



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 19, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

Present: Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sam Rettinger, Sharon Henderson, Brian Carpenter and Liz Olson

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

*A motion was made by Carpenter, seconded by Henderson, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Ayes: all.*

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of October 5, 2010 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of October 5, 2010 City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2010-29 Approving the Transfer of a 2010 Off Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor License from Speedway SuperAmerica LLC dba SuperAmerica #4517 to Northern Tier Retail LLC; Adopt Resolution No. 2010-30 Approving Issuance of a Tobacco License to Northern Tier Retail LLC dba SuperAmerica #4517

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Henderson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Tony Patterson, 2235 French Creek Circle, Orono

Tony Patterson, on behalf of the Orono Baseball Association (OBA), appeared to express the OBA's interest in initiating a partnership with the City of Long Lake to improve playing conditions at Holbrook Park, with intent to increase OBA usage of the park during playing seasons. Jim Bock, representing the OBA, submitted a letter dated September 29 discussing the OBA's request and intent.

Administrator Post noted that the OBA's request would be discussed by the Park Board at their next meeting.

Mr. Patterson discussed the scope of both short term and long term improvements the OBA would propose for the Holbrook Park field facilities.

Mike Knight, also representing the OBA, emphasized that the OBA Board has been conducting fundraising activities and is hoping to make a financial commitment to upgrade the Holbrook Park field for the opportunity to be able to use it more often for play by both the younger and older youth age groups.

Public Works Director Wurzer informed the Council that the Park Board was scheduled to discuss the OBA's request as an agenda item at their October 18 meeting; however, the meeting could not be held due to lack of a quorum in attendance.

Mayor and Council members viewed the OBA's proposal favorably and requested the Park Board meeting be rescheduled for the Board to discuss the OBA's request prior to the Council's November 9 meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Consideration of Adoption of Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Affordable and Life Cycle Housing Goals for 2011-2020

Post reported that the Council had discussed this agenda item previously at their September 21 meeting, and in response to Council member questions, Post had invited new Metropolitan Council Sector Representative Susan Hoyt to attend a meeting and discuss the Livable Communities program with the Council.

Susan Hoyt, Metropolitan Council Sector Representative, discussed her background as a City Administrator and Planner prior to her employment at Metropolitan Council. She congratulated Long Lake as being the fifth out of 189 cities to submit and receive final approval for their updated Comprehensive Plan well in advance of the December deadline. Ms. Hoyt reviewed the history of the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities program, defined the difference between affordable and life cycle housing, clarified the process for arriving at the housing goals proposed for the City of Long Lake, and commented on grant opportunities and grant criteria available to program participants. She emphasized that participation in the Livable Communities program is voluntary and there are no penalties for not achieving the housing goals established for participation in the program. She further clarified that the City's success in receiving two grants during the previous 10 year period would not negatively impact the City's eligibility or consideration for future grants during the next 10 year period of the program.

Mayor Gilbert thanked Ms. Hoyt for her presentation and attendance at the meeting.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Carpenter, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-028 electing to continue participation in the Local Housing Incentives Account program under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act for calendar years 2011 through 2020. Ayes: all.

Council member Olson suggested that while the Planning Commission will be reviewing the Zoning Ordinance due to variance concerns, perhaps they could also review the Local Official Controls and Approvals section of the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act Housing Plan Checklist to see whether there are any changes that should be made in preparation for accomplishing housing goals and working with developers. She also encouraged EDA involvement, and approaching grant opportunities proactively.

Mayor Gilbert requested Post include the matter on an upcoming EDA meeting agenda for further review.

Approval of Contract for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Wayzata

Post stated that at the August 17, 2010 regular meeting, the City Council selected the Request for Proposal response from the City of Wayzata for future law enforcement services and directed staff to develop a contract agreement that would be mutually acceptable to both parties in the agreement and reflect the requirements of the RFP.

Since that time, Long Lake developed a working draft contract that has been reviewed and discussed with the Wayzata City Manager and Police Chief, reviewed by the Wayzata City Attorney, and reviewed by City Attorney Jamnik. This input did not result in any substantive changes. The final document is being presented for the Council's consideration and is identical to the one the Wayzata City Council will be acting upon in their regular Council meeting. Post recommended approval of the Contract for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Wayzata.

Council members and staff discussed the need for preparation so there is no cause for concern about the transition between Police service providers taking place at midnight on New Year's Eve; a desire for a commitment that offenses taking place in Long Lake will be coded properly assuring the City receives its correct portion of fine revenues; and what advisory process would be in place in the future between the City Council and Wayzata Police.

Mayor Gilbert noted that recent newspaper comments have placed blame on Long Lake for the Police services provider decision. He stated that while the decision to accept RFPs was somewhat based on finances, the decision was also in reaction to the way the City of Orono handled contract negotiations and the format of the contract proposed by the Orono Council. The final decision was not based solely on money but also on what provider would best serve Long Lake.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Olson, to receive and accept the Contract for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Wayzata beginning January 1, 2011 and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign two copies of the document. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Northwest League of Municipalities Meeting – Council member Henderson reported that the October seminar held by the Northwest League of Municipalities had been very well attended, and Fire Chief Van Eyll and Administrator Post were present. Council member Henderson commented she learned that city front desk staff in all cities deal with a lot of issues within the office, and it was shocking to hear some of the stories about dealing with difficult people and what has occurred at some city halls. She stated she knows now that Administrator Post and Clerk Moeller take care of a lot of issues and that she appreciates their professionalism. Group discussion also focused on the importance of collaboration between cities and agencies, and using what resources are available. She thanked Administrator Post for highlighting the City's partnership with the Chamber of Commerce as an example of collaboration.

Potential True Value Location – Council member Carpenter reported that at last week's Planning Commission meeting, two representatives from a True Value hardware store franchise came in to discuss their contemplated lease for a new location at the Town Center plaza, and presented what their needs would be from the City from a zoning perspective. Specifically at issue was the scope of outdoor storage of materials for sale. If True Value were to locate at the site, they would propose to use the sidewalk adjacent to the store and the former drug store drive-through area to display outdoor retail materials. The drive-through area would additionally be fenced in. Council members discussed the display of outdoor materials and gave direction to the Planning Commission to review provisions limiting outdoor storage to determine how best a Conditional Use Permit process with annual review could be implemented to allow outdoor storage. Post noted that the True Value

franchisee had discussed a potential open date of March 1 if the True Value corporate office approves the Town Center location.

Absence From Office – Post apologized to the Council for not sending an Administrator's update the previous Friday, as he was out of the office due to eye issues. Post stated he has eye surgery scheduled for November 23.

Dealing with Difficult People – Post added to Council member Henderson's earlier discussion regarding staff working with "unfriendly customer types" by complimenting Public Works staff in their dealings with difficult situations.

Golf Dome Property Sale – Post reported that there was a closing last week on the sale of the Golf Dome property. The property will still be an indoor sports recreational use, with an emphasis on indoor soccer. The new owner is aware of building and electrical code requirements and has been in contact with City staff. As there is a real shortage of indoor soccer space in the area, the owner has already been receiving requests for playing space. On game and practice days, traffic to and from the dome may drive significant business into Long Lake.

City Attorney Interviews – Post advised that interviews had been completed for all City Attorney Services RFP respondents. Mayor Gilbert and Council member Carpenter commented that it had been a positive learning process and they were confident of the quality of candidates interviewed.

Holbrook Park Project Update – Public Works Director Wurzer informed the Council that the changes previously ordered to Holbrook Park were complete and the park is looking good. The basketball hoop will be installed some time the following week.

Watermain Issue on Watertown Road – Mayor Gilbert asked whether staff had further reviewed the written request received from Watertown Road residents for watermain improvements. Public Works Director Wurzer had met with the City Engineer on site recently and the Engineer was in the process of preparing options for presentation to the Council for discussion.

Taste of Long Lake Event – Mayor Gilbert complimented the Taste of Long Lake event held at Otten Bros. during the previous week. He said it was a wonderful evening, the event was well attended, and there was a wide variety of wine, cheese and foods available for tasting. He encouraged attendance at future Taste of Long Lake events.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk