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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
May 4, 2021**

**4:45 p.m. Discussion of Ordinance Amendment to Allow Keeping of Chickens**

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 4:45 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, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Mike Kelly, and Assistant Planner, Nick Kieser.

Mr. Dahl provided background that the topic of allowing chickens within the City. It had been brought up several times over the past year and most recently, the Council directed staff to do some due diligence and come back with some more info at a Council Meeting. Chicken Ordinance options discussed at the meeting were:

Option 1, Keep the existing Code language which would not allow any chickens in the City. Option 2, Allow chickens on properties zoned R-1A, R-1, and any single-family properties zoned PUD and over 40,000 square feet in area. Option 3, Allow chickens on all residential properties. 3(a) Use the accessory structure setback requirements of the applicable zoning district for the location of the chicken coop and run. 3(b) Require the chicken coop and run to be located 50 feet from adjacent principal structures.

The council discussed the options and determined that staff should come forward with a recommendation for Option 2 or 3, but ensure that there are adequate rules and regulations in place that protect neighboring properties from any nuisance or unsanitary conditions and also consider lot size. A neighborhood notice was suggested as one way to ensure neighboring properties are aware and approve of any chickens on neighboring property.

Staff indicated that they will complete more research into the possibilities and will come back to the Council in the next few months with a recommendation.

**5:00 p.m. Discussion of Community Gardens Consideration**

Mr. Dahl stated that the topic of community gardens was recently discussed at a Council Meeting and staff was directed to come back with additional information for consideration

Mr. Dahl reviewed why communities offer community gardens, including the following reasons: opportunity for residents currently without adequate growing space, community building, education and promotion of wellness and nutrition, and charity benefit. He also talked about important considerations prior to moving forward with any kind of initiative would be: community engagement, determination of available land, review of administration and staff workload demands and cost of utility connections and operations. Council Member Iverson said she was interested in this initiative and would help explore with staff. Council Member MacDonald recommended talking with the City of Plymouth to see if Wayzata could partner with their garden program. There was consensus to explore the initiative further by discussing it as a priority with the Parks and Trails Board and then moving forward with some community engagement.

**5:15 p.m. Discussion of GreenStep Cities Membership**

Assistant Planner Kieser noted one of the energy initiatives of Wayzata's Energy Action Plan (EAP) is exploration and implementation of the GreenStep Cities. Diana Mckeown provided a presentation on the GreenStep Cities Program. Following the presentation, the Council discussed the program and how the City of Wayzata and broader community could benefit. These voluntary actions are tailored to all

1 Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation. 143  
2 cities participate in the Program which covers 49% of Minnesota's population.  
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4 There was general consensus from the Council to explore entering into the program with more  
5 information on priorities, staff workload implications, and alignment with the Strategic Plan. The next  
6 step will be to have the Energy and Environment Committee to discuss the notes from the Council  
7 workshop at their next meeting and determine when to bring a recommendation to join GreenStep Cities  
8 to the City Council.  
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10 **5:45 p.m. Discussion of Parks & Trails Board Work Plan for 2021**  
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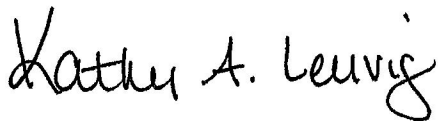
12 Mr. Dahl introduced the topic as a desire from the Parks and Trails Board to introduce itself, discuss  
13 priorities for the year, and develop a plan to stay aligned in the future.  
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15 Parks and Trails Chair, Tory Schalkle, walked through a presentation that included their overall purpose,  
16 the upcoming work plan for 2021, and general park statistics. There was then discussion about  
17 prioritization of work plan items including Project Management (playgrounds, signs, Wayzata  
18 Community Ed programming), Reviewing Sources and Uses of Parks and Trails CIP, Exploring  
19 alternative revenue generating ideas for parks, Structural Enhancements (creation of bylaws), and making  
20 sure Parks and Trails Board/City Council are aligned (liaisons, updates, etc.).  
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22 After the discussion, Mr. Dahl summarized that next steps would be that the bylaws and reaffirmation of  
23 the Board's Purpose and Goals would be brought back to both bodies for approval. Over the summer, the  
24 board would be gathering community and Council feedback regarding the park playground projects, and  
25 would potentially look at alternative revenue sources.  
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27 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.  
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