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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Mouton shared the multiple options for joining remotely and submitting comments or questions.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Roll Call.

Council Members present: Mouton, Iverson, MacDonald, and Plechash. Council Members absent: Buchanan (with prior notice). Also present: City Manager Dahl, Community Development Director Goellner, Parks Planner Kieser, Administrative Services Director Yager, and City Attorney Schelzel.

Mayor Mouton noted earlier this evening, the City Council reconvened the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization which was recessed and will reconvene at the conclusion of tonight's Council meeting:

AGENDA ITEM 4. Approve Agenda.

Ms. McDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Plechash, to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion carried 4/0.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Public Forum.

a. Update of Hennepin County Operations from Commissioner Chris LaTondresse

Commissioner Chris LaTondresse, District 6, gave a brief presentation on what the County government has been up to over the last year including work on housing stability, public safety, support for small businesses, and climate change.

Mayor Mouton asked if the carbon free initiative was just for County buildings and vehicles or if the County would be working in partnership with communities. Commissioner LaTondresse stated that at first they will be looking internally to ensure that the County is being responsible stewards of their buildings and vehicles, but they will also be working in partnership with the communities throughout the County.

Mayor Mouton noted that there will be an election in November and asked what offices will be on the ballot. Commissioner LaTondresse stated that the County just went through a redistricting process and on the ballot will be the Sheriff, the County Attorney, and three of the seven seats on the County Board.

Mayor Mouton asked if there was anything the City could do to support the County's efforts and continue to build on their various partnerships. Commissioner LaTondresse stated that one thing his office has heard a lot about are the assessments and suggested that the City work with the County to communicate with residents that this is the first step in the process and the assessments just reflect the value of their property.

1 Mayor Mouton commended Commissioner LaTondresse's staff for their
2 helpfulness and professionalism and suggested that the City may reach out to the County
3 for some possible classes or education to help explain this issue because she knows the
4 formula can be complicated.

5 Commissioner LaTondresse shared contact information for himself, Jessica
6 Oaxaca, District Director, and Kyle Olson, Policy Director and noted that they are hosting
7 a session on June 22, 2022 to discuss the assessment process in greater detail.

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9 **b. Update on Next Phases of Panoway on Wayzata Bay from Jeff Dahl, City
10 Manager and Blake Sandvold Chair of Wayzata Conservancy**

11 City Manager Dahl noted that Peter Hitch, Executive Director of the Wayzata Conservancy
12 is here on behalf of Mr. Sandvold. He gave an update and overview of Phase 2a
13 (boardwalk), and 2b (Section Foreman House) on the Panoway project. He noted that
14 parallel to this work, the Wayzata Conservancy has been leading the fundraising efforts for
15 the renovation of the Section Foreman House. He noted that there is a roadmap of the
16 overall process available on the website that illustrates and articulates what is happening
17 and why it is being done. He stated that the first Open House and survey will be held on
18 May 10, 2022 and the second will be on July 27, 2022. He explained that the goal is to
19 begin construction in the spring of 2023.

20 Mayor Mouton confirmed that the shoreland restoration and removal of the rip rap
21 would be part of Phase 2a. Mr. Dahl stated that shoreland restoration was included in Phase
22 2a, however it would not include removal of the rip rap but would basically be like a second
23 shoreline in the water that will include some native plants.

24 Mayor Mouton asked about the percentage of shoreline that is public versus private
25 on Lake Minnetonka. Mr. Dahl stated he believes it was 1-2% of the shoreline that is for
26 public access and most of that is on the west end. He stated that the most accessible portion
27 of the lake on the eastern side is very limited, which is why this will be the premier point
28 where we have the ability to increase public access.

29 Peter Hitch, Wayzata Conservancy, explained that he started his position on
30 February 1, 2022 and his first goal is to get the governance in order and make sure that the
31 Board becomes a working Board. He explained that he wants to ensure that their marketing
32 is sharing a message that coordinates with the City's message. He noted that the messaging
33 has begun to change to be a bit more historical. He stated that the first job for the
34 Conservancy is to work on fundraising and explained that they have gotten some people
35 on board that will help in these efforts. He noted that they have divided fundraising into
36 three parts: major gifts; grants; and bonding. He explained that they received over \$95,000
37 in from various donations that came in last week. He stated that they are planning a great
38 event on May 14, 2022, The Spring Splash and there will also be a big fundraising event
39 in September called Big Water Big Table, and if the Council approves, the Walk-zata
40 during the first weekend in June. He noted that the collaboration with the City on things
41 like communication has been fantastic.

42 Mayor Mouton asked if there was anything about this project that has surprised him
43 now that he has read through the documentation. Mr. Hitch stated that one thing that
44 shocked him was the history surrounding it because it dates back to 1902 and that there
45 have been many attempts to put in a boardwalk over the last one hundred years that have
46 been squashed for various reasons.

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2 **AGENDA ITEM 6. New Agenda Items.**

3 Council Member Iverson extended her appreciation to the Park and Trails Department for
4 the great job that they are doing down at the beach with the new playground.

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6 **AGENDA ITEM 7. Consent Agenda.**

7 Mayor Mouton read the items on the consent agenda and asked if any Council member
8 wished to pull an item for further discussion.

9 Mr. Dahl asked to pull item 7.d. because Council Member McDonald wishes to
10 abstain from voting on that item. Mayor Mouton asked for clarification on item 7.d. and
11 whether it was allowing for an extension of time from July 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023. She
12 stated that she is supportive of the extension but would like to see the City really encourage
13 completion of this project. Mr. Dahl noted that staff has made this point to the construction
14 crew and the owner. He stated that their intent is to be done much more quickly than April
15 1, 2023 and believes some of the road disruption will be alleviated within the next few
16 weeks.

17 Mayor Mouton stated as the busy summer months are approaching she has noticed
18 that most of the parking, within throwing distance of the property, appears to be occupied
19 by tradespeople and suggested the City work with them on a parking plan that will help
20 with this situation, because it has turned into such a lengthy project. Mr. Dahl noted that
21 the City does do that on the front end; however, this has taken two years so he thinks that
22 point needs to be reiterated.

23 Mayor Mouton asked for clarification of a few points related to item 7.d., regarding
24 the TIF district. Mr. Dahl gave details on how the TIF district terms and how was set up.
25 City Attorney Schelzel noted that the HRA had reviewed and approved this amendment at
26 their last meeting.

27 Council Member Iverson stated that related to the parking concerns, she thinks it
28 would be reasonable to ask the developer for a firm date as to when the roadway will be
29 open. Mr. Dahl explained that the City does have a specific time period and asked Mr.
30 Keup to speak to the specific plan.

31 Greg Keup, CFO for Lothenbach Properties, explained that they appreciate the
32 City's patience in this situation. He stated that one lane will re-open on May 15, 2022 and
33 then he believes it will be another month after that when repaving of the whole street will
34 be done and both lanes should be re-opened mid to late June. He stated that their first
35 tenant is scheduled to be in on July 1, 2022, but noted that may move back a bit and the
36 first floor retail space is scheduled for about a month after that.

37 Mayor Mouton asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items b, c, e,
38 and f as presented. Ms. Iverson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Plechash, to approve the
39 consent agenda items b, c, e, and f:

- 40 a. Approval of City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022
41 - TABLED
- 42 b. Approval of Check Register
- 43 c. Approval of Municipal Licenses
- 44 ~~d. Approval of First Amendment to Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF) with~~
45 ~~Lothenbach Properties VI, LLC at 401 Lake Street East~~

- 1 e. Approval of Lease for Beach Concession Operation with McCormick Hospitality
2 Group, LLC
3 f. Approval of Plans and Authorization to Solicit Bids for the 2022 Street
4 Rehabilitation Project

5 The motion carried 4/0.

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7 **d. Approval of First Amendment to Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF)**
8 **with Lothenbach Properties VI, LLV at 401 Lake Street East**

9 Mr. Plechash made a motion, seconded by Ms. Iverson to approve Consent Agenda item
10 d., as presented. The motion carried 3/0/1 (McDonald abstained)

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12 **AGENDA ITEM 8. New Business.**

13 **a. Consider Approval of Special Event Permit for “Walk-zata”**

14 Parks Planner Nick Kieser gave an overview of the request for a Special Event Permit
15 application for an open street concept event dubbed “Walk-zata”. He stated that the plan
16 would be to close Lake Street from vehicle usage from Broadway Avenue S. to Minnetonka
17 Avenue S. The street would be closed from Friday afternoon June 3, 2022 and re-open on
18 Monday morning, June 6, 2022. He reviewed the plans for seating, tables, traffic control
19 plan, and stakeholder comments. The Panoway District Committee and staff recommend
20 approval.

21 Council Member Iverson asked if there could be one or two spots in front of
22 McCormick or the Grover’s Table for temporary ADA usage. Mr. Kieser stated that he
23 has discussed this kind of idea with Public Works Director/City Engineer Mike Kelly to
24 see if they could label a few spots as ADA spots such as this, so it is possible.

25 Council Member Iverson stated that if it could be done she thinks it would take care
26 of some of the concerns that the Council has heard. Mr. Dahl noted that there are a lot of
27 other components to consider for them to be truly accessible, but they would at least be
28 closer, which he thinks would be helpful.

29 Mayor Mouton stated that she is anticipating that this event may trigger a few more
30 calls for staffing issues, such as police coverage and wanted to make sure that has been
31 taken into consideration. Mr. Kieser noted that he has spoken with Police Chief Schultz
32 who brought up the idea of possibly having bike patrol in the area for the event. Mr. Dahl
33 noted that there will also be some staff members there, including himself and Parks Planner
34 Kieser who will essentially serve as the “Walmart-type” greeters for the public.

35 Mayor Mouton asked if there were any plans for any low key music to be available
36 for the event, such as the saxophone player that has been here before. Mr. Kieser stated
37 that staff can reach out to see if there may be some low key options for music.

38 Mayor Mouton noted that she had met a staff sergeant from the Army recruiters
39 office who had volunteered their services if the City needed them for any kind of event.
40 She stated that she would forward his contact information along to staff. She suggested
41 that they may want to reduce the number or words on the graphic because the second line
42 of text is small and a bit hard to read.

43 The Council suggested that the second line of text be changed to “Car-free Days to
44 Stroll and Enjoy the Lakefront”.

45 Mayor Mouton asked that there be at least high level feedback on how the event
46 went at the Council meeting following the event.

1 Council Member McDonald asked if any of the stakeholders that are usually closed
2 on Sundays would perhaps amend their hours and be open for this event. Mr. Kieser stated
3 that none of the stakeholders touched on that point, but it will be interesting to see who will
4 be open.

5 Mayor Mouton asked for a motion. Mr. McDonald made a motion, seconded by
6 Mr. Plechash, to Approve the Special Event Permit for “Walk-zata” as presented. The
7 motion carried 4/0.

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9 **AGENDA ITEM 9. City Manager's Report and Discussion Items.**

10 **a. Upcoming Events/Announcements**

- 11 • Spring Clean-Up Day – May 7, 2022
- 12 • Panoway Open House – May 10, 2022
- 13 • State of the City Address, luncheon sponsored by Chamber of Commerce at the
14 Wayzata Country Club – May 11, 2022
- 15 • Spring Splash – May 14, 2022
- 16 • Dig-It Day – May 14, 2022
- 17 • Mother’s Day – May 8, 2022

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19 Mr. Dahl noted that the City had been contacted by community members who are interested
20 in providing resources for a fireworks event on July 4, 2022. He stated that there are still
21 a lot of details that will need to be worked out, but wanted to give the Council a heads up
22 that this will be coming back for Council discussion in May.

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24 **b. Council Member Updates/Announcements**

25 Mayor Mouton stated that she will miss Dig-It Day for the first time. She explained that
26 she would be speaking at a youth engagement panel on May 6, 2022 to talk about how to
27 keep young people engaged in civic activities.

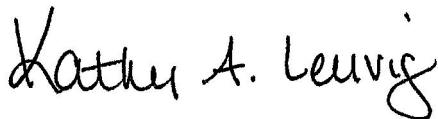
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29 **AGENDA ITEM 10. Public Forum Continued (if necessary).**

30 There were no comments.

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32 **AGENDA ITEM 11. Adjournment.**

33 There being no further business, Mayor Mouton asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr.
34 Plechash made a motion, seconded by Ms. Iverson to adjourn. Mayor Mouton adjourned
35 the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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37 Respectfully submitted,



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40 Kathy Leervig
41 City Clerk

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43 Drafted by Kayla Rokosz

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