

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44  
45  
46  
47  
48  
49  
50  
51  
52  
53

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 16, 2018**

**5:30 p.m. Lake Effect Financing**

Mayor Willcox called the meetings to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Wayzata City Hall. Council Members present: Koch, and Plechash. Council Members absent and excused: Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Tyacke. Also present: City Manager Dahl, City Engineer/Assistant Director of Public Works Kelly, the City's Contracted Finance Director Steve McDonald with AEM, and Lake Effect Conservancy Members Andrew Mulling, Joann Birkholz, and Rick Born.

Mr. Dahl stated that staff is looking for more discussion on the Lake Effect Project timeline and clarification on which components the City will be financing.

Mr. Dahl reported that upon completion of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), one of the strategic initiatives in the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan is to move forward with design of the "City portion" of the project in 2018 and then construction in 2019.

Mr. Dahl also mentioned that as the Lake Effect Project has evolved, more clarification is needed as to what the City should plan to finance in order to ensure it has the necessary funds to complete the public components of the project.

Mr. Dahl stated that over the past year, he has received unanimous feedback from the Council and Lake Effect Conservancy that supports the City moving forward (financing) with both the reconstruction of Lake Street and the development of the "Urban Park"---which is currently the parking lot at the southwest corner of Broadway and Lake Streets. He said that additionally, staff has been discussing with Civitas and the Lake Effect Conservancy about the benefits of designing the entire project in 2018 (including the Boardwalk, Eco Park, and Depot Park) to save money with the design process, and more importantly, increase momentum with the fundraising campaign.

Mr. Dahl informed the council that until 2017, the Capital Improvement Program did not show a financing plan for the Lake Effect Project. Since last year, staff has been working on a multi-faceted plan on how the City can fund its components over the next two years without having to issue debt as well as fund the design development portions of the other portions of the project, including the Boardwalk, Eco Park, and Depot Park.

Members of the Lake Effect Conservancy discussed the need to move forward with the design of the entire project in 2018 to help expedite all components of the project, to create more efficiency with the design process, and to help build momentum with fundraising.

There was consensus from the Council to amend the CIP to show public funds covering the complete costs of Lake Street, Urban Park, and the design development of the rest of the project.

**6:00 p.m. Simple Recycling**

Mayor Willcox introduced this item at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Kelly explained that Simple Recycling is a program that provides free and year-round curbside textile collection on the same day as our recycling collection day. The program has been operating in several Hennepin County communities for many months and discussion is needed with the Council to determine whether this is a service that might be beneficial to the community.

Mr. Kelly reported that in September of 2017, staff was asked to look provide additional information on Simple Recycling, a free, year-round curbside textile collection program. Public Works staff met

1 with a representative from Simple Recycling in late October and were presented information on the  
2 program and its potential benefits.

3  
4 Mr. Kelly explained that the program primarily focuses on clothing and accessories but they also take  
5 small usable household discards. A complete list of acceptable materials, as well as additional  
6 information on the program, is available on their website, [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com).

7  
8 Paul Gardner, Director, Regional Municipal Partnerships presented information about the program. He  
9 presented some basic information about the program:

- 10
- 11 • Simple Recycling programs are offered free of cost to cities, residents and participants.
- 12 • Simple Recycling a not a nonprofit organization. They are a for profit recycler that is committed to
- 13 offering residents the most simple and easy way to keep usable materials from the landfill.
- 14 • Clothing and household discards are placed in an orange bag and set separately alongside existing
- 15 trash and recycling bins and picked up on the same day as current trash and recycling pickup.
- 16 • Current participating cities include: New Hope, Shorewood, St. Louis Park, and Stillwater
- 17 • This would be a contracted service, with terms to be negotiated prior to implementation.
- 18

19 The Council directed staff to try the program out for one year and bring a draft contract indicating as such  
20 over the next couple of months.

#### 21 **6:30 p.m. Parks & Trails Board Expansion**

22 Mayor Willcox introduced this item at 6:30 p.m.

23  
24  
25 Mr. Dahl stated that after going through the Boards/Commission/Appointments interview process late in  
26 2017, the Council directed staff to explore the possibility of adding a seat to the eight-person Parks and  
27 Trails Board. Currently, there is no vacancy on the Parks and Trails Board.

28  
29 Mr. Dahl reported that the City Council was impressed with applicant Gerald Osband but did not  
30 appoint him to the Parks and Trails Board. Since then, staff has reached out to Mr. Osband to let him  
31 know of the Council's consideration to expand the Board and their desire to, at a minimum, get Mr.  
32 Osband involved with the Parks Master Plan Process.

33  
34 Mr. Dahl reviewed the pros and cons of adding another seat to the Park sand Trail Board. He cited  
35 the following reasons for adding another seat:

- 36 • An additional seat would allow an odd number of seats, which is preferable for voting; and
- 37 • To allow another interested community member to participate.
- 38

39 Mr. Dahl cited reasons for not adding another seat:

- 40 • The size of the group would be even larger and more difficult to schedule and manage; and
- 41 • Expanding the group in order to appoint a specific individual could set a bad precedent.
- 42

43 Mr. Baasen informed the group that at their December meeting, the Parks and Trails Board discussed  
44 this item and preferred to appoint Gerald Osband to the Master Plan Committee rather than expand  
45 the Parks and Trails Board.

46  
47 After discussion, the Council determined that they did not want to expand the Parks and Trails Board at this  
48 time.

49  
50 The workshop meetings were adjourned at 6:55 pm.

51  
52 Respectfully submitted,

1  
2 *Becky Malone 02-07-2018*  
3

4 Becky Malone

5 City Clerk