

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP MINUTES
Thursday, February 20 2020
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

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

Mayor Murphy called to order the workshop for February 20, 2020 at 8:14 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; Brian Noma and Anna Schliep, Minnesota Department of Health.

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss Compliance Agreement with Minnesota Department of Health

Brian Noma and Anna Schliep from the Minnesota Department of Health were present to provide details and guidance on the proposed compliance agreement with MDH addressing the Gross Alpha non-compliance issue with the City's water system. Discussion ensued.

Petracek stated this agreement will be on the March 5th agenda for approval and a press release drafted for discussion.

- B. Discuss Tree Maintenance Ordinance – Councilmember Hughes

Councilmember Hughes explained the need to have tree inspections and tree removal on private property. He also understands that the city attorney isn't in favor of doing this type of regulation. Attorney Glaser explained that the City will pay out money from a lawsuit unless you have someone trained – forester or arborist – to conduct your inspections. Councilmember Hughes asked why the City can't contract with a consultant to conduct tree inspections. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Harris how do we would move forward with this. Petracek explained the need to adopt an ordinance authorizing a city forester or arborist to conduct inspection and hire a consultant on retainer, budget funds to pay for it, and start the inspection process. He added it would be no different than implementing the rental housing program.

Discussion ensued about having the Planning Commission review a draft ordinance and make a recommendation to the Council on the proposed regulations. The consensus was to have P & Z review a draft ordinance and make a recommendation to the Council.

Attorney Glaser will draft the ordinance and put it in front of the Planning Commission for review.

C. Discuss Limiting Rental Housing in Lexington – Councilmember Hughes

Councilmember Hughes discussed limiting future rental units in Lexington. Mayor Murphy asked how many rental units the City currently has in operation. Petracek stated he would have to have our administrative assistant provide data on the number of rental units in Lexington. Discussion ensued.

Petracek stated he would have this information on the number of rental units for discussion at the next workshop.

4. Staff Input

No staff input

5. Council Input

No Council input.

6. Adjourn

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the workshop at 9:49 p.m. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.