

THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call Mayor Pete Hyduke, Councilor James Bayliss, Councilor Justin Fosso, Councilor Jay Hildenbrand, Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman, Councilor John Schweiberger and Councilor Chris Whitney. Also present were City Administrator Greg Pruszinske, City Clerk/Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala, Treasurer/Finance Director Sheena Mulner, City Attorney Andy Borland and City Engineer Jesse Story. Chief of Police Steve Estey was absent.

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

Community Clean-up Day:

DISCUSSION: Deputy Chief of Police Tyler Schwerzler went over the Community Clean-up Day information the Council received in their packets. There was a brief discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding the Community Clean-up Day.

Sewer Credit Policy:

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Greg Pruszinske spoke about the current Sewer Credit Policy and explained that he would like to re-write this policy. There was some discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding re-writing the Sewer Credit Policy.

Economic Impact Study:

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Betsy Olivanti spoke about the possibility of significantly decreased production and/or the possible closure of Hib-Tac, and the impact that could have on the City of Hibbing. Community Development Director Olivanti also went over the proposal that was given to the Council to have an updated Economic Impact Study done. There was some discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding the economic impact this could have on the City of Hibbing.

Boards and Commissions Recap:

DISCUSSION: City Clerk/Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala went over the information the Council received in their packets regarding Boards and Commissions. City Clerk/Deputy Administrator Seppala spoke briefly about each Board and Commission; giving the number

of members, the frequency of meetings and how much if any stipend members received. There was discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding if the number of members for certain Boards and Commissions should be decreased, and if there should be a stipend given to Board and Commission members that currently do not receive a stipend.

Alvarez Estate (Ace Hardware Building):

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske stated that Building Official Pat Green served him with a letter outline options for the Alvarez Estate (Ace Hardware Building), and he would choose the option to demolish the building. City Attorney Andy Borland explained what the process would be to demolish the building. There was discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding the potential hazards of the building and the steps that need to be taken to safely demolish the building.

Strategic Planning Wrap -Up:

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske spoke briefly about the Strategic Planning Meeting that was held. There was a brief discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding the meeting; City Administrator Pruszinske stated he hopes to have the report for the Council at the next City Council Meeting.

Sand Lake:

DISCUSSION: There was an in depth discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding complaints the City has received from multiple property owners on Sand Lake directed at another property owner on Sand Lake, and how the City should handle the complaints and responding to them.

Fire Department Paid-On-Call Relief Association:

DISCUSSION: Fire Chief Erik Jankila and Treasurer/Finance Director Sheena Mulner both spoke briefly about the possibility of the Paid-On-Call Relief Association changing and joining the Minnesota PERA Board of Volunteer Firefighter Pension Systems and what that would look like for the City. There was a brief discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding this potentially changing.

Welcome To Hibbing Signs:

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Nick Arola showed the Council a picture of the proposed temporary Welcome to Hibbing signs.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion

- **Alleys**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bayliss wanted to talk about the condition of some of the alleys in town; there was discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding this.

- **Budget Calendar:**

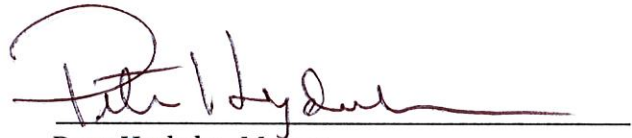
DISCUSSION: Treasurer/Finance Director Mulner stated that she will be working on the Budget Calendar soon and she spoke briefly about that process.

- **Transit:**

DISCUSSION: Treasurer/Finance Director Mulner gave a brief update regarding Hibbing Area Transit.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hyduke adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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Pete Hyduke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Candie Seppala, City Clerk/Deputy Administrator