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**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and shared the multiple options for joining remotely and submitting comments or questions.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Roll Call.

Council Members present: Mouton, Iverson, MacDonald, and Plechash. Also present: Deputy City Manager Yager, City Engineer/Public Works Director Kelly; and City Attorney Schelzel.

Council Member absent: Buchanan

AGENDA ITEM 4. Approve Agenda.

Ms. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Plechash, to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion carried 4/0.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Public Forum.

a. Update on James J. Hill Days from Becky Pierson, Wayzata Chamber

Becky Pierson, Wayzata Chamber, gave an overview on activities, events, and vendors that will be at James J. Hill Days which is scheduled for September 9–11, 2022. She noted that there will be some ceremonial type things that will be done in honor of the anniversary of 9/11. She reviewed the planned street closures for the carnival, vendors, and events and explained that as a result of some safety concerns, participants in the parade will not be throwing out any candy or other items. She noted that there are more details available at www.jamesjhilldays.com. She thanked the Council and City staff for all their support in putting together this event.

Mayor Mouton stated that Public Works and the Police Department also put in a tremendous amount of work for this event.

Resident Speaking at Public Forum

Richard Strain, 150 Central Avenue S, #122, noted that he had sent a letter to Mayor Mouton and Council Member Iverson about several problems that they are experiencing at the Boardwalk Apartments. He stated that the problems vary but start with the lack of management which has changed over the years and is currently unacceptable. He shared examples and stated that they have had one problem after another which he outlined in the letter and explained that they were asking for help from the City.

Mayor Mouton stated that she has already spoken to Deputy City Manager Yager and requested that a meeting be set up between Mr. Strain, City staff, herself and someone from Metes and Bounds Management Company in order to share these concerns. She stated that she has also learned of a few other issues such as a recent lack of hot water, refuse not being picked up, and a malfunctioning elevator and would ask that the fire marshal and building inspector also get involved. She stated that she is committed to

1 getting the City involved in helping to navigate the conversation, but noted that there are
 2 some things that are outside of the City's purview that they cannot enforce, such as the
 3 quality of the management.

4 Ms. Iverson stated that she lives at 220 Central Avenue S, so the Boardwalk
 5 Apartment residents are her neighbors. She thanked Mr. Strain for coming tonight and
 6 bringing this to the City's attention.

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 8 **AGENDA ITEM 6. New Agenda Items.**

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 10 **AGENDA ITEM 7. Consent Agenda.**

11 Mayor Mouton read the items on the consent agenda and asked if any Council member
 12 wished to pull an item for further discussion.

13 Ms. Iverson stated that she wanted it noted that she was already on record with not
 14 approving the rezoning for the property at 1022 Wayzata Boulevard E in item c.

15 Mayor Mouton suggested that the Council vote on items a, b, d, and e of the Consent
 16 Agenda and have a separate vote on item c. She asked a few clarifying questions related
 17 to the Consent Agenda item d. She noted that the removal of the word 'swimming' from
 18 the State language and asked if the City should mimic that language. Ms. Yager stated that
 19 she spoke with City Clerk Leervig who stated that those types of administrative changes
 20 can be made and brought back during the Second Reading of the Ordinance. City Attorney
 21 Schelzel asked that the agenda be amended to say that references to 'swimming pool' be
 22 changed to 'pool', so it becomes part of the First Reading.

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 24 Hearing no additional requests, Mayor Mouton asked for a motion to approve items
 25 a, b, d, and e of the Consent Agenda as amended. Mr. Plechash made a motion, seconded
 26 by Ms. MacDonald, to approve the consent agenda, as amended:

- 27 a. Approval of Check Register
 28 b. Approval of Municipal Licenses
 29 ~~c. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 816 to Amend the Official Zoning Map~~
 30 ~~of the City to Rezone a Portion of Property at 1022 Wayzata Boulevard E (removed~~
 31 ~~for separate vote)~~
 32 d. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 817 Amending City Code Chapters 507
 33 and 604 for ~~Swimming~~ Pool and Lodging Regulations for MDH Corrective Action
 34 e. Approval of 2023 City of Woodland Fire Contract

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 36 The motion carried 4/0.

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 38 Mayor Mouton asked for a motion to approve item c of the Consent Agenda as
 39 presented. Ms. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Plechash, to approve the
 40 consent agenda item:

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 42 c. Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 816 to Amend the Official Zoning Map
 43 of the City to Rezone a Portion of Property at 1022 Wayzata Boulevard E

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 45 The motion carried 3/1 (Iverson opposed)

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1 **AGENDA ITEM 8. New Business.**

2 **a. Consider Approval of Special Event Permit for 75th Year Anniversary of “The**
3 **Muni”**

4 Ms. Yager gave an overview of the request for a Special Event Permit to celebrate the 75th
5 year of the City’s municipal liquor operation.

6 Kevin Castellano, Wine and Spirits Manager, explained the main goal of the event
7 is to show appreciation to staff and customers and celebrate with the community. He noted
8 that the celebration will be on October 1, 2022 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. with music from
9 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

10 Jeff Pietrini, General Manager, stated that they are planning on a very family
11 friendly show with Elvis, Johnny Cash, and Neil Diamond impersonators. He noted that
12 beer and wine will be available on the lot as well as some food options that are still being
13 finalized. He explained that there will also be family friendly games, raffles, and
14 giveaways as well.

15 City Engineer/Public Works Director Kelly stated that the reason this is before the
16 Council is because it is a new event that will be closing a street. He gave an overview of
17 the safe ways that they will allow this event to happen while still allowing people to access
18 the parking ramp.

19 Ms. MacDonald stated that it looks like a great event and asked how they decided
20 on the tent location. She stated that her first thought was to question why it wasn’t more
21 out front, so things like the wine tasting were done in front of the liquor store and would
22 tuck the restrooms towards the back. Mr. Pietrini explained that originally they wanted to
23 have it in the lot right across the street, but the neighbor vendors in the adjacent mall were
24 reluctant to give up their parking spots. He stated that he and various members of City
25 staff got together to walk the lot and try to figure out the best configuration for the event
26 with the space they had available. He noted that the wine tasting will be adjacent to the
27 liquor store and the food and beverage services will be lined up near the garage with music
28 and entertainment on the side lot.

29 Mr. Plechash asked if there would be signs or barricades to make it clear that people
30 cannot take their alcohol beyond a certain point. Mr. Kelly stated that they will absolutely
31 have some of these methods in place.

32 Mr. Plechash asked if the City has had any celebrations like this in the past, for
33 example, for the 50th anniversary. Mr. Pietrini stated that, prior to his tenure, he believes
34 that they used to have parties similar to this, but was not sure if it was done to commemorate
35 the 50th anniversary. He stated that there have been outdoor celebrations with music, but
36 not in the current location.

37 Ms. Iverson asked if they had already notified all the neighbors of the event and if
38 they had received any feedback. Mr. Pietrini stated that they have notified their neighbors
39 and explained that all the feedback he has heard, thus far, has been overwhelmingly
40 positive.

41 Mayor Mouton stated that when they moved locations, the air scrubbers from the
42 operations of The Muni were a big consideration so the smells did not go up and permeate
43 the people who lived above. She asked if there was anything in writing that says the City
44 cannot do any outdoor cooking or that they cannot operate without the air scrubbers. Mr.
45 Kelly stated that he remembers comments on this issue, but is not aware of anything to that
46 degree. He stated that this is a Special Event Permit that provides a bit of additional latitude

1 which is also why they wanted to put out the notification like they do for a public hearing.
2 He stated that they can look into it to ensure that there is some sort of caveat that it is
3 addressed appropriately.

4 Mayor Mouton explained that she is in favor of this but wanted to ensure that the
5 City had not forgotten something because of the amount of time that has lapsed. Mr.
6 Schelzel stated that he did not think there was anything on the air scrubber issue, but staff
7 can make sure to check.

8 Mayor Mouton asked for a motion. Ms. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr.
9 Plechash, to Approve the Special Event Permit for the 75th Anniversary of “The Muni”.
10 The motion carried 4/0.

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12 **b. Consider Acceptance of the 2022 Utility Rate Study**

13 Ms. Yager explained that every five years or so, the City goes through a process of looking
14 at the next five years of the utility rates in order to do some projections based on anticipated
15 expenses and ensure fees are appropriately set. She stated that the City worked with Steve
16 McDonald, at Abdo to conduct the most recent analysis.

17 Steve McDonald, Abdo gave a brief overview of the utility rate study including:
18 assumptions, rates, financial results, and a comparison with other communities included of
19 the Utility Rate Study for 2023 through 2027. He noted that the recommendation is to keep
20 rates flat for water and sewer for 2023 and 2024 and to increase stormwater rates 15% for
21 2023 and 10% for 2024.

22 Ms. Iverson asked about the capital project summary information related to water
23 meter replacement in 2023. She asked if this was for the entire City. Mr. Kelly stated that
24 it will be for about 2/3 of the City and explained that the intent is to replace anything that
25 is more than five years old. He noted that there are a total of about 1,400 accounts so he
26 expects that this replacement will be around 900 to 1,000 meters.

27 Mr. Plechash asked about the assumptions related to operating expenses and asked
28 how they got to the various percentages for 2022 and the following years. Mr. McDonald
29 stated that the 6% and 5% were reflective of the budget and then the assumption was that
30 they would be back to more normal expense increases from that point forward.

31 Mayor Mouton asked about the sewer rates and what part of the rates is dictated by
32 what the City is charged by the Met Council. Mr. Kelly explained that for 2023, he believes
33 it is about \$539,000 and for 2022 it was about \$486,000. He stated that the City has an
34 expensive system to operate because Wayzata is a very small community and has 25 or 26
35 lift or pumping stations.

36 Mayor Mouton asked how long ago the City had done the most recent utility rate
37 study. Ms. Yager stated that it was done in 2017 for the 2018 budget cycle.

38 Mayor Mouton noted that there was a fairly significant spike a few years ago due
39 to some of the necessary capital outlays. She stated that the projected rates are for 0%
40 increase in 2023 and 2024 and then 3% in the following years. She stated that her
41 preference would be to keep things level and avoid the peaks and valleys because that is
42 tough on people. She stated that she wants to make sure the City is consistent in how they
43 are approaching this and asked what level of confidence the City has in these proposed
44 rates. She noted that she understood that it can be a bit of an ‘art’ not a science. Mr.
45 McDonald stated that usage patterns change from year to year and noted that he thinks the
46 message is that this is not necessary a ‘set it and forget it’ kind of rate study. He stated that

1 he feels the City will want to review how they did relative to what was projected every
2 year. He stated that then modifications can be made in order to get to something that is
3 consistent. He explained that he has a pretty strong degree of confidence related to the
4 methodology that was used to project the revenue using last year's results of the system.

5 Mayor Mouton asked if the recommendation from Public Works was that in order
6 to keep the sewer amount down, people should make sure they have a separate meter for
7 their sprinklers. Mr. Kelly agreed and noted that if people typically use a lot of water for
8 irrigation, they may want to give the City a call and use a sprinkling or irrigation meter for
9 that water because then they will not be charged the sewer charge. He stated that staff
10 recommends the fees, as they are set, knowing that there are some capital improvement
11 projects that are just outside what is seen in the study, for example repainting of the water
12 tower in 2029.

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14 Mayor Mouton asked for a motion on the application. Mr. Plechash made a motion,
15 seconded by Ms. MacDonald, to Accept the 2022 Utility Rate Study. The motion carried
16 4/0.

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18 **c. Consider Adoption of Resolution 41-2022 Certifying to the County Auditor the**
19 **Preliminary Property Tax Levy for Taxes Payable in 2023 and Resolution 42-**
20 **2022 Approving 2023 Preliminary General Fund and Enterprise Fund Budgets**

21 Ms. Yager gave an overview of the 2023 budget process and noted that the Preliminary
22 Levy is required to be certified by the end of September. She noted that this sets the ceiling
23 for how high the levy can be and explained that the City can lower the levy between the
24 Preliminary and the Final, but it cannot be raised. She reviewed details from the 2023
25 budget for the City and noted that staff is proposing a balanced budget. She outlined the
26 three key budget goals to: increase investment in public safety; maintain the level of City
27 services; and respond to changes in market conditions. She gave an overview of the key
28 changes to the General Fund Revenue and Expenditures budget from 2022 to 2023. She
29 explained that the proposed Preliminary Levy of \$5,988,000 is about a 10.59% increase
30 and explained that the increase is due to a combination of a loss of revenue plus additional
31 staffing expenses. She noted that another important consideration is what Wayzata does
32 as a City compared so some of its peers and noted that the City historically has one of the
33 lowest tax rates even with the proposed increase for 2023. She explained that tonight's
34 discussion is just talking about the City's portion of property taxes which is about 18% of
35 a resident's total property tax bill. She stated that on the community survey a question was
36 asked about what value the community sees in the City services they get considering the
37 property taxes that they pay and 85% of the respondents said that they saw excellent or
38 good value.

39 Mr. Plechash stated that he applauded how well the City has been financial run for
40 as long as he has been involved and had knowledge about the process. He stated that a
41 consequence of the community becoming more vibrant is that there is a need for more
42 services and part of that would be the need for more police coverage. He stated that a large
43 part of this proposed increase is what is needed for the police force. He noted that he felt
44 this was actually needed and stated that he felt this increase was a bit of anomaly this year.
45 He asked staff to add some 'color' to what the increased police presence will do for the
46 residents. Ms. Yager stated that the Chief of Police has stated that they do not have enough

1 officers in order to have two officers on duty 24/7 which means there are often shifts that
2 there is one officer working alone serving both Wayzata and Long Lake. She explained
3 that adding two officers next year gets the City very close to the goal of having two officers
4 on duty 24/7 but noted that the City will still need one more officer to fully meet that goal.
5 She stated that they have gotten requests from the community to do more patrols or traffic
6 control and that is currently very difficult with the current budget and the staffing levels.

7 Mr. Plechash stated that he thinks the largest complaint he hears from people about
8 things in the City is what is going on Lake Street at night time and during the weekends.
9 He stated that he believes that this is one of the things that will help solve that issue. He
10 asked if the City had made any efforts to replace the loss of revenues that have happened.
11 Ms. Yager stated that there is not a plan in place for the 2023 budget but identified as part
12 of the strategic plan are two key goals that will help with loss of revenue including
13 exploring ways to diversify revenue sources through a sales tax, and franchise fees for the
14 gas utility.

15 Ms. MacDonald commended Ms. Yager for her presentation because it laid things
16 out very clearly. She explained that she wanted to reiterate that the three main goals of the
17 levy were to increase investment in public safety, maintain the level of City services, and
18 respond to changes in the market conditions. She stated that with the loss of the Federal
19 grants, she thinks it is important for the City to look at new revenue streams for future
20 years. She stated that she is comfortable with the proposed levy in light of these goals.

21 Ms. Iverson stated that something that she has frequently heard is the commercial
22 businesses carry a lot of the weight of the tax burden. She noted that in what was presented
23 tonight it looks like commercial was carrying about \$8 million and the residential was
24 carrying about \$22 million and asked if that was a trend that staff sees continuing for
25 residential to carry more of that burden. Ms. Yager stated that commercial property is
26 taxed at a higher rate than residential and noted that residential has outpaced commercial
27 growth because they have seen a lot more residential development than commercial
28 development.

29 Ms. Iverson asked about the changes and cuts that were made, specifically the
30 notation about reducing budgeted sick and vacation payouts in the Police and
31 Administration departments. Ms. Yager explained that for several of the departments they
32 include a budget for sick and vacation payouts for when someone retires. She stated that
33 the City is not anticipating that they will have the retirements that they have had in the last
34 year or two, so they took away the budget for that because staff did not feel it was needed.

35 Ms. Iverson stated that the documents also say that the City is reducing capital
36 transfers out to the Facilities Fund and asked for details about this fund. Ms. Yager
37 explained that the Facilities Capital Fund is what pays for most things related to City
38 buildings, for example reroofing, carpeting, and window maintenance.

39 Ms. Iverson stated that there have been discussions about some of the windows that
40 need to be upgraded and asked if that would continue to happen in 2023. Mr. Kelly stated
41 that it will continue to happen.

42 Ms. Iverson asked if there were any big projects that were taken out of the proposed
43 budget that the Council and residents should be aware of. Ms. Yager stated that not as of
44 right now, but they are planning to discuss an update to the Capital Improvement Plan in
45 October at a Council workshop in order for the Council to review those projects.

1 Ms. Iverson asked about the notation that the City is negotiating with the County to
2 lower the proposed assessing contract. She asked if the City actually had a signed
3 document with a formal agreement. Ms. Yager explained that this has not happened yet
4 and will come before the Council in the future. She noted that the initial proposal that the
5 City got was higher than what is shown and explained that City Manager Dahl negotiated
6 with the County and got an overall reduction in what they were proposing for next year.

7 Ms. Iverson stated that she would like to get her hands around what the true costs
8 are for Panoway. She asked if the daily maintenance costs would be shown in the Parks
9 budget. Mr. Kelly stated that it would be included in the overall Parks operating budget.

10 Ms. Iverson asked if staff had a feel for what it costs the City, on an annual basis,
11 to maintain Panoway. Mr. Kelly explained that he did not have those figures in front of
12 him but noted that they have been working with the Parks Department this year to prepare
13 a maintenance plan and break out for each of the City facilities so they have can have that
14 information and start to manipulate where the priorities should be.

15 Ms. Iverson stated she thinks it is important for the City to determine the costs of
16 Panoway because while the residents enjoy it, it has also become a regional destination.
17 She stated that she doesn't want Public Works and the general maintenance of the City to
18 be overlooked.

19 Ms. Iverson stated that she is having a hard time getting her head wrapped around
20 this large of a levy increase. She noted that there were a lot of residents who came before
21 them during the tax assessment process and believes the average increase in the City was
22 19%. She stated that she has been getting the question about where this money goes and
23 why is there such a big increase in the levy when the value of their home has assessed
24 significantly higher than in the past. She suggested that the City sharpen their pencils and
25 try to find a way to make this increase smaller because a double digit levy increase is
26 significant. She stated that she agrees that Public Safety is important and feels it is
27 important that they have a presence in the neighborhoods and not just on Lake Street. She
28 reiterated that she is not very comfortable with the proposed increase that is being
29 presented.

30 Ms. Yager stated that there are also inflationary increases and market responses that
31 the community is dealing with are not unique to Wayzata. She noted that when they asked
32 communities around the lake where they felt their levies may end up, they revealed a range
33 from 5-22%. She stated that she will not be surprised if there are larger levy increases in
34 many other communities because they are responding to similar economic conditions.

35 Mayor Mouton stated that if Public Works feels that they need more people to
36 address Panoway, she would like to see that built into the operations and maintenance
37 which the Conservancy has agreed to cover. She stated that she has served on the Council
38 for 6 years and this is the largest increase she has seen, but reminded the Council and
39 residents that this is preliminary and it can decrease from this number. She stated that she
40 feels this Council and past Councils have been vigilant about is working for months to plan
41 out capital projects so the community doesn't get assessed, for example, when they come
42 pave their roads. She stated that there are things that are outside of the City's control which
43 are the inflationary pressures, but would echo Council Member Iverson's comment that the
44 City sharpen their pencils and find ways to lower expenses where possible. She stated that
45 from a staffing perspective for Public Safety, she would like to see the momentum continue
46 in the direction they are trying to go and would suggest that they possibly consider adding

1 the third officer in the fourth quarter. She stated that she would like to see the levy go
2 down a few points before she is comfortable with the Final Levy amount.

3 Mayor Mouton asked for a motion on the resolution. Ms. MacDonald made a motion,
4 seconded by Mr. Plechash to Adopt Resolution 41-2022 Certifying to the County Auditor
5 the Preliminary Property Tax Levy for Taxes Payable 2023.

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7 Mr. Plechash stated that he sees this budget as being driven by four things:
8 increased police; hiring of a full-time fire chief; loss of revenue; and general inflationary
9 pressure. He stated that the City cannot do anything about inflationary pressures and can
10 do very little about transfers, but they can talk about police and fire. He stated that there
11 are communities not too far away that talk about defunding the police and Wayzata is not
12 one of those communities. He stated that Wayzata funds and supports the police and they
13 are part of what makes this community as good as it is. He stated that he feels that factor
14 is the largest driver of the levy increase. He stated that he agrees with the statements that
15 have been made that the City should sharpen their pencils to take a closer look at the budget,
16 but not to the extent of eliminating those things that make this community what it is.

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18 The motion carried 3/1 (Iverson opposed).

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20 Mayor Mouton asked for a motion on the resolution. Mr. Plechash made a motion,
21 seconded by Ms. MacDonald to Adopt Resolution 42-2022 Approving 2023 Preliminary
22 General Fund and Enterprise Fund Budgets. The motion carried 3/1 (Iverson opposed).

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24 **d. Consider Adoption of Resolution 43-2022 Adopting the 2023 Fee Schedule**

25 Ms. Yager explained that part of the budget process is adopting the fee schedule for the
26 following year and noted that this is what the preliminary budgets are based upon. She
27 explained that this fee schedule shows a general increase of about 5% with the following
28 exceptions: water utility charges – no increase; sewer utility charges – no increase;
29 stormwater utility charges – 15% increase based on the utility rate study; boat slip, canoe
30 and kayak rack rentals – 2.5% increase; and building permits and rental licenses to vary
31 based on the market. She noted that there were some members of the public who would
32 like to comment on the fee schedule.

33 Ms. Iverson asked about the zoning amendment fees on page 125 of the packet.
34 She reviewed the application fees and escrow fees and noted that the question has been
35 asked about why the City's is so expensive compared to other cities. She shared examples
36 of the fees/escrow amounts from Plymouth, Excelsior, and Delano. She asked why
37 Wayzata had such a high cost for these fees as compared to these other cities. Ms. Yager
38 stated that she had looked a few examples and noted that Minnetonka and St. Louis Park
39 have fees that are much closer to Wayzata. She stated that she would have to follow up
40 with the Community Development Director about when the fees were initially set to see
41 why there may be a different between these fees for different communities. She explained
42 that she did not know enough about the process and how these applications are processed
43 to give an explanation of the differing fees but noted that in her initial review she saw some
44 that were lower and some that were in line with Wayzata.

45 Mayor Mouton asked what the escrow funds were used for in this kind of situation.
46 She stated that her understanding is that they are used for legal fees and making sure that

1 they do what they say they say they are going to do. Mr. Schelzel stated that those funds
2 are for the City's legal fees in reviewing and processing an application which often requires
3 a review of property records and preparation of a Planning Commission Report and
4 Recommendation and helping staff with any legal questions that may arise. He explained
5 that they also sometimes utilize consultants, such as Eric Zweber, who work on certain
6 applications depending on staffing. He stated that if the City does not use everything in
7 the escrow, the balance is refunded to the applicant.

8 Mayor Mouton noted that some of the projects take years of back and forth between
9 the developers and City staff and asked if in those instances the amounts increase. Mr.
10 Schelzel stated occasionally the City will have to ask for additional escrow.

11 Ms. Iverson stated that Plymouth is also going through significant changes and
12 growth and part of the reason she brought this up is because there is a large disparity
13 between the two cities.

14 Ms. Yager stated that a conversation would need to be had with other Community
15 Development departments to find out how they structure their fees and their rationale
16 because that kind of information cannot be seen on the fee schedules. She stated that staff
17 could follow up and noted that the thought was also to put some of the burden on things
18 that were demand driven so as not to put all the burden onto property taxes which is why
19 they are talking about a general increase of 5% for these other fees for 2023.

20 Ms. MacDonald stated that the fee that stuck out to her was the marina fee increase.
21 She stated that the Marina Fund has come along way considering it is newly established.
22 She stated that she is supportive of no transfers out so they can build up the reserves but
23 would also support no increase for boat slips as a sign of good faith and working with the
24 boat slip holders.

25 Mayor Mouton asked if she was proposing no increase for all fees in the boat slips
26 and beach or just for the boat slip holders.

27 Ms. MacDonald stated that she was proposing the inner and outer lagoon slips, but
28 would ask if staff felt that the canoe and kayak rentals had been left out of the conversation.
29 She stated that if they felt they had been, she would be supportive of keeping those fees
30 flat as well. She stated that her thought is that the City can see what happens next year
31 with the boat slips and noted there has been talks about forming an ad hoc committee that
32 can look at priorities and budget.

33 Mayor Mouton stated that the proposal is for about a \$50 increase and asked how
34 many boat slips there are. Ms. Yager stated that the City has 100 boat slips.

35 Mayor Mouton asked if staff would have any concerns with a reduction of \$5,000
36 and whether that would impact anything specific. Ms. Yager stated that in her recollection
37 of the capital plans, the next large purchase would be in 2024 and thinks with a flat increase
38 for this year that capital obligation could still be met.

39 Mr. Plechash stated that he had also planned to bring up this fee. He stated that he
40 thinks it makes sense to not increase the boat slip fees for this coming year. He stated that
41 he thinks over time, the City will be able to build up the capital funds for the things that
42 really need to get done.

43 Ms. Iverson stated that she would also support the recommendation for no increase
44 for 2023.

45 Chris Hickman, 484 Highcroft Road, he stated that all of the boat slip owners would
46 appreciate the proposal for no increase in the fees. He stated that one thing that was not

1 addressed was dredging. He explained that these two ponds are part of a run-off system
 2 for the City and debris can build up, especially in the inner lagoon, so it requires more
 3 dredging and maintenance, than for example Excelsior. He stated that these two lagoons
 4 are about the last morsel of character and charm that remain of the City. He shared some
 5 history surrounding the creation of the two lagoons and noted that at the end of that journey
 6 there was a promise to the citizens to have affordable access to Lake Minnetonka and noted
 7 that it is clear that the marina is profitable.

8 Ann Marie Janke, 121 Peavey Lane, stated that she had planned to ask for no
 9 increase which the Council has already discussed.

10 Mr. Plechash stated that he supports the fees with the modification as proposed to
 11 the lagoon fees. He stated that there was a time a few years ago that there was a pretty
 12 substantial increase in the cost for water and he wanted to make note that this year the City
 13 will have a 0% increase for 2023.

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 15 Mayor Mouton asked for a motion on the resolution. Ms. MacDonald made a motion,
 16 seconded by Mr. Plechash, to Approve Resolution 43-2022 Adoption of Municipal Fees
 17 for 2023, with the exception of the outer and inner lagoon fees remaining flat. The motion
 18 carried 4/0.

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 20 **AGENDA ITEM 9. Deputy City Manager's Report and Discussion Items.**

21 **a. Upcoming Events/Announcements**

- 22 • James J. Hill will be held on September 9, 10, and 11, 2022
- 23 • October 1, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in The Muni parking lot will be the
 24 75th Anniversary celebration

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 26 **b. Council Member Updates/Announcements**

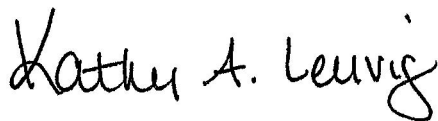
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 28 **AGENDA ITEM 10. Public Forum Continued (if necessary).**

29 There were no comments.

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 31 **AGENDA ITEM 11. Adjournment.**

32 There being no further business, Mayor Mouton asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr.
 33 Plechash made a motion, seconded by Ms. MacDonald to adjourn. Mayor Mouton
 34 adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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 36 Respectfully submitted,

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 39 Kathy Leervig
 40 City Clerk

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 42 Drafted by Kayla Rokosz
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