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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2019**

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5:15 p.m. Sustainability Commission

14 Mayor Willcox called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Community Room at Wayzata City Hall.
15 Council Members present: Buchanan, Koch, McCarthy and Plechash. Also present: City Manager Dahl,
16 Director of Planning and Building Thomson, and Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kelly.

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Mr. Dahl provided background for creation of a board that advised on organization-wide and community-wide sustainability effort as part of the City's most recent edition of the Strategic Plan and as an implementation step of the 2040 Vision.

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Council Member Buchanan stated that this topic was on the agenda due to his urging. Forming some sort of sustainability commission and have Wayzata become a leader in energy neutrality and environmental stewardship was a key focus for him. He introduced several residents that would like to volunteer for the City to help with goals related to eco-consciousness. Resident Polly Anderson showed a video that summarized the efforts of other communities, similar to the size of Wayzata, pertaining to sustainability. The Council agreed that it should look into creating a sustainability task force or steering committee to explore the initiative further. Council Members Buchanan and Plechash agreed to be a part of that process. Mr. Dahl indicated that he would work with Council Member Buchanan on a recommendation to move forward at one of the Council Meetings in April.

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5:45 p.m. Walker Avenue/Rice Street Intersection

44 Mayor Willcox introduced the next item on the workshop agenda.

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Mr. Dahl explained that the council asked staff to look at the intersection of Rice Street and Walker Avenue South due to safety concerns due to grades and adjacent sight impediments. The northbound approach on Walker Avenue is at a significant grade, as well as the eastbound approach on Rice Street. Additionally, the retaining wall for the Blue Water Theater extends approximately 22 feet into the east side of the right-of-way (ROW) on the north side of the intersection.

Mr. Kelly outlined several options for the intersection including the installation of a southbound stop sign, extension of the no parking on the west side of Walker, and the potential widening of Walker Avenue. The widening of Walker Avenue would be a significant undertaking whereas the installation of a southbound stop sign and extension of the no parking on the west side are easily implemented.

The Council discussed the options and potential impacts.

Next steps include staff preparing cost estimates for the widening of Walker Avenue, as well as having the Police Department look into any crash data for the intersection. Staff will present their findings at a workshop in May.

6:15 p.m. Amending Tobacco Ordinance

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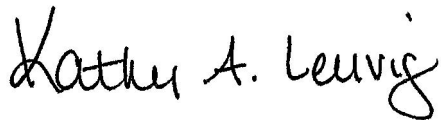
1 Mr. Dahl provided background that the council recently expressed interest in exploring the increase of the
2 minimum age of tobacco sales from 18 to 21.

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4 Council Member McCarthy indicated that she asked to have this discussion and was concerned about the
5 issue as a whole and impacts on teenagers, especially with e-cigarettes. She indicated the school district
6 has taken steps to address the e-cigarette epidemic, other neighboring cities have, and that now was the
7 time for Wayzata to consider action.

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9 Discussion involved various opinions on the topic and the Council requested that staff present more
10 information regarding any recent tobacco-related violations. Dahl indicated he would follow up on the
11 topic via his Friday Weekly Report.

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13 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy A. Leervig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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21 Kathy Leervig
22 City Clerk
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