – November 16, 2017

* 1. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:

Check #’s 13553 through 13557

Check #’s 42787 through 42856

Check #’s 11702 through 11720

***A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

1. **Action ItemS:**
   1. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 17-30 A Resolution Calling For Public Hearing By the City Council On the proposed Modification to the Development Program For District No. 1 and the Proposed Establishment of the Tax Increment Financing District NO. 1-3 Therein and the Adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan Therefor

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* 1. Recommendation to approve Centennial Lakes Little League request for use of Memorial Park ballfields – April 1 through September 21, 2018.

***Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve Centennial Lakes Little League request for use of Memorial Park ballfields – April 1 through September 21, 2018. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to Approve Denial of Liability Coverage Waiver Form

***Councilmember Hughes made a motion to Approve Denial of Liability Coverage Waiver Form. Councilmember Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 17-27 A Resolution Establishing Precincts and Polling Places

***Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 17-27 A Resolution Establishing Precincts and Polling Places. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve Resolution No. 17-28 A Resolution Certifying 2017 Tax Levy Collectable in 2018

***Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-28 A Resolution Certifying 2017 Tax Levy Collectable in 2018. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 17-29 A Resolution Adopting Final 2018 Operating Budget For The City Of Lexington

***Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 17-29 A Resolution Adopting Final 2018 Operating Budget For The City Of Lexington. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

* 1. Recommendation to approve Duwayne Ave. property public utility easements.

***Attorney Glaser explained the need to vacate the electric utility easement for the proposed Ephesians Development. Glaser stated that he needs the Council to execute the easement vacation documents so that Excel Energy can move the power lines and created a new easement for a new power line on the property. Discussion ensued.***

***Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the DuWayne Ave utility easement vacation documents. Councimember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

1. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

***Mayor Kurth discussed the new pumper truck that was put into service. He also discussed the “Santa around Town” event. discussion ensued.***

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

***A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

***I hereby certify that the December 7, 2017, Regular City Council Minutes as presented, were approved by the Lexington City Council on December 21, 2017.***

***Bill Petracek***

***City Administrator***