

THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday February 21, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

Spongey Moth

DISCUSSION: Danielle DeVito with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture gave a presentation on Spongey Moths; formerly called Gypsy Moths. There was some discussion between City Councilors, Staff and Ms. DeVito about Spongey Moths.

Age Friendly

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pete Hyduke and City Administrator Greg Pruszinske spoke about a meeting they had with Age Friendly, and the possibility of the City's involvement with the group moving forward. There was a discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding the City's involvement with the group.

Boundary Committee

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Andy Borland went over an email response he received from the LMC regarding the City forming a Boundary Committee. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding whether the City should form a Boundary Committee or not.

AEOA New Facility Discussion

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Betsy Olivanti gave a brief update on the status of the new AEOA Facility.

Hibbing HRA

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Olivanti spoke about the Hibbing HRA's plan to obtain property from the City at the Cobb-Cook Park and build 52 units to replace the 52 units Hibbing HRA currently has in Greenhaven. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

4th Ave. East Property

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Nick Arola gave an update on the property at 2301 4th Ave. East; he had an appraisal scheduled to be completed on the property, and the property owner contacted him and stated that there will be no appraisal completed. The property owner stated that the selling price was not negotiable. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Old Mineview Building

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Arola explained to the Councilors that the St. Louis County Fair Board has stated that they are interested in the old Mineview Building. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion:

- **City Hall Building Condition**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske spoke to the City Council about the loose bricks that have fallen from the building and what the plans are moving forward to evaluate the potential for additional loose bricks to fall and for public safety.

- **HPU Contractor Dispute**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske and City Attorney Borland spoke about a dispute that HPU is having with one of its Contractors from 2023. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **South Hughes Rd. Project**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske spoke to the Council about the South Hughes Rd. Project. There were communication issues among other things and the Airport is looking for the City to contribute \$150,000 to the South Hughes Rd. Project; the City had an Engineers project estimate of \$90,000 to \$100,000. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **HHS 100 Year Celebration**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske spoke about the 100 year Celebration by the Highschool this summer and asked the Council if there were items that they would like to see addressed to make the City look neat and tidy when people come back to town for the celebrations. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **IT Options**

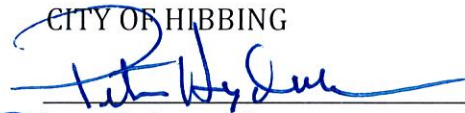
DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala stated that she wanted the Council to know that she has been looking at some other possible IT options for the City.

- **PSA – Walking on Sidewalk**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman asked if there could be a PSA made for safety to have Residents walk on sidewalks and not on the streets.

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

CITY OF HIBBING



Pete Hyduke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator