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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
February 2, 2021**

**5:15 p.m. Update and Discussion of 2021 Legislative Priorities**

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sec. 13D.015 and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council Workshop was being held remotely by electronic means using the audio conferencing platform, Zoom. Council Members present: Plechash, Buchanan, Iverson and MacDonald. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Community Development Director Emily Goellner, Mike Kelly, Public Works Director/City Engineer, and Administrative Services Director Yager.

Mr. Dahl provided background that the City hired lobbyist, Lockridge, Grindal, and Nauen (LGN), in the Summer of 2019 to help assist in the City's state bonding efforts for Panoway on Wayzata Bay. He noted the City was successful in receiving \$4 mil of the \$10 mil bonding request. While not the full amount, the unusual fast traction the bonding request received, and ultimately the amount awarded in a highly politically volatile climate, was the result of a hard working partnership primarily through the City, LGN, and Sen. Osmek and Rep. Hertaus.

Given the success of the bonding bill, and of course the merits of the project, staff recommends continuation of the relationship with LGN and direct them to continue to work towards the rest of the bonding bill (\$6 mil). In addition, staff recommends that LGN work on three additional Wayzata-specific initiatives at the Capitol.

Ms. Goellner updated the council on the upcoming priorities (Bonding Requests, Sales Tax Exemption on Construction Materials, Roadway Funding and Tax Increment Financing Flexibilities).

The Council was pleased with the success LGN had for the City of Wayzata in 2020 and was supportive of all four legislative priorities for 2021. They asked about the timing of the 2020 Census results, which Director Goellner would follow-up on with more information. Mayor Mouton requested that LGN provide a lobbying update mid-year after the 2021 Legislative Session is complete.

Next steps would be to amend an updated professional services agreement with LGN that recognizes this year's priorities.

**5:30 p.m. Presentation and Discussion of Draft Panoway on Wayzata Bay Roadmap with Updated Phase II Costs, Funding, and Prioritization**

Andrew Mullin and Consultant Beth Pfeifer, from the Wayzata Conservancy joined the workshop. Mr. Dahl stated that Phase I is substantially complete and discussed the next steps with Phase II, Roadmap to Implementation of Panoway on Wayzata Bay. In addition an update was provided on private fundraising.

The Roadmap recommends prioritizing the Boardwalk and Community Docks as #1 and the following initiatives would follow: Shoreline Restoration, Section Foreman House, Eco Park, and Depot Park. Potential next steps for 2021 would be to move forward with design, update all associated costs, and continue to partner with the Conservancy on filling the funding gap.

Council asked about the costs for operations and maintenance, the restrictions on the bonding dollars, the likelihood of filling the funding gaps in the project, the Conservancy's success in securing private donations, and the proposed timeline for 2021-2022. They directed staff to proceed with final design of the boardwalk and shoreline restoration, update maintenance and operations costs, apply for grants, work on the naming and dedication plan with the Conservancy, conduct presentations to community members about the project, and return to Council with additional updates throughout the year as needed.

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**6:15 p.m. Discussion of Outdoor Café Permits on Publicly Owned Right of Way**

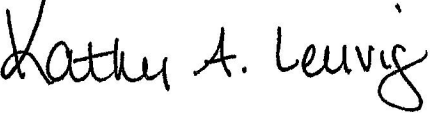
Mr. Dahl notes the City Council directed staff on January 5 to prepare information for a discussion on the use of public right-of-way for private businesses like cafés. Ms. Goellner indicated that public sidewalks are managed by the Public Works Department and Right of Way Management regulations are administered by Chapter 315 of the Wayzata Code of Ordinances.

Ms. Goellner provided more information pertaining to outdoor cafes and patios and how they relate to City Ordinances and review processes, COVID-19 impacts and assistance to businesses, vision for public spaces on Lake Street and potential ordinance amendments.

Council noted that outdoor cafes are an important component for restaurants in the downtown area. Panoway supports the commercial vitality of the Lake Street corridor. The Council was generally supportive of updates to the right of way ordinance that align the regulations with the vision for a walkable and commerce-focused downtown area. Ms. Goellner noted that staff would bring potential ordinance changes to a future meeting for consideration and that she expects additional outdoor café permit applications to be submitted in the future. Council Member Iverson noted that sufficient space for pedestrian walkways around an outdoor café should be provided on all proposals going forward.

The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Leervig  
City Clerk