

City of Excelsior
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, March 7, 2022

6:30 P.M.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – NICKI CRAIG

This item has been moved to the March 21, 2022 City Council Meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

City Council: Mayor Carlson and Councilmembers Caron, Dierking,
Hersman, and Kurschner

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Staunton, City Engineer Dawley,
Community Development Director Mullin, and City Clerk
Williams

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) February 22, 2022 City Council Work Session Minutes

(b) February 22, 2022 City Council Minutes

(c) February 28, 2022 City Council Special Work Session Minutes

Dierking moved, Hersman seconded, to approve the February 22, 2022 City Council Minutes and February 22, 2022 City Council Work Session Minutes. Mayor Carlson abstained. Motion carried 4/0.

Hersman moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the February 28, 2022 City Council Special Work Session Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

Bob Bolles, 229 George Street, addressed the Council about City Hall options.

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council about the Farmers Market.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce Update

Tiffany King, Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on the Chamber's strategic planning, Luck O' the Lake and the Artisan Market.

(b) Commission Update

Julia Mullin, Community Development Director, gave an update on the Planning Commission.

(c) Construction Update

Morgan Dawley, City Engineer, gave an update on the current construction project.

(d) Mayor Updates

Mayor Carlson gave an update on an SLMPD's heroic act, permits, and licenses.

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

(a) Sophie Taylor, 180 Degrees

Sophie Taylor was not present.

7. AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Meeting Agenda

Kurschner moved, Caron seconded, to approve the March 7, 2022 Meeting Agenda with the addition of Items 13(c) and 13(d) and continuation of Item 9(a) to the March 21, 2022 City Council Meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) Consent Agenda

Lou moved, Kurschner seconded, to approve Items 1,2,3,4,6,7 and pull Item 5 for discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

1. Review Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approve Verified Claims over \$20,000

Action – Reviewed Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approved Verified Claims over \$20,000.

2. Resolution 2022-09 Reestablishing Precincts and Polling Places

Action – Adopted Resolution 2022-09 Reestablishing Precincts and Polling Places.

3. Resolution 2022-10 Luck O’ the Lake Road Closure March 18 and March 19, 2022

Action – Adopted Resolution 2022-10 Luck O’ the Lake Road Closure March 18 and March 19, 2022.

4. Approve 2022 Business Licenses

Action – Approved 2022 Business Licenses.

5. Review Ordinance No. 627 Food Truck Ordinance Amendment

Action - Kurschner moved, Dierking seconded, to continue this item to a meeting determined by staff. Motion carried 5/0.

6. Approve January 2022 Financials

Action – Approved January 2022 Financials.

7. Amendment No. 1 Lease Agreement No. 73-34106

Action – Authorized Mayor and City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 Lease Agreement No. 73-34106 between Hennepin County and the City of Excelsior.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) 435 Water Street Huntington Bank Conditional Use Permit Application

Councilmember Kurschner recused himself.

Sharon Matthison, Indigo Signs, addressed the Council.

Randall Oswald, Huntington Bank, Applicant, addressed the Council.

Dierking moved, Hersman seconded, to adopt Resolution 2022-11 A Resolution Denying a Conditional Use Permit for a Monument Sign for Huntington Bank for the property located at 435 Water Street and provided direction to staff. Motion carried 4/0.

Councilmember Kurschner rejoined the meeting.

9. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(a) The Commons Finances

Continued to the March 21, 2022 City Council Meeting.

10. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Commercial District Ordinance Amendment – Second Reading

CJ Deike, 6800 France Avenue, Edina Realty, addressed the Council.

Mayor Carlson read into the record that letters were received by Sheila Rossebo, Timothy Bug, Caroline Anderson, Mary Beattie, Helen Heiland, Mary Beth Burgstahler, Peter Coyle, Brady Wasom, and Brett Herman in opposition of changes to the Commercial District Ordinance.

Caron moved, Hersman seconded, to waive the second reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 625 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance, Appendix E, of the Excelsior City Code by Striking Articles 50-55 and Adding Article 50 – Commercial Districts, and Amending Articles 2, 13, 19, 24, 40, and Chapter 10, Article XII regarding Commercial Districts, and Adopt Summary Resolution 2022-03 Resolution Approving Publication of Ordinance No. 625 By Summary and Title. Councilmember Kurschner voted no. Motion carried 4/1.

Caron moved, Kurschner seconded, to provide staff with direction to bring back to the Council discussion regarding height, a hotel adjacencies and setbacks and design standards for the balance of the commercial zones. Motion carried 5/0.

11. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

- (a) None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) None

13. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Rotary Sign Request

The Council provided direction to staff.

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(b) Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society Board Appointment

The Council will revisit this topic at a future meeting.

(c) Extending Application Period for Commission Vacancies

Dierking moved, Kurschner seconded to extend the Commissions Vacancies Deadline to Wednesday, March 16th and provided direction to staff. Motion carried 5/0.

(d) Symbolic Support for Ukraine

The Council provided staff with direction.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hersman moved, Caron seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nalisha Williams, City Clerk