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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 24, 2021**

**5:15 p.m. Presentation and Discussion of Just Deeds Project**

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The workshop was held in-person in the Community Room at City Hall. Council Members present: Plechash, Buchanan, Iverson and MacDonald. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Administrative Services Director Aurora Yager, Public Works Director/City Engineer Mike Kelly, Interim Police Chief Marc Schultz, Parks, Wayzata Bar and Grill Manager Jeff Pietrini and Wayzata Wine and Spirits Manager Kevin Castellano.

Ms. Goellner provided background that the Just Deeds Coalition was launched to help property owners renounce discriminatory covenants on their property titles. It provides free legal and title services to help property owners identify discriminatory covenants and remove them from their property titles as a form of education and acknowledgement of this shameful history. It is a coalition of community groups, city governments, and organizations in the real estate industry that are interested in working together to dismantle the legacy of discriminatory covenants. Maria Cisneros and Kiarra Zackery, on behalf of Just Deeds and the City of Golden Valley provided their perspective on the benefits of joining Just Deeds.

Benefits of Joining the Program include the following:

- City will be featured on the Just Deeds website, along with other participating cities.
- Because there are racial covenants in Wayzata, the Just Deeds team will connect you with volunteer attorneys to help your residents discharge their covenants.
- City staff be provided with the tools and instruction necessary to manage the process of connecting residents to attorney volunteers.
- City will receive access to educational materials about discriminatory covenants in Minnesota and will be invited to collaborate with other Just Deeds members to develop policies, practices, and programs to dismantle racist systems.

Next Steps would include passing a resolution of support for the program. All cities wishing to participate in Just Deeds must commit to the Just Deeds mission statement in word and in action. Cities must also dedicate resources to support the Just Deeds mission.

The Council was supportive of joining the Just Deeds Program and stated this was an important initiative for our community. Staff indicated that it would prepare a resolution of support for consideration at a future meeting.

**5:45 p.m. Discussion of 2021 Enterprise Fund Operating Budgets**

Ms. Yager reviewed the preliminary 2022 Enterprise Fund Operating Budgets and summaries. The budget summaries display year-to-date activity through July 31, 2021. The City of Wayzata utilizes enterprise fund accounting for the Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Solid Waste, Motor Vehicle, Cable TV, and Liquor operations. While the General Fund derives its revenue largely from property taxes, enterprise funds are supported by user fees. Fees are analyzed on an annual basis to ensure the proper revenues are generated to maintain operating reserves, meet ongoing cash flow needs, and to replace existing infrastructure as it depreciates.

The City reviews enterprise budgets in the same time frame as the General Fund budget because combined all these budgets fund our city services, pay for city staff, and make transfers to capital project funds and as such are incorporated into the annual general operating budget and fee schedule process.

Ms. Yager went through the Motor Vehicle Department Budget.

1 Mr. Kelly provided comments regarding Water, Sewer, and Storm Sewer. Based on the projected  
2 decreases in the water fund, the Council asked if a higher increase was needed to balance the budget. Ms.  
3 Yager noted that the City was conducting a water/sewer rate study that would propose any needed  
4 increases for 5 years starting in 2023.

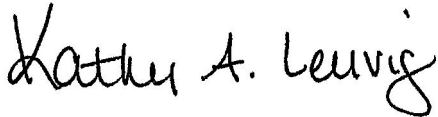
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6 Mr. Castellano went through the Wine and Spirits Budget. The Council asked about future marketing  
7 initiatives. Mr. Castellano indicated that a long term marketing plan was budgeted for this year.

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9 Mr. Pietrini went through the Bar and Grill Budget and noted that increases in revenues and expenditures  
10 were based on returning to 2018 levels of activity.

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12 Ms. Yager indicated that staff would make changes to the budgets based on feedback received and then  
13 ask for approval at the September 7 City Council Meeting.

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15 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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20 Kathy Leervig  
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