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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2020**

AGENDA ITEM 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Willcox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Roll Call.

Council Members present: Buchanan, Koch, McCarthy, and Plechash. Also present: City Manager Dahl, Assistant Planner Kieser, City Attorney Schelzel, and Administrative Services Director Yager.

AGENDA ITEM 4. Approve Agenda.

Mr. Plechash made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy, to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion carried 5/0.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Public Forum.

a. Recognition of Nate Leding for His Service on the Heritage Preservation Board

Mr. Dahl recognized Mr. Leding as the outgoing Heritage Preservation Board Chair. Mr. Leding served for two years and accomplished a lot during that time.

Mr. Leding appreciated the opportunity to serve his hometown.

Mayor Willcox added his thanks for Mr. Leding's service.

AGENDA ITEM 6. New Agenda Items.

None.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Consent Agenda.

Mayor Willcox read the items on the consent agenda and asked if any Council member wished to pull an item for further discussion. Hearing no such request, he asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koch, to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020
- b. Approval of Check Register
- c. Approval of Municipal Licenses
- d. Receipt of Police Activity Report
- e. Receipt of Building Activity Report
- f. Approval of School Resource Officer Agreement with Wayzata School District
- g. Adoption of Second Reading of Ordinance 796 Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City to Rezone Property at 529 Indian Mound East and 215 Walker Avenue South to PUD Planned Unit Development District
- h. Approval of Change Order to Abdo Eick & Meyers (AEM) Professional Services Agreement for Financial Services

The motion carried 5/0.

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2 **AGENDA ITEM 8. New Business.**

3 **a. Consider Adoption of Resolution 09-2020 Approving Front Yard Setback**
4 **Variance and a Conditional Use Permit for a Detached Garage at 908 Shady**
5 **Lane East**

6 Mr. Kieser presented the development application from Clifford Otten, property owner,
7 requesting approval of a Front Yard Setback Variance and a Conditional Use Permit for a
8 detached garage in the front yard. He shared the proposed site plan, site pictures, Planning
9 Commission recommendation, and questions for consideration.

10 Mr. Buchanan asked if there were any neighbor comments. Mr. Kieser answered
11 the applicant had spoken to neighbors, but there were no documented comments.

12 Mr. Koch thought it was in conformance with the neighborhood and appreciated
13 that it was scaled back due to the Planning Commission's concerns.

14 Mayor Willcox agreed and thought it made sense due to practical difficulties.

15 Mayor Willcox asked for a motion on the draft resolution. Mr. Buchanan made a
16 motion, seconded by Mr. Plechash, to Adopt Resolution No. 09-2020, Approving a CUP
17 and Setback Variance for a Detached Garage at 908 Shady Lane E. The motion carried
18 5/0.

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20 **b. Consider Receipt of Mediacom Quarterly Customer Service Report**

21 Ms. Yager provided context, talked about the October 29th meeting with Mediacom, and
22 provided the next steps.

23 Zach Raskovich, Mediacom Area Director, introduced himself and talked about his
24 staff and area of responsibility. He explained in response to the request to increase staff
25 that three technicians had been hired. One technician was for North Lake Minnetonka
26 Wayzata/Orono area only. He also talked about the Central Avenue Boardwalk
27 apartments. They were a major driver for service calls because of infrastructure issues.
28 Mediacom invested just under \$30,000 to rewire the building. The next places that were
29 in line to be worked on were Gleason Lake and Barry Avenue South. He also talked about
30 the ongoing trend nationally to disconnect video services and how an overwhelming
31 number of customers were internet only.

32 Ms. McCarthy thought the meeting was productive. She asked about their timeline
33 for improving the properties he mentioned about the plan moving forward. Mr. Raskovich
34 explained that he was still waiting for funding but hoped it would be third to fourth quarter.
35 He said the plan moving forward was to isolate the City of Wayzata from the larger area to
36 get better data and to better control labor.

37 Mayor Willcox asked about some of the more anecdotal stories and staggering
38 timeframes. Mr. Raskovich said there were lots of factors that went into service to any
39 home. He added that the repeat trouble calls were only 12-13%; however, it boiled down
40 to more boots on the ground. Mayor Willcox talked about franchise fees and mentioned
41 an article that said the Federal Communications Commission was no longer going to allow
42 cities to charge fees for cable. Mr. Raskovich was unaware of the article, but said as video
43 subscribers continued to trend downward it would be a less solid revenue source.

44 Mayor Willcox asked Mr. Dahl what he needed from the Council. Mr. Dahl noted
45 that last quarter the Council did not accept the report based on customer service issues and
46 the ability to track them. He added that the Council received a good update tonight on

1 service within the community, but the City had been asking for the update for three months.
2 The positives were the additional staff and the Boardwalk. The overarching issue with the
3 report was the lack of correlation with the issues on the City's website.

4 Mayor Willcox was in favor of holding off. He noted the issue with the definition
5 of when work begins on a complaint. He asked if the Council agreed. It did.

6 Mr. Dahl said staff could reconvene a meeting of the Council representatives, the
7 City Attorney, and Mediacom.

8 Mr. Koch thanked Mr. Raskovich for his efforts and was hopeful the work and
9 commitment would lead to better service and reports going forward.

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

12 **a. Upcoming Events/Announcements**

- 13 • Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, February 27th to award the bid for
14 Panoway Phase One
15 • 2020 Census Timeline available on the City's website

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17 Mr. Kieser added the Complete Count Committee would have a booth at the library for
18 additional information and questions.

19 Mr. Dahl thanked the Fire Department and neighboring Fire Departments for the
20 hard work on Wednesday, February 12th in dealing with a fire in Woodland in challenging
21 conditions.

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

24 Mayor Willcox noted that Wayzata's Fire Department had a contract with the City of
25 Woodland to provide services. The Chilly Open was a success. Mayor Willcox thanked
26 all the participants.

27 Mrs. McCarthy said with the decline in subscribers for cable, she wanted to look at
28 options moving forward to provide community television.

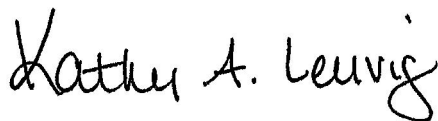
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30 **AGENDA ITEM 10. Public Forum Continued (if necessary).**

31 There were no comments.

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33 **AGENDA ITEM 11. Adjournment.**

34 There being no further business, Mayor Willcox asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms.
35 McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koch to adjourn. Mayor Willcox adjourned
36 the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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38 Respectfully submitted,

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41 Kathy Leervig
42 City Clerk

- 1 Drafted by Sarah Peterson
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