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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2021**

AGENDA ITEM 1. Call to Order.

Mayor McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sec. 13D.015 and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council Meeting was being held remotely by electronic means using the audio and video conferencing platform, Zoom. Mayor McCarthy shared the multiple options for members of the public to submit comments or questions.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Roll Call.

Council Members present: Buchanan, Iverson, and Plechash. Also present: City Manager Dahl, Director of Community Development Goellner, and City Attorney Schelzel.

AGENDA ITEM 4. Approve Agenda.

Mr. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Plechash, to approve the agenda, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 4/0.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Public Forum.

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM 6. New Agenda Items.

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Consent Agenda.

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

Ms. Iverson, referencing Item 7.b., noted the two payments to the Wayzata Chamber of Commerce and asked how the funds were used. Mr. Dahl said the expenses were consistent with the contract the City approved last year as part of a business assistance package. He added the City had aligned with the Chamber to help activate the plaza during the winter months. Council Member Iverson also asked about the payment of \$54,670 to the Metropolitan Council. Mr. Dahl explained that it was a Sewer Access Charge which compensated the City's access to the larger sewer system.

Ms. Iverson, referencing Item 7.d., said she was surprised to see Theft of Vehicle on the report. Mr. Dahl said the Police Department was working hard to catch the individuals responsible for both the Theft from Vehicle and Theft of Vehicle. He said the Police Department did report a trend that the vehicles were unlocked and some with keys left in them. He reminded everyone to lock their vehicles.

Mr. Buchanan, referencing Item 7.e., said there was a substantial increase in permitting fee revenue. He hoped the public realized how much the City gained from development. Mr. Dahl said the Community Development Department works very hard

1 and the revenue generated was an accurate picture of that. Mayor McCarthy agreed they
2 did an amazing job.

3 Mr. Dahl, referencing Item 7.c., noted that the application for tobacco license was
4 not the same owner who was recently denied. However, the property owner did let City
5 staff know they were pursuing a different owner and requested that the Council table the
6 application.

7 Mayor McCarthy asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended
8 to table Item 7.c. Approval of Municipal Licenses. Mr. Buchanan made a motion, seconded
9 by Mr. Plechash, to approve the consent agenda as amended:

- 10 a. Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2021
- 11 b. Approval of Check Register
- 12 ~~c. Approval of Municipal Licenses~~
- 13 d. Receipt of Police Activity Report
- 14 e. Receipt of Building Activity Report
- 15 f. Approval of 5:30 p.m., April 6, 2021 as the Time and Date for the 2021 Local Board
16 of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
- 17 g. Approval of Change Order to Professional Services Agreement with AEM for
18 Financial Services
- 19 h. Authorization of Mayor and City Manager to Execute Engagement Letter with
20 MMKR for Fiscal Year 2020 Auditing Services

21 Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 4/0.

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23 **AGENDA ITEM 8. New Business.**

24 **a. Consider Appointment to Fill Remaining Council Term Expiring December**
25 **2022**

26 Mr. Dahl said as a result of former Council Member McCarthy's election as Mayor, the
27 remaining term, which expires December 2022, needed to be filled. He discussed the
28 background, process, interviews, and action requested. The candidates were as follows:
29 Greg Flannigan, Adam Elg, Jeff Parkhill, Nate Leding, Lindsay Bashioum, Terri Fox,
30 Margaret Runyon, Daniel Drotning, Jennifer Severson, and Molly MacDonald.

31 Mayor McCarthy said this was not something that typically occurred. The last time
32 it happened the Charter was changed because of deadlock votes. She was really happy to
33 see how many candidates came forward and thought each candidate was impressive in their
34 own way. She was proud to live in Wayzata. Mayor McCarthy turned it over to the Council
35 for their thoughts.

36 Mr. Buchanan said he was impressed and surprised by all of the candidates, but
37 there were a couple that stood out. Jeff Parkhill was so dedicated that he put himself out
38 into the community spending time and money to campaign for the position. He said that
39 showed a dedication that he could not ignore. Mr. Parkhill also had Planning Commission
40 experience and practical experience as a developer. His education was impressive and Mr.
41 Buchanan found him to be sensible with good judgment. Molly MacDonald was a small
42 business owner who demonstrated being a thoughtful thinker as well as articulate. She
43 understood Wayzata, the past and the present. Adam Elg had an outsider's perspective and
44 did not have any preconceived notions about Wayzata. Mr. Buchanan thought he was
45 articulate and had an impressive background.

1 Ms. Iverson thought there were a lot of great candidates and thanked all of them.
2 There were two people who really impressed her. The first was Lindsay Bashioum, who
3 she had the pleasure of serving with on the Planning Commission. Ms. Bashioum was
4 thoughtful and very thorough. The second was Molly MacDonald. Ms. MacDonald was
5 a small business owner. She also grew up in Wayzata, but was not afraid of change.

6 Mr. Plechash said he went into the process with no bias, but three applicants rose
7 to the top. Jeff Parkhill ran for Council which showed engagement and commitment. He
8 served on the Planning Commission. He also had a Certified Public Accountant
9 background as well as general contractor. Terri Fox had also run for City Council. She
10 was a very engaged small business owner and a former Fortune 500 executive. He saw her
11 as a leader who had good ideas and knew how to get things done. Lindsay Bashioum had
12 also served on the Planning Commission for more than one term and was a long time
13 Wayzata resident. He shared two honorable mentions in Jennifer Severson and Molly
14 MacDonald.

15 Mayor McCarthy said the applicants were an incredible slate of Wayzata citizens.
16 She asked if she should be part of this conversation. Mr. Schelzel clarified that the City
17 Charter said the Mayor appointed a Council Member after three rounds of voting if there
18 was a tie. He said as a Council Member, she should participate in the conversation.

19 Mayor McCarthy said there were three candidates who stood out to her. Molly
20 MacDonald gave a great interview, was a small business owner, and had been in town a
21 long time. She found her to be very articulate and knowledgeable. Terri Fox was a long
22 time resident, but had also lived other places. Ms. Fox had served in different capacities
23 within the City and had ran for office. Also, when she had come before the Council, even
24 in contentious matters, she had always been cordial. Jennifer Severson had very impressive
25 credentials and a fresh set of eyes. Mayor McCarthy said one of the reasons those three
26 stood out was because each had a different perspective.

27 Mr. Dahl noted the four candidates that were mentioned by at least two Council
28 Members including Jeff Parkhill, Lindsay Bashioum, Terri Fox, and Molly MacDonald.

29 Mayor McCarthy opened the floor for discussion or a motion.

30 Mr. Plechash said out of deference to the fact that Jeff Parkhill ran for City Council
31 and was currently serving on the Planning Commission he wanted to make a motion for
32 Mr. Parkhill.

33 Mr. Plechash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Buchanan, to appoint Jeff Parkhill
34 to fill the remaining term of Mayor McCarthy's vacated Council seat to expire December
35 2022. Upon roll call vote, the motion failed 2/2 (Iverson, McCarthy).

36 Ms. Iverson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Plechash, to appoint Lindsay
37 Bashioum to fill the remaining term of Mayor McCarthy's vacated Council seat to expire
38 December 2022. Upon roll call vote, the motion failed 2/2 (Buchanan, McCarthy).

39 Mr. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Iverson, to appoint Molly
40 MacDonald, to fill the remaining term of Mayor McCarthy's vacated Council seat to expire
41 December 2022. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 4/0.

42 Mayor McCarthy congratulated Ms. MacDonald on being the next Wayzata
43 Council Member and encouraged all those who applied to get involved in other ways.

44 Mr. Dahl thanked the Council for a great process, discussion, and leadership.

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

1 **a. Upcoming Events/Announcements**

2 Mr. Dahl said Public Works had determined that Emerald Ash Borer was within the City.
3 The City had a pretty comprehensive plan in terms of tree removal, public right-of-way,
4 and planting more diverse trees. He directed private properties to the City's website for
5 more information on what to do on their property.

6 Mr. Dahl also shared the Wayzata Bar & Grill was open to dine in at 50% capacity.
7 He was really proud of the staff for working hard to get open. The Bar & Grill was
8 additionally starting up a pizza service.

9 Becky Pierson, Wayzata Chamber of Commerce President, updated the Council on
10 Light Up the Lake. She was excited that Light Up the Lake was to be extended through
11 the end of March. The plan was to have some sort of event every Friday night.

12 Mr. Dahl said Ms. Pierson, Ms. Goellner, Hennepin County, and Public Works had
13 been working hard and it looked beautiful and people were using it.

14 Mayor McCarthy agreed and thanked everyone who had worked on this. She also
15 thanked the Council and staff for a great meeting.

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

18 None.

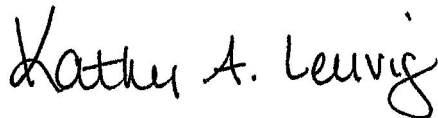
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20 **AGENDA ITEM 10. Public Forum Continued (if necessary).**

21 There were no comments.

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23 **AGENDA ITEM 11. Adjournment.**

24 There being no further business, Mayor McCarthy asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr.
25 Plechash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Buchanan to adjourn. Upon roll call vote,
26 Mayor McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

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28 Respectfully submitted,

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32 Kathy Leervig
33 City Clerk

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35 Drafted by Sarah Peterson
36 *TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*