

City of Excelsior  
Regular Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, August 1, 2022

6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:41 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Luger, Public Works Superintendent Amundsen, City Engineer Dawley, Community Development Director Mullin, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney Staunton, and City Clerk Williams

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) July 18, 2022 City Council Work Session Minutes

(b) July 18, 2022 City Council Minutes

(c) July 18, 2022 City Council Closed Session Minutes

Dierking moved, Hersman seconded, to approve the July 18, 2022 City Council Work Session Minutes, July 18, 2022 City Council Minutes, and July 18, 2022 City Council Closed Session Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

4. OPEN FORUM

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, addressed the Council about moratoriums, software, City Hall, and the Planning Commission.

Bruce Kelly, 165 Maple Street, addressed the Council about 339 Third Street.

Dan Johnson, 240 Third Street, addressed the Council about 429 Second Street and cottage commercial structures.

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 upcoming events.

(b) Mill Street Trail Project

Chad Ellis and Tim Brewer, Hennepin County, gave a presentation on the Mill Street Trail Project.

Bruce and Linda Lorentson, 401 Mill Street, addressed the Council.

(c) Parks and Recreation Commission Update

Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent, gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

(d) Concession/Plaza Project Update

Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent, and Morgan Dawley, City Engineer, gave an update on the Concession/Plaza Project.

(e) Construction Update

Tim Amundsen, Public Works Superintendent, gave an update on construction.

(f) Excelsior Fire District Update

Councilmember Dierking gave an update on the Excelsior Fire District.

(g) South Lake Minnetonka Police Department Update

Mayor Carlson gave an update on the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department.

(h) Night to Unite – August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mayor Carlson stated that Night to Unite is on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

(i) 339 Third Street Update

No Update.

(j) Apple Day Volunteers

Councilmember Kurschner offered to volunteer for the Apple Day Events.

(k) Elections

City Clerk Williams gave an update on the Primary Election and the Candidate Filing Period.

(l) Mayor Updates

Mayor Carlson gave an update on parking for local businesses.

6. MEET EXCELSIOR

(a) Mark Kroll, Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Representative

Mark Kroll, Lake Minnetonka Conversation District Representative (LMCD), gave an update on the current issues on Lake Minnetonka.

7. AGENDA APPROVAL

(a) Meeting Agenda

Hersman moved, Dierking seconded, to approve the August 1, 2022 Meeting Agenda with the change to continue Item 13(a) to the August 15, 2022 City Council meeting and the addition of Item 13(c).

(b) Consent Agenda

Dierking moved, Hersman seconded, to approve Items 7(b) 1,2,4,5, and 6 and pull Item 7(b)3 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. Approve June Building Permit Report

Action – Approved June Building Permit Report.

3. Waive Second Reading and Approve Zoning Amendments Ordinance No. 638

Caron moved, Hersman seconded, to waive the second reading and approve Zoning Amendments Ordinance No. 638. Motion carried 4/1. Councilmember Kurschner voted no.

4. Approve June 2022 Financials

Action – Approved June 2022 Financials.

5. Acknowledge 10% Quarterly Gambling Donations Second Quarter 2022

Action – Acknowledged 10% Quarterly Gambling Donations Second Quarter 2022.

6. Approve July Building Permit Report

Action – Approved July Building Permit Report.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (a) 678 Pleasant Street Variance Amendment

Mark and Kari Knapp, 678 Pleasant Street, Applicants, addressed the Council.

Kurschner moved, Hersman seconded, to bring the 678 Pleasant Street Variance Amendment back to the Planning Commission for further review. Motion carried 5/0.

9. PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Excelsior Flats PUD Application 690 Excelsior Boulevard

Bob Sarna, 1397 Orono Lane, Applicant, addressed the Council.

Mike Sharratt, 464 Second Street, Architect, addressed the Council.

Dierking moved, Kurschner seconded, to adopt Resolution 2022-33 Approving the Preliminary Plan for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Excelsior Flats located at 690 Excelsior Boulevard replacing the previous approval made at the June 20, 2022 City Council meeting and with the updates to the findings, conditions, and whereas clause as discussed. Motion carried 4/1. Councilmember Hersman voted no.

- (b) Excelsior Bay Hotel, 10 Water Street Sketch Plan Review

Councilmember Kurschner recused himself.

Dale Kurschner, 221 Third Street, Applicant, gave a presentation.

Ethan Bartos, TKWA, Architect, gave a presentation.  
The Council provided feedback to the applicant.

Councilmember Kurschner rejoined the meeting.

10. ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

(a) None

11. REPORTS of OFFICERS, BOARDS, and COMMITTEES

(a) None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None

13. NEW BUSINESS

(a) 106 Center Street Proposals

Continued to the August 15, 2022 City Council Meeting.

(b) Set Date for General Election Canvassing Board

Hersman moved, Dierking seconded, to set the General Election Canvassing Board Meeting to Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Motion carried 5/0.

(c) Wake Boats

The Council provided staff with direction.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Hersman moved, Caron seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 P.M. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nalisha Williams, City Clerk