

THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday, June 7, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr. Benz wished to speak regarding dogs at the Maple Hill Cemetery. Mr. Benz stated that while at the Cemetery he often sees people allowing their pets to run unleashed and urinated and defecating on and/or near the graves and headstones; he would like to see something done about this. There was a brief discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding the making of and placement of signs at the Cemetery and other City Parks.

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

Safety Sirens:

DISCUSSION: Fire Chief Erik Jankila gave the Council a detailed status update on the Safety Sirens.

Fleet Manager Position:

DISCUSSION: City Engineer Jesse Story explained that he has been working with City Administrator Greg Pruszinske and HR Director Angela Kleffman on a new Fleet Manager Position for the City; he handed out a draft of the proposed job description to the Council to look over. City Engineer Story went over the proposed job description and duties; he stated that they have been working on this for several months, and there is a need for this position in the City. There was some discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding a new Fleet Manager Position.

Raceway Grandstand Repairs:

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Nick Arola spoke about the condition of the North section of the North bleachers at the Hibbing Raceway. City Services Director Arola explained that section of bleachers were inspected and are now closed and not useable. City Services Director Arola stated they talked to the Raceway and that section of bleachers is only used/needed one time a year, during the Labor Day Shootout. There was some discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding how the City should move forward with the necessary repairs.

Local Option Sales Tax:

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala and City Administrator Pruszinske gave a brief update on the status of the Local Option Sales Tax and the Election in November. There was some discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding what the next steps and the process will be.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion

- **HPU**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske spoke in depth about funding for HPU's Capital Improvement Plan. City Administrator Pruszinske explained that he thinks the City of Hibbing and HPU should jointly go after funding for this and make this the top legislative priority for 2024.

- **Joint Meeting with HPU**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske and Councilor Bayliss spoke about possible options for a joint meeting with the City Council and HPU.

- **Recycling**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske gave a brief update on the status of the recycling.

- **Dennis Richards**

DISCUSSION: There was discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding the Dennis Richards situation.

- **Joint Airport Meeting**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala stated that the joint meeting with the Airport will be August 21, 2023.

- **Emails**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala spoke briefly about emails she has received regarding the Highschool graduating class of 2024.

- **Legalization of Marijuana**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala and City Attorney Borland spoke briefly regarding the recent Legalization of Marijuana.

- **Chamber Legislative Meeting**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Hyduke spoke about the meeting he attended that the Chamber hosted with Representative Spencer Igo and Senator Robert Farnsworth.

- **Fire Marshall**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman asked with the resignation of Rossi Gangl, what is the City looking at for a Fire Marshall; there was some discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding this.

- **Council Workshop Documents**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman requested that the Councilors receive the supporting documents for the Council Workshop prior to the Workshop; there was some discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding this.

- **Calls About House on 39th Street**

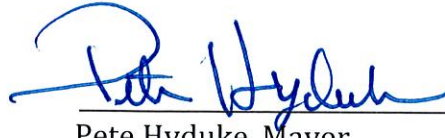
DISCUSSION: Councilor Hildenbrand stated that he continues to get calls regarding a house on 39th Street, stating they have contacted the PBA Techs.; there was some discussion between the Councilors and Staff regarding this.

- **Ordinance Changes**

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Borland spoke about Ordinance changes that will be on the next City Council Meeting Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hyduke adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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Pete Hyduke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator