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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2022**

5:15 p.m. Discussion of Lake Street "Open Streets" Initiative

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Council Members present in the community room at City Hall offices: Plechash, MacDonald, and Iverson. Buchanan and Iverson were absent. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Administrative Services Director Aurora Yager, Parks and Trails Planner Nick Kieser, Jeff Pietrini, Bar and Grill Manager, Kevin Castellano, Wine and Spirits Manager, and Consultant Financial Advisor, Steve McDonald.

Mr. Dahl introduced the item and Planner Kieser updated the Council on recent discussion by the Panoway District Committee (PDC) to activate Lake Street and the Panoway area with a more local and pedestrian focus. The PDC recommended experimenting with an open street concept for one weekend on Lake Street closing down Lake Street to vehicles from Broadway to Minnetonka starting on Friday afternoon and opening back up early Monday morning. The closure could be a weekend in May.

Council consensus was that closing off Lake Street for residents sounded like an initiative to explore and consistent with the City's long-term plan of the district. Feedback for staff included:

- Importance of balancing creating an active space with tables, chairs, etc. but not games or other clutter;
- Okay with utilizing Council contingency to fund activity expenses; and
- Ensuring businesses provided their feedback on closure and were given plenty of advance notice.

Staff indicated that based on that feedback it would come back at a future Council meeting with more details and ask for Council's official approval but based on the process required, it would likely happen later in the spring/early summer.

5:30 p.m. Discussion of the Analysis of the City's Municipal Liquor Operations

Ms. Yager noted the Council provided direction at the February 8, 2022 Council Workshop on how to move forward with the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan initiative to conduct a comprehensive review of the City's municipal liquor enterprise operations which includes the Bar & Grill and Wine & Spirits.

Ms. Yager went over the background of the operations, review of financial performance, and included a high-level overview of potential alternatives to the current model.

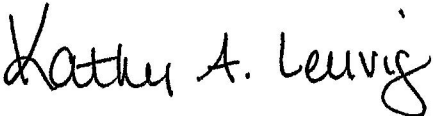
The Council discussed the financial summary of the Wine and Spirits and alternative operations and ultimately there was consensus on maintaining and enhancing the current business model with exploring ways to maximize operations into the future. The current operation model provides the most economic benefit to the community.

The Council discussed the financial summary of the Bar and Grill and while there was general consensus that the current operation model appears to provide the most economic benefit to the community, more detailed information was needed regarding the leasing alternative prior to moving on to exploring ways to maximize the existing operation.

Staff indicated that it would come back yet this spring to provide additional detail for the leasing option.

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2 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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4 Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy A. Leervig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct dot over the letter 'i' in "Leervig".

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6 Kathy Leervig, City Clerk