

THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday September 6, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 5:55 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 and City Attorney Andy Borland. City Engineer Jesse Story and Chief of Police Steve Estey were absent.

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

Red Rock Hotel:

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Betsy Olivanti spoke in depth about the status of the hotel's renovation and the funding necessary to complete the renovation and open the hotel along with the bar/restaurant. There was discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding the status of the hotel and the necessary funding for completion.

New History Proposal

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Olivanti went over the New History Proposal that the Councilors received.

North Hibbing Property

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Olivanti stated that HEDA owns property in North Hibbing that has been appraised and surveyed for a potential sale of a portion of that property; she went over what that process would look like.

Councilor Dos and Don'ts

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Andy Borland gave the City Council a brief refresher regarding the Open Meeting Law and other things the City Councilors can and cannot do. City Attorney Borland gave several examples of what would and what would not be acceptable actions by City Councilors.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion

- **New Truck**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Greg Pruszinske stated that he gave Joe McKenney the go ahead to order the truck body last week because there was a price increase coming; this action saved the City about \$15,000.00

- **Budget**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske asked the Council if they have any feedback or direction on the next steps for working on the budget. There was a lengthy discussion involving what the budget would like without implementing the proposed rental ordinance.

- **Mineview Parking**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske gave a status update to the Council on the parking lot area.

- **HPU**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bayliss updated the Council on conversations HPU has had regarding the paving of three streets that HPU replaced water mains on. There was some discussion regarding this.

- **Animal Shelter**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Hyde asked for a current status of the Animal Shelter; City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala gave an update to the Council.

- **Recycling**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Whitney inquired about Waste Management; City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala gave an update to the Council.

- **Fillman Addition**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hildenbrand inquired if there is a way to resolve this City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala doesn't have to keep dealing with the daily emails. City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala gave an update to the Council. There was some discussion regarding this.

- **Budget**

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner stated that they will continue to work on the budget with the Department Heads and bring it back to the Council at the next Workshop.

- **Ambulance Billing**

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Mulner stated that Fire Chief Erik Jankila provided a handout for the Council regarding the past year of the billing.

- **HPAT**

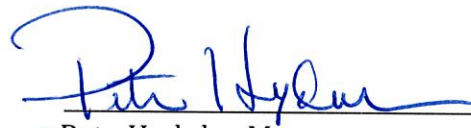
DISCUSSION: HPAT President Ron Wirkkula spoke to the Council regarding the recording system and why there was excess feedback.

- **Alleys**

DISCUSSION: HPAT President Wirkkula spoke about potholes at the entrance to US Bank. There was some discussion regarding this.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hyduke adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

CITY OF HIBBING



Pete Hyduke, Mayor



ATTEST:

Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator