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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
July 19, 2022**

**5:25 p.m. Discussion of Rooftop Solar Infrastructure on City Facilities**

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. Council Members present in the community room at City Hall offices: Plechash, Iverson, MacDonald, and Buchanan. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Administrative Services Director Aurora Yager, Community Development Director Emily Goellner, Public Works Director/City Engineer Mike Kelly, and Parks Planner Nick Kieser.

Parks Planner Kieser provided background that the Energy and Environment (E&E) Committee has discussed and researched the potential for a municipal rooftop solar project for almost two years. This project has been listed in the Committee's work plan each year since 2020 and now the Committee feels confident in bringing forward a proposal that would fit with Wayzata's goals and visioning that are embedded in multiple robust documents that guide the City's future.

The E & E Committee, along with staff, asked the following questions:

- 1) Is rooftop solar a valuable project for Wayzata to pursue?
- 2) Is the scope of the project correct (i.e. the buildings proposed)?
- 3) What would be the preferred financing option?

Blue Horizon Energy gave a presentation regarding the municipal rooftop solar project and the possible financing options the City could pursue to complete the project. The proposal would install solar systems on top of City Hall, Public Works, Fire Station, Library, and the Liquor Store/Muni. The first financing option would be to directly purchase the solar system and the second option would be to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement with no upfront capital costs. Both of these options would allow the City to have cost savings at the end of 25 years, but the direct purchasing option would allow for the most cost savings.

The Council discussed the two financing options and requested additional information about the options, specifically towards how the incentives are incorporated into the savings. The Council also wanted additional information on how the direct purchase option could work for this type of project. Council consensus was that the direct purchase option was preferred given that there was no upfront capital needed.

Overall, the Council directed staff to bring this additional information forward at an upcoming Council meeting for a final vote. Staff noted that they could bring this information and proposal forward at the August 16 City Council meeting.

**5:55 p.m. Update from the Parks and Trails Board on Capital Projects and Discussion of Parks and Trails Master Plan**

Tory Schalkle, Chair of the Parks and Trails Board, presented a brief update of Parks and Trails Board projects for the year. In addition, staff and Chair Schalkle will facilitate a discussion about 1) The history of the Parks and Trails Master Plan; 2) The projects currently listed in the Plan and CIP; and 3) What, if any, amendments need to be made based on timing, funding, project costs, and overall community prioritization.

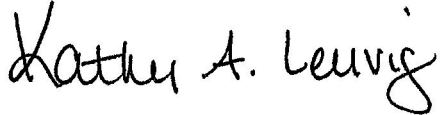
The City Council stated that they have some concerns about the various projects that are ongoing with the Parks and Trails Board and the total costs for those projects. There were varying perspectives that the Council noted regarding these projects. Council wanted to ensure that the scope of the projects the Board is currently working on and are planning to work on in the future are correct. Specifically, the Klapprich Park project and the future Nature Preserve project. The Council wants to make sure that the funds

1 allocated for the Parks and Trails budget are going towards the highest priority projects. The projects  
2 currently listed in the CIP should be reviewed in more detail. The projects should be reviewed to ensure  
3 the scope, timing, and funding are all correct as the projects come to the City Council for approval.  
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5 Chair Schalkle and staff noted that a formal Parks and Trails update will be presented at an upcoming  
6 Council meeting.  
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8 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.  
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10 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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12 Kathy Leervig, City Clerk