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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
September 1, 2020**

**5:45 p.m. Discussion of Memorial Design and Footings Work at Lake Street Plaza**

Mayor Willcox called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sec. 13D.015 and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council Meeting was being held remotely by electronic means using the audio conferencing platform, Zoom. Council Members present: Plechash, McCarthy, Koch, and Buchanan. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, and Community Development Director Emily Goellner.

Mr. Dahl provided background that the City along with community stakeholders have been working to develop a space within the community that would appropriately pay tribute to public safety workers, first responders with a specific dedication to 9/11 and the death of Wayzata native Gordy Aamoth, Jr. in the World Trade Center attacks.

In 2018, the Council approved the attached amended design of Lake Street Plaza which included a space referred to as an "honors plaza" where a more detailed 9/11 memorial could be designed and constructed in the future. In early 2019, a committee of community members, led by Council Member Alex Plechash, confirmed that the memorial space should be incorporated within the design of Lake Street Plaza and commenced a more detailed design.

In addition, the Wayzata Conservancy is working with the Aamoth family to identify private funding sources with a goal of having the memorial ready in advance of September 11, 2021, the 20th anniversary of this tragic event. While the specifics of the design will be presented to the Council later in 2020, staff recommends spending Panoway project contingency funds to pour footings for the preliminary design of the memorial in order to save money and limit additional construction next year.

Mr. Dahl noted that pouring the footings does not preclude changes to the memorial design in the future. Based on that, the amount engagement and planning that has already gone into the memorial, and that pouring footings now would likely save time and money down the road, the Council directed staff to move forward with the footings as soon as possible.

**6:00 p.m. Discuss of Zoning Use Amendments at Promenade of Wayzata**

Ms. Goellner provided background on the final phase of the Promenade of Wayzata at Superior Boulevard and Lake Street which was completed in 2018. Staff is seeking input from the Council on the current types of uses that are permitted within the 130,000 square feet of "retail space" on the ground floor of five buildings within this Planned Unit Development. The results of the discussion will allow staff to finalize the nature of the applicant's request and prepare more information to be reviewed at a public hearing with Planning Commission.

Mayor Willcox provided additional information on the history of the Wayzata Bay Center redevelopment and the Retail Study completed by McComb Group in 2007. Council Members asked questions and provided general feedback of the applicant, Bill Hagstrom of Wayzata Bay Senior Housing, Inc., about the changes in rent prices over time, the uniqueness of the Wayzata trade area, tenants that have since left the Promenade, the likelihood of a grocer tenant, covenants in leases that restrict tenants, the impact on residential uses above the ground floor, potential for conglomeration of similar businesses, the desire for the most vibrant uses on the perimeter of the site, the idea of allowing residential on the ground floor of the East Block (hotel block) along Lake Street, potential noise impacts of certain uses, and the state of the retail market today.

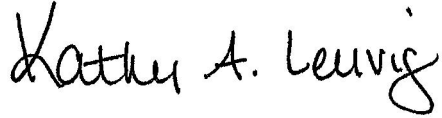
1 Ms. Goellner indicated that she would take the feedback and incorporate into a staff report for a public  
2 hearing scheduled at the Planning Commission on September 8. The City Council was scheduled to  
3 review the application at a meeting in October.

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5 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 06:50 pm.

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7 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 'i' in "Leervig".

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9 Kathy Leervig

10 City Clerk

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