

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE
THIS MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA
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 July 2, 2020 at 7:01 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Harris, Hughes, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Pat Aldrich, Centennial Lakes P.D.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens called into the zoom meeting to address items not on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

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

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – *Councilmember Devries reported that there were no meetings scheduled.*
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) – *Councilmember Winge provided an overview of the Northmetro T.V. budget and cable franchise fees. Discussion ensued.*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek explained that the City of Lexington was awarded the 3rd step in the Greenstep Program. Discussion ensued.*

Petracek also reported that the City of Lexington will receive an estimated amount of \$158,000 from the CARES Act for Covid -19 expenses. He explained that there is a possibility of having enough funds for a local business grant. He added that there is a lot more information that he and the finance director are obtaining on how the money can be spent. Discussion ensued

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 6-3 through 6-16, 2020

- B. City Report – May 2020
- C. North Metro TV – May 2020 Update

No discussion on Letters and Communications

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – June 18, 2020
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 13681 through 13683
Check #'s 46419 through 46477
Check #'s 13243 through 13256
Check #'s 13256 through 13266
Check #'s 13267 through 13270

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

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve 2021 North Metro Telecommunications
Commission Budget

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve 2021 North Metro Telecommunications Commission Budget. 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 Business License Renewals

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Business License Renewals. 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 Resolution 20-15 – A Resolution Approving the
Installation of “NO Parking On This Side of the Street” Signs on North Dunlap Avenue
Between Lake Drive and Edgewood Road in the City of Lexington

Petracek provided an overview of the parking and traffic congestion complaints and issues that have been created by the Landings of Lexington residents since the apartment complex tenants have moved in. He added that there are plenty of parking spots available in Landings of Lexington underground parking, but the fact that they are charging their tenants \$90/month to park there creates a situation where the tenants are parking on city streets for free. He explained the background on the recommendation to approve Resolution 20-15 and city staff working with

Landings of Lexington to solve the problem of their tenants parking on Dunlap Ave. when they should be parking in their parking lot. Attorney Glaser provided an overview of the Planned Unit Development that was approved and the parking requirements of the development. He explained the need to approve parking restrictions for Dunlap Ave. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries asked if Lexington Lofts are charging for their underground parking. Attorney Glaser explained that they are, and he and the city administrator are working through this with Norhart to solve this problem through the next phase of the development agreement. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Harris stated that if their parking lot isn't 100% full, then Landings of Lexington should not be charging their residents to park in their underground parking and they are not providing the parking that was promised to their tenants. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Harris stated that she didn't think it was out of the question to have no parking on Dunlap Ave., but if I was a resident of Dunlap Ave., and wanted to have family members I wouldn't like those restrictions. The City Council discussed potential two-hour parking, no parking, and no-overnight parking restrictions for Dunlap Ave. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Murphy stated he was a big fan of making the whole city "no overnight parking." He added that when he worked for Anoka Police Department, that was what they did, and it really lowered the crime rate. Discussion ensued.

The City Council discussed imposing citywide "no overnight parking" on city streets.

Councilmember Harris questioned whether we would make the whole city suffer because of what is going on at Landings of Lexington. Councilmember Winge agreed and stated he didn't like imposing no overnight parking restrictions at this meeting and maybe reevaluate it in the future. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Harris asked if we can get a report on the parking situation. Petracek stated that we could make that happen with the police department.

City Council discussed the speeding complaints on Dunlap Ave. Lieutenant Pat Aldrich explained that the police department receives speeding complaints every day and lowering the speed limit to 25 mph will not work. He said most of the time the speeding is a perception of the people on the street, and most of the time the drivers are within the speeding limits. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-15 – A Resolution Approving the Installation of "NO Parking On This Side of the Street" Signs on North Dunlap Avenue Between Lake Drive and Edgewood Road in the City of Lexington with the addition of "No Overnight Parking from Midnight to 6:00 a.m." on the west side of the street. Councilmember Harris 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 Resolution 20-16 A Resolution Approving the Installation of “No Parking From Here to the Corner” Signs on Dunlap Ave. at the Intersection of Lovell Road and Dunlap Ave. within the City of Lexington.

Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve Resolution 20-16 A Resolution Approving the Installation of “No Parking From Here to the Corner” Signs on Dunlap Ave. at the Intersection of Lovell Road and Dunlap Ave. within the City of Lexington. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – yes; Harris – yes; Hughes – yes; Winge – yes; Mayor Murphy – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries asked about the Jackson Ave. project. Petracek stated that the asphaltting company is trying to schedule the milling machine, which is holding up the project. Once that has been scheduled, they will have a date when the project can begin. Petracek added that once the project begins, it won't take more than a day or two to complete.

Councilmember asked about what public works was doing on Hamline & Edgewood Ave. this week. Petracek stated they had a sewer back-up, and they were using the Jetter to do some cleaning. He added that the backup was not caused by our sewer main.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Harris made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – yes; Harris- yes; Hughes – yes; Winge – yes; Mayor Murphy – yes. Motion carried 5-0.