

City of Excelsior
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 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 April 7, 2025, council meeting to order at 6:43 P.M.

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, Community Development Director Mullin, and Public Works Director Amundsen.

3. MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Caron moved, Tyler seconded to approve the April 7, 2025, regular meeting agenda. Motion Carried 5/0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) March 17, 2025, City Council Work Session Minutes

(b) March 17, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Bajda noted two corrections to the March 17, 2025 City Council meeting: 1) change reference to Spring cleanup day from March 17 to May 17; and 2) distinguish that council discussed signage related to the recent parking garage work group meeting after the update on South Lake Minnetonka Police Department update but as a separate item that was not part of the PD meeting.

Caron requested item 14(a) in the regular council meeting minutes be corrected to reflect TIF bonds instead of tax abatement bonds.

Bildsoe moved, Tyler seconded to approve the March 17, 2025, City Council Work Session and Regular City Council Meeting minutes with the corrections noted by Bajda and Caron. 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 and expressed concerns that the developer has signed some of the public parking stalls for use by their staff members and Third Street is not signed for paid parking. Shared information about Lions club pub crawl event to fundraise for the Children's Hospital.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS, QUESTIONS, and REPORTS

(a) Samantha Anderson, Oath of Office Parks, and Recreation Commission
Mayor Ringate administered the oath of office to new Parks and Recreation Commissioner Samantha Anderson.

- (b) Spring Clean-up, Saturday, May 17, 2025
- (c) Memo from Senior Appraiser, 2025 Assessment and Appeals
- (d) Planning Commission Update
- (e) Excelsior Fire District Board Update
- (f) Legislative and Bonding Request Update

7. MEET EXCELSIOR

(a) None

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Review Verified Claims under \$20,000 and Approve Verified Claims over \$20,000
- (b) February Financials
- (c) Resolution 2025-24 Authorizing Amendment of City Code Appendix A Council Bylaws
- (d) 2025 Goal Report – First Quarter
- (e) LMCIT Property Casualty Insurance Renewal
- (f) Resolution 2025-25 Opposing State Preemption of Local Zoning Authority and Imposition of State-Mandated Zoning Standards

Bildsoe moved, O'Hanlon seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) 287 Water Street Conditional Use Permit, Resolution 2025-26
O'Hanlon questioned the findings of fact items 7 through 9, and that they appeared to be from a different CUP.

Bildsoe voiced concerns about parking impact fee calculation and that the small parking lot by Excelsior Brewing was not counted because it's considered a developable lot.

Mayor Ringate opened the public hearing for 287 Water Street and welcomed public comments.

Bruce Kelley, 165 Maple Street, expressed concerns that the number of employees at the BBQ restaurant would be more than the previous use, and that isn't being counted towards the parking impact fee.

Mayor Ringate closed the public hearing.

Caron moved, Tyler seconded to approve resolution 2025-26 and the conditional use permit for 287 Water Street with the corrections noted related to findings of fact items 7 through 9. Motion carried 5/0.

(b) 1st Reading Ordinance 682, Zoning Changes Cannabis Retail
Mayor Ringate opened the public hearing for the 1st reading of Ordinance 682 relating to zoning changes for cannabis retail and welcomed public comment.

Mayor Ringate closed the public hearing.

Bildsoe moved, Tyler seconded to approve this first reading of Ordinance 682. Motion carried 5/0.

10. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

(a) None

11. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) None

12. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

(a) None

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None

14. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Commons Use Policy Draft

(b) May Council Meeting Schedule

O’Hanlon moved, Bildsoe seconded to cancel the May 19th Council meeting and schedule a Council meeting for Monday, May 12. Motion carried 5/0.

(c) Discuss Quarterly Council Liaisons to City Commission

Council discussion and request that language about not sitting at the dais be changed to “may sit” at the dais.

15. ADJOURNMENT

O’Hanlon moved, Caron seconded to adjourn the April 7, 2025, meeting at 8:09 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.