

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
BOARD OF REVIEW
&
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

**MINUTES
BOARD OF REVIEW**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER BOARD OF REVIEW – Mayor Grote

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

Mayor Grote called to order the Board of Review for April 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Benson, Devries, Harris, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Tedman Anderson and John Fena, Anoka County Assessor; District 32B Representative Matt Norris.

3. INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY ASSESSOR

Ted Anderson, Anoka County Assessor, introduced himself and Mr. Fena. Mr. Anderson explained that he had had a phone call with Laurie and Ed Knutson contesting their assessment of property parcel # 35-31-23-11-0015. He agreed with their thoughts on their assessed value being too high. Anderson is recommending that the City Council approve the lowering of their valuation from \$448, 330 to \$400,000. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve lowering the assessed value of Laurie and Ed Knutson's property at 900 Lexington Ave. from \$448,330 to \$400,000. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. CITIZENS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS ASSESSOR

No citizens were present to address the assessor on their property values.

5. CLOSE BOARD OF REVIEW

Councilmember Devries made a motion to close the Board of Review at 7:11 p.m. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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1. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Grote

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

Mayor Grote called to order the Regular City Council meeting for April 6, 2023 at 7:12 p.m. Councilmember's present: Benson, Devries, Harris, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Steve Winter, City Engineer; District 32B Representative Matt Norris.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to discuss items not on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the closed session involving the City of Blaine lawsuit. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. INTRODUCTION: District 32 B Representative Matt Norris

Representative Norris introduced himself as the new State Representative for Lexington and has been elected to the newly formed District 32B. Norris provided an overview of the 2023 Legislative session.

Councilmember Harris if there is money available for building a water treatment plant in Lexington. Norris said that he is aware of the issues between Blaine and Lexington regarding their water system and is working on funding for these types of projects. Discussion ensued.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – No report given.
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Winge) *Quarterly meetings – No report given*

- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek stated that city hall would be closed in observance of Easter holiday. He also explained that Bob Hunt is retiring and they would be advertising the position to replace him.*

Choose a building block.

6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 3-8 through 3-28, 2023
- B. Anoka County – 2024 Median Home Values
- C. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes- March 14, 2023

No discussion on Letters and Communications.

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting –March 16, 2023
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 50088 through 50150
Check #'s 14692 through 14698
Check #'s 14701 through 14704

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 23-09 A Resolution Accepting
Bids for 2023 Street Improvements – Dunlap Avenue between Restwood and
Flowerfield Road

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 23-09 A Resolution Accepting Bids for 2023 Street Improvements – Dunlap Avenue between Restwood and Flowerfield Road, Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve rehire of Hunter Schmid to the seasonal
part-time position at \$16.00 per hour starting early June

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve rehire of Hunter Schmid to the seasonal part-time position at \$16.00 per hour starting early June. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Recommendation to approve Cannabinoids License Application for Boulevard
Bar & Grille pending successful background investigation

Petracek stated that the background investigation on the owner and manager were successful.

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve Cannabinoids License Application for Boulevard Bar & Grille. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Recommendation to approve hiring Ellie Dawson to the Lexington Liquors Full time Sales Associate position at \$16.75 per hour

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve hiring Ellie Dawson to the Lexington Liquors Full time Sales Associate position at \$16.75 per hour. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

No input from Mayor Grote and City Council

10. CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Glaser explained the reason to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Councilmember Winge made a motion to go into closed session at 7:29 pm pursuant Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the legal aspects surrounding personnel matters under investigation. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Grote recused himself from being involved in the closed session discussion.

- This portion of the meeting is closed pursuant Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the legal aspects surrounding personnel matters under investigation.

Councilmember Winge excused himself from the closed session meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:28 p.m. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.
Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*