

THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday, July 19, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 6:20 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, City Engineer Jesse Story and Officer Joe Burns. Chief of Police Steve Estey was absent.

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

ICS – Building Assessment:

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Greg Pruszinske and City Services Director Nick Arola each spoke about the Building Assessment process and status. Jeff Schiltz with ICS spoke about some other projects their team members have worked on recently. City Services Director Arola spoke about the Steering Committee’s Recommendation. Mr. Schiltz spoke about the condition of City Hall and some of the prioritized needs. The Steering Committee Member’s spoke about the condition of City Hall as well. There was discussion between City Staff, City Councilors and the Building Assessments Team. Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner spoke about the different bonding options.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion

- **Animal Shelter**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala spoke about going out for RFP’s for the Animal Shelter; she would like to bring it to the Council at a meeting in August. Mayor Pete Hyduke asked what the reasoning is for going out for RFP’s; City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala gave a detailed explanation. There was a discussion between City Staff and City Councilors regarding this.

- **Raceway**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala stated that City Services Director Arola has been working on a Lease Agreement with the Raceway.

- **4th Ave East**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bayliss asked Community Development Director Betsy Olivanti if there was any update on the vacant lots and the old Ace Hardware building. Gave a brief status update.

- **Thank You**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman thanked City Services Director Arola for his help with the Pavilion rental issue that arose.

- **Thank you**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman thanked Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner for the City Council schedule provided.

- **Moratorium**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Whitney asked about the status of the tabled Moratorium on the sale of marijuana; City Attorney Andy Borland gave a brief explanation.

- **New law passed**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Whitney spoke briefly about the concerns he has regarding the new law passed legalizing the use of marijuana; does the City need to take action restricting public use of marijuana. There was discussion between the City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

- **21st Street construction**

DISCUSSION: City Engineer Jesse Story gave an update on the 21st Street project, and some of the other ongoing paving projects.

- **2024 Budget timeline**

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Mulner went over the 2024 Budget timeline that was given out to the Council.

- **Transit Update**

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Mulner gave a brief update on Hibbing Area Transit. There was a discussion between City Staff and City Councilors regarding this.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hyduke adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

CITY OF HIBBING



Pete Hyduke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator