

City of Excelsior
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2025

**106 Center Street, Excelsior, MN 55331 – Entrance located on Center Street
6:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ringate called the regular February 10, 2025, council meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ringate and Councilmembers Bildsoe, Caron, O’Hanlon, and Tyler.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Luger, Public Works Director Amundsen, City Clerk Bajda, and Legal Counsel Josh Weir (Kennedy & Graven Chartered).

3. MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Bildsoe moved, Tyler seconded to approve the February 10, 2025, regular meeting agenda with addition of item 6(c) legislative update. Motion carried 5/0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) January 21, 2025, City Council Work Session Minutes

(b) January 21, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Bildsoe moved, O’Hanlon seconded to approve the January 21, 2025 City Council Work Session minutes and January 21, 2025 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

5. OPEN FORUM

This is the time for the public to speak. Open Forum will be limited to one-half hour. No person may speak more than five (5) minutes or more than once. Each subject will have a limit of ten (10) minutes. Council members may ask questions of the speaker. With the agreement of the Council, such matters taken up during the “Open Forum” may be scheduled on the current or a future Agenda. Members of the public interested in speaking on an agenda item may direct a request to be recognized to the Mayor.

Bruce Kelly, 165 Maple Street, addressed the Council about a Facebook post concerning the Minnetonka Diamond Club donating \$50,000 for the Commons and the ordinance to extend the sales tax option.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) Excelsior Fire District Board Update

Tyler provided an update of from the January board meeting.

(b) Certificate of Appreciation Parks and Recreation Commission, Roy Pike

Mayor Ringate presented certificate of appreciation to Roy Pike and thanked him for his service to Excelsior.

Public Works Director Amundsen extended gratitude to Roy Pike for his service and commitment to Excelsior.

(c) Legislative Update

Caron updated Council on recent meetings with State representatives regarding bonding requests for street infrastructure projects as well as current hold on federal grant for the design of the St. Alban's Bay Bridge reconstruction that is shared with the City of Greenwood.

7. MEET EXCELSIOR

(a) Josh Radziej, Excelsior Lions Club

City Manager Luger confirmed Josh Radziej was not in attendance.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Review Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approve Verified Claims over \$20,000

(b) December Financials

(c) Amend Chapter 5 to Expand Local Sales Tax, 2nd Reading Ordinance 676

(d) THC License Approval, Resolution 2025-12

(e) Approval of 2025 Council Work Groups

(f) Appointment of Quarterly Commission Liaison Schedule

(g) 1st Reading Ordinance 678, Contractor Parking Permits on Restricted Streets

(h) Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaw Amendments, Resolution 2025-11

(i) 1st Reading Ordinance 677, Chapter 24 Parks and Recreation Code Updates

(j) Approval of 2025 Council goals and work session calendar

(k) 4th Quarter Gambling Donations

O'Hanlon referred to item 8(e) Council work groups and requested that the reference to alternate for assignments to the Community for the Commons be removed.

Tyler requested consent items 8(g) and 8(j) be pulled for discussion.

Caron requested consent item 8(h) and 8(i) be pulled for discussion.

Tyler moved, O'Hanlon seconded to approve consent items 8(a) through 8(f) and item 8(k). Motion carried 5/0.

Tyler shared text for modifications to the contractor parking ordinance and requested staff incorporate for second reading.

Tyler moved, O'Hanlon seconded to approve consent item 8(g) 1st reading ordinance 678 with recommended edits. Motion carried 5/0.

Caron discussed item 8(h) Parks and Recreation Commission bylaws and recommended edits related to location of meeting and conflict of interest disclosure.

Caron moved, Tyler seconded to approve item 8(h) resolution 2025-11 amending the Parks and Recreation Commission bylaws with recommended edits. Motion carried 5/0.

Caron discussed item 8(i) 1st reading of Ordinance 677 and recommended edits to update the list of designated parks and city property and council and commission liaisons.

Caron moved, Tyler seconded to approve item 8(i) 1st reading of ordinance 677 with recommended edits. Motion carried 5/0.

Tyler discussed item 8(j) and requested that zoning change goals be added to the 2025 Council goals and target dates be added to track progress.

Tyler moved, Caron seconded to approve item 8(j) 2025 goals and work session calendar with recommended edits. Motion carried 5/0.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) None

10. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Jimmie's Old Southern BBQ Smokehouse, On Sale Wine/Beer License

City Clerk Bajda provided an overview of Jimmie's Old Southern BBQ Smokehouse's request for Council to consider increasing the number of available on-sale wine licenses from four to five to accommodate sale of wine and beer at their new restaurant in Excelsior scheduled for opening in Spring of 2025.

Colleen and James Anderson addressed the Council and provided an overview of their business and excitement to open a location in Excelsior.

Council discussion.

Bildsoe moved, Tyler seconded to direct staff to draft an ordinance to increase the number of available on-sale wine licenses from four to five. Motion carried 5/0.

11. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) None

12. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

(a) None

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None

14. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Urban Forestry Management Plan

Public Works Director Amundsen provided an overview of the Urban Forestry Management Plan and introduced Emily Ball with WSB who worked on the plan.

Council discussion.

Caron moved, Bildsoe seconded to adopt the Urban Forestry Management Plan as a guiding document with direction to staff to clarify language around the tree committee. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) Appointments to City Commissions

City Clerk Bajda provided overview of vacancies and Commissioners desiring reappointment and requested direction from Council on how they would like to proceed.

Council discussion.

O'Hanlon moved, Tyler seconded to extend Commissioners seeking re-appointment to serve through March 2025, post all Commission vacancies, and begin interviewing Commissioners seeking re-appointments and any new applicants. Motion carried 5/0.

(c) Parking Operator RFP

City Manager Luger stated there was a request from Councilmembers Caron and Tyler to schedule a special work session to review the Parking Operator RFP before issuance.

Council discussion.

Bildsoe moved, Tyler seconded to hold a special work session on February 18, 2025 at 5:30PM to discuss parking operator RFP and re-schedule City Attorney training which was previously scheduled for the work session. Motion carried 5/0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Bildsoe moved, O'Hanlon seconded to adjourn the February 10, 2025, meeting at 8:37 PM. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Bajda, City Clerk

Notice: Some items on this agenda are important enough to Commission members that a quorum of Commission members may be present to receive information leading to their future deliberations and eventual decision.