

**CITY OF LEXINGTON  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
Thursday, APRIL 16, 2020  
Immediately following Council meeting  
City Hall  
MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH ZOOM**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Murphy
2. **Roll Call:** DeVries – Harris – Hughes – Winge

*Mayor Murphy called to order the workshop for April 16, 2020 at 8:06 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Harris, Hughes, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Steve Winter, City Engineer.*

**3. Discussion Items:**

- A. Discuss – Engineer's Opinion of Cost for 2020 Dunlap Improvements

*Steve Winter, City Engineer, provided an explanation of the cost estimate to open up Dunlap Ave. to through traffic.*

*Councilmember Harris stated that she didn't agree with the original closing of Dunlap Ave. Mayor Murphy agreed. Petracek stated if the Council decides to move forward with this project, it should be discussed at budget time, as it was not an approved project for 2020. Councilmember Devries recommended tabling this project until budget time. Discussion ensued.*

*Petracek asked the city engineer if he believes a traffic study should be conducted on the project. Winter stated that he doesn't think a traffic study should be conducted, but a survey should be done to determine if it is a project that the affected property owner's want. Discussion ensued.*

*Petracek recommended that as we get closer to budget time, we will have a discussion on conducting a survey of affected properties to determine a need to open Dunlap Ave.*

- B. Discuss – City of Lexington Rental Properties

*Petracek explained the chart showing the number of rental units currently occupied and rental properties pending. He explained that there are 516 units rented with the anticipation of Landings of Lexington being fully occupied. Discussion about Lexington Lofts additional rental units in Lexington would be approximately 871 units. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Hughes feels that we need to begin restricting the number of rental units in Lexington as rental units are exceeding owner-occupied properties. Attorney Glaser explained that a lot of college communities – Mankato and Winona – have placed restrictions on the number of rental properties within an area of a community. Discussion ensued.*

*Petracek recommended that since this item isn't an emergent item to address, that maybe it would be best to begin developing this ordinance when the Council was able to meet in person. Discussion ensued.*

*The consensus was to wait until the Council was able to meeting in person.*

C. Discuss – Metro I-Net Possible Joint Powers Agreement

*Petracek explained that Metro I-Net has asked that each of the member communities of Metro I-Net to have a discussion with their governing boards about the need to form a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and if there were any concerns. Petracek stated that currently the Roseville City Council controls the IT services of 45 governmental agencies. There has been discussion for years on the need to form a JPA so that the 45 governmental agencies tied in with Metro I-Net has control over the budget and personnel, instead of Roseville City Council. Discussion ensued.*

*Petracek stated that Covid-19 slowed down the JPA development process, but an agreement will be coming soon for the Lexington City Council to approve.*

D. Discuss – Ordinance NO. 20-05 An Ordinance Incorporating Chapter 11.8 – Planned Unit Developments.

*Councilmember Harris asked Councilmember Hughes if this PUD ordinance would address his concerns regarding rental housing. Hughes replied that it wouldn't address single-family rental units. Discussion ensued.*

*Attorney Glaser asked Councilmember Hughes if he thought there needed to be something more elaborate in the PUD ordinance regarding rental units. Glaser said if Hughes believes it does, than this is the time to incorporate rental housing restrictions in the ordinance before the 2nd reading and final adoption on May 7th. Discussion ensued.*

*Petracek stated that this ordinance will be on the May 7th agenda for the second reading and final adoption.*

**4. Staff Input**

*No staff input*

**5. Council Input**

*No Council input*

**6. Adjourn**

*Councilmember Harris made motion to adjourn the workshop at 8:52 p.m. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Devries – Yes; Harris- Yes; Hughes – Yes; Winge – Yes; Mayor Murphy – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.*