

City of Excelsior  
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, March 3, 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 March 3, 2025, council meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Luger, City Clerk Bajda, City Attorney Mary Tietjen, Public Works Director Amundsen, Community Development Director Mullin, City Engineer Dawley, and Parks Manager Quinn.

3. MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Caron moved, Tyler seconded to approve the March 3, 2025, regular meeting agenda. Motion Carried 5/0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) February 10, 2025, City Council Work Session Minutes

(b) February 18, 2025, City Council Work Session Minutes

(c) February 18, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Tyler moved, Caron seconded to approve the February 10, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting minutes and the February 18, 2025 City Council and City Council Works Session 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 Kelley, 165 Maple Street, addressed the Council regarding liquor licenses and the amounts currently permitted within City Code and proposed cannabis ordinance.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) Parking Ramp Ribbon Cutting, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Luger reminded Councilmembers and residents of ribbon cutting event at noon on March 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the opening of the new parking ramp.

(b) Welcome Kevin Quinn, Parks & Natural Resources Manager  
Amundsen introduced Kevin Quinn who started as Parks & Natural Resources Manager on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Quinn introduced himself and expressed excitement to work with residents and elected officials.

(c) Parks and Recreation Commission Update  
Amundsen provided an update of recent Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and work.

7. MEET EXCELSIOR

(a) Mark Kroll, Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)

Mark Kroll introduced himself and provided an overview of LMCD, areas of focus and goals for 2025.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Review Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approve Verified Claims over \$20,000
- (b) January Financials
- (c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 679, increase on-sale wine licenses
- (d) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 680, amend Chapter 10, Article XXIII THC Product License
- (e) Resolution 2025-17, Consideration for Hennepin County Jurisdiction and Control of Minnetonka Blvd, Vine Hill Road, and St. Alban's Bay Bridge

O'Hanlon requested item 8(e) consideration for Hennepin County Jurisdiction and Control be pulled for additional discussion.

Tyler moved, Caron seconded to approve consent items 8(a) through 8(d). Motion carried 5/0.

O'Hanlon discussed St. Alban's Bay Bridge as a locally designated and partially City owned resource and requested information about the impact of ownership on designation.

Dawley confirmed the bridge is eligible for federal designation but currently only Excelsior portion is locally designated. Discussed staff desire to have Hennepin County consider a portion of the bridge in addition to Vine Road and Minnetonka Blvd and confirmed that said control wouldn't impact the process or review for a locally or federally designated landmark.

Council discussion.

Tyler moved, O'Hanlon seconded to approve item 8(e) and Resolution 2025-17, Consideration for Hennepin County jurisdiction and control of Minnetonka Blvd, Vine Hill Road, and St. Alban's Bay Bridge. Motion carried 5/0.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) On-Sale Wine License, Jimmie's Old Southern BBQ Smokehouse, LLC, Resolution 2025-15

Mayor Ringate opened public hearing for anyone wishing to address the Council.

Caron moved, Tyler seconded to approve Resolution 2025-15 approving an on-sale wine license to Jimmie’s Old Southern BBQ Smokehouse, LLC. Motion carried 5/0.

10. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(a) None

11. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 681, Cannabis and Hemp Business Registration

Mullin provided an overview of the ordinance, new state law, and the purpose of the ordinance to establish a process for registration of businesses after the state licenses.

Tietjen confirmed the buffers provided in the agenda packet are the maximum allowed by statute and the city can implement lesser or no buffers.

Council discussion.

O’Hanlon moved, Bildsoe seconded to approve first reading of Ordinance 681 with recommended changes and direct staff to have the Planning Commission review zoning and buffers and make a recommendation to Council for any zoning changes related to a cannabis retailer. Motion carried 5/0.

12. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

(a) SoHi Community Park Request for Hennepin County Youth Activities Grant

City Clerk Bajda provided overview of grant request from SoHi Community Park for Phase II costs to implement a sport court.

O’Hanlon provided overview of the project and the meeting her and Councilmember Caron had with the group.

Council discussion.

Caron moved, Tyler seconded to direct staff to apply for the grant and execute an agreement with the support and assistance of the SoHi Community Group and Councilmembers Caron and O’Hanlon as needed. Motion carried 4-1.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None

14. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Commons Lake Minnetonka Stabilization Study, Resolution 2025-16 authorizing grant application

Amundsen provided overview of the shoreline restoration plan and how staff worked with consultants at WSB to design the plan and explore funding opportunities. on

Dawley addressed council and shared presentation of restoration plan and funding opportunities.

Luke Lunde (WSB) provided an overview of additional opportunities at the Commons in addition to stabilization specific items with use of ENRTF funding.

Council discussion.

Caron moved, Tyler seconded to approve resolution 2025-16 authorizing application for grant to support Commons Lake Minnetonka stabilization. Motion carried 5/0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

O'Hanlon moved, Caron seconded to adjourn the March 3, 2025, meeting at 8:39 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.**