

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LEXINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.  
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
THE MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY  
THROUGH ZOOM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Murphy**

- A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Harris, Hughes and Winge

*Mayor Murphy called to order the Regular City Council meeting for April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hughes, Harris, Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Mark Kurth, Lexington Fire Relief Association; Jeff Reinert, Anoka County Commissioner.*

**2. CITIZENS FORUM**

*No citizens called in on our city hall phone to discuss items not on the agenda*

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

*Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the amended agenda as typewritten. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – Yes; Harris- Yes; Hughes – Yes; Winge – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.*

**4. JEFF REINERT, COUNTY COMMISSIONER WILL PRESENT ANOKA COUNTY COVID-19 INFORMATION AND UPDATES.**

*Jeff Reinert, Anoka County Commissioner, was electronically present to introduce himself to the City Council and provided an update on items that Anoka County was doing to address Covid-19. Discussion ensued.*

**5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *Councilmember Devries stated that all Airport meetings were cancelled until a later date.*
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) – *Councilmember Winge explained that their recent meeting was by Zoom. They approved amendments to the joint powers agreement, adopted a Resolution and settlement agreement with Century Link. Discussion ensued.*

- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek stated that city staff was just trying to stay ahead of Covid-19 and the changes that have had to be made for operations. Discussion ensued.*

**6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports 3-25 through 4-7, 2020  
B. North Metro TV – March 2020 Update  
C. City Report – March 2020

*No discussion was had with Letters and Communications*

**7. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:  
Council Meeting – April 2, 2020
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:  
Check #'s 13671 through 13671  
Check #'s 46120 through 46180  
Check #'s 13145 through 13151
- C. Financial Reports
- Cash Balances
  - Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

*Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – Yes; Harris- Yes; Hughes – Yes; Winge – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.*

**8. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to approve the low quote from Super Siders, Albertville, MN in the Amount not to Exceed \$17,976 for Roofing and Fascia Repair to Memorial Park Concessions Stands

*Councilmember Harris questioned Super Siders quote, and the deficient details that were submitted by the other contractors. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Harris made a motion to table Action Item A to get a more detailed quote from Super Sider, Albertville, MN. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – Yes; Harris- Yes; Hughes – Yes; Winge – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.*

- B. Recommendation to approve Waiving Late Fees for City Utility Bills for the 1st Quarter.

***Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Waiving Late Fees for City Utility Bills for the 1st Quarter. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – Yes; Harris- Yes; Hughes – Yes; Winge – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.***

- C. Recommendation to approve a 90-day Extension to the Payment of Fees to the City from the Date the Governor’s Executive Order is lifted on Non-Essential Businesses.

***Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve a 90-day Extension to the Payment of Fees to the City from the Date the Governor’s Executive Order is lifted on Non-Essential Businesses. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – Yes; Harris- Yes; Hughes – Yes; Winge – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.***

- D. Recommendation to approve a 90-day Extension to the Payment of Liquor License Fees to the City from the Date the Governor’s Executive Order is lifted on Businesses that serve Alcohol.

***Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve a 90-day Extension to the Payment of Liquor License Fees to the City from the Date the Governor’s Executive Order is lifted on Businesses that serve Alcohol. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – Yes; Harris- Yes; Hughes – Yes; Winge – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.***

- E. Recommendation to approve Lexington Fire Relief Association Borrowing Funds up to \$30,000.00 from the Revolving Fund for the Purpose of Paying Charitable Gambling Employees and related expenses during COVID-19.

***Mark Kurth, Lexington Fire Relief Association Gambling Manager, explained his request to borrow funds from the Fire Department Revolving Equipment Fund, which is the fund that LFRA contributes gambling proceeds to. Kurth explained that all gambling has been shut down and they are being proactive with having the Council approve the borrowing of funds so that when they run out of money to pay their gambling staff, they can dip into those borrowed funds. He doesn’t anticipate running out of money until June. Kurth added that the State Gambling Control Board has approved this borrowing, but he explained that it must come from the City’s General Fund and loan paperwork must be approved. Harris questioned what interest rates the City would charge. Petracek explained that city staff will provide recommendations based on market rates to the Council when the loan paperwork is presented and approved by the City Council. Discussion ensued.***

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*Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – Yes; Harris-Yes; Hughes – Yes; Winge – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.*

## **9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

*Councilmember Devries asked about Tot Park and when it would be torn down. Petracek explained that the City just closed on the Tot Park property on Thursday with Norhart, and that their intention is to have the new park built by July. He added that Covid-19 could delay the overall project but that is Norhart's intention. Discussion ensued.*

*Devries also asked about the damaged manhole on Restwood Ave. Petracek stated that public work determined that the sanitary sewer main was not damaged when they had it televised, so repairing the manhole will be the item that needs to be repaired on the damaged area. Public works is scheduling the repair project to be completed, but Petracek was unsure of the exact timeframe. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Winge asked if the next City Council meeting would be in-person or not. Petracek stated that he has worked everything out with the Anoka County Assessor's office to hold the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization hearing through Zoom, so having a virtual City Council meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> won't be a problem and recommended continuing the virtual City Council meetings. Discussion ensued.*

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilmember Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – Yes; Harris-Yes; Hughes – Yes; Winge – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.*