



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 7, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Present: Mayor: Marty Schneider; Council: Tom Skjaret, Jahn Dyvik, and Michelle Jerde

Staff Present: City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

APPROVE AGENDA

No objection was made to the Agenda as presented.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Conduct Candidate Interviews for Board and Commission Vacancies

5:00 pm – 5:20 pm / Cary Bacall - Applying for City Council or LMCC

Cary Bacall, 310 Russell Lane – Mr. Bacall noted he had run for election to City Council a couple years ago and found it to be an interesting experience. At this time, he is interested in appointment to either the City Council or LMCC Resident Representative positions. If appointed to Council, he would be delving into nuances in great detail with a focus on the number of commercial properties that are empty in Long Lake currently. Another topic of priority to him would be revisiting the Police services contract. Mr. Bacall also stated that he has a strong interest in the LMCC representative position and shared his personal experiences with cable and internet service, and general dissatisfaction with Mediacom's overall performance as a provider.

5:20 pm – 5:40 pm / Virginia See - Applying for Planning Commission

Virginia See, 578A Brown Road N – Ms. See, a long time City resident, described her past volunteer experiences including working with the Special Olympics, volunteering at her son's school, assisting with SummerFest events, serving on her townhome association board, and getting involved in the Long Lake Waters Association. To prepare, she researched the past two years of Planning Commission meeting minutes, reviewed the 2030 Comprehensive Plan document, and viewed other resources to learn more about the purpose of the Planning Commission and how she could best serve that purpose as a member. Understanding that the Planning Commission focus is ultimately on how land is used, the opportunity to be a member of the Planning Commission captured her interest. She reflected that personally she would like to see more vitality in the downtown area, adding that the challenge is to work within what we have for a stronger downtown. While she noted that she is concerned about the effect of upcoming road construction through town, she would advocate for sharing the vision of the project's positive end results, emphasizing when it will be done and that the results will be great.

5:40 pm – 6:00 pm / Charles (Charlie) Miner - Applying for City Council, Planning Commission, or LMCC

Charlie Miner, 59 Apple Glen Road – Mr. Miner has lived in Long Lake for almost 30 years. He applied for three of the open positions as a way of getting involved and being an advocate for both the current and future citizens of Long Lake. He indicated that he has a lot to offer from a historical perspective on how Long Lake and the area has evolved. Long Lake has a lot of opportunities to offer for residents and businesses, and he would like to be a part of trying to keep the community vibrant moving forward. Regarding the LMCC position specifically, he added that he has a pretty solid background in the information technology field, and though he works for the University of Minnesota Police Department, he continues to have a lot of involvement in information technology related projects. When asked if one position was of greater appeal, he reflected that while the coveted position would be the City Council vacancy, ultimately he would like to get more involved in any way he can. Lastly, he commented on the challenges to be faced through the County Road 112 construction project, and simultaneously noted the improvements to look forward to as a result of the project, including opening up views of the lake and enhancing pedestrian opportunities.

6:00 pm – 6:20 pm / Kurt Kaminski - Applying for City Council

Kurt Kaminski, 1200 Wayzata Boulevard W – Mr. Kaminski stated that his position was to focus on three areas – the County Road 112 project, the water quality of Long Lake, and small business growth in town. Through his recent four year term on the Council, he felt that advancements were made in all three areas. The County Road 112 project design plans are complete and accommodations were made to assure the road remains open for small business and the town through the project duration. Regarding water quality, there is now a lake association in place and the community's participation is welcome in their endeavors. Businesses including Birch's have opened in town during his last term. Moving forward, he indicated his priorities remain very similar as the County Road 112 project will be impacting Long Lake over the next two years; the water quality of the lake remains important both for lake users and for events; and he continues to be very supportive of small business. He also would like to be a part of seeing the Virginia Avenue property develop, and added that he personally would like to see perhaps a proposal for some nice quality townhomes. Mr. Kaminski and the Council discussed recreational use of Long Lake including the more controversial issue of wakesurfing boat use.

Unavailable for Interview / Timothy (Tim) Hultmann - Applying for City Council or Planning Commission

City Clerk Moeller noted that an application had been received from Tim Hultmann of 280 Lakeview Avenue for either the City Council or Planning Commission positions advertised; however, due to a family vacation scheduled back in October 2016, he is out of town and unavailable to be interviewed at this time.

Discuss Candidate Appointment Process

Moeller indicated that she had prepared selection forms for the Council to use during the regular meeting in order to make their selections for each position privately. An adequate supply of selection forms is available should more than one round of voting be needed to arrive at a majority consensus of candidates for positions. Public Works Director Goehring will be available to assist in tallying selection votes collected. It was noted that for the position of City Council member, if a majority selection cannot be arrived at, the office of Mayor has statutory authority to break a tie vote by appointing any eligible candidate to the position. Upon arriving at selections for the positions, the City Council and Planning Commission appointments will need to be made by resolution, and the LMCC appointment would be made by motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed during the Work Session meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jerde, seconded by Skjaret, to adjourn the Work Session meeting. Ayes: all. Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk