

**THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday July 24, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call Mayor Pete Hyduke, Councilor James Bayliss, Councilor Justin Fosso and Councilor Jay Hildenbrand. 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 Deputy Chief of Police Tyler Schwerzler. Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman, Councilor John Schweiberger, Councilor Chris Whitney and Chief of Police Steve Estey were absent.

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

Hull Rust Mineview Exhibition Update – Miriam Kero

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Betsy Olivanti and Miriam Kero spoke about and gave a presentation about the current plan and fundraising status of the exhibition space in the new Mineview Buildings. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors, Staff and Ms. Kero regarding this topic.

Job Description Change

DISCUSSION: Fire Chief Erik Jankila stated that there have been some internal discussions and they are going to be changing the Job Description of one of the three P.B.A. positions currently under the Police Department and move the position to the Fire Department. Fire Chief Jankila explained that they would be adjusting the Job Description to a Code Enforcement Supervisor; this position would handle rental code enforcement and blight and the two positions with the Police Department would handle parking and animal calls. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Mineral Amendment Update - \$1.15 million for housing and \$550k for Hull Rust Mine View

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Olivanti gave an update on the Mineral Amendment. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Yoder Project Update

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Olivanti gave a Yoder Project update; they have approached the City and are interested in purchasing the Vidovic Building that is

currently owned by H.E.D.A. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Land Use Planning Update

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Olivanti spoke to the Council about developing a Land Use Plan that aligns with the 2023 Strategic Plan that was adopted by the City Council. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Blight Update

DISCUSSION: Deputy Chief of Police Tyler Schwerzler gave the Council an update on the number of abandoned property administrative tickets that have been given out thus far in 2024. Deputy Chief of Police Schwerzler explained that they gave those that received a citation or ticket a chance to come into compliance during the June Community Clean-Up. Deputy Chief of Police Schwerzler the Council an update on the clean-up of blighted properties. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion:

- **Animal Shelter Grading Plan**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Greg Pruszinske and City Engineer Jesse Story spoke about what they've learned about the grading at the Animal Shelter. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Animal Feeding Ordinance**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bayliss stated that he has received some phone calls regarding the proposed Ordinance against feeding deer. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Red Rock Hotel**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bayliss asked Community Development Director Olivanti if there is any kind of update on an opening date for the hotel. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Public Comment**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Fosso stated that he feels that there needs to be better communication between Staff and the Council when someone speaks during Public Forum as to what has been done in regard to the topic they spoke about.

- **Trailer on Vacated Alley**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Fosso stated that a couple of weeks ago someone spoke during the Public Forum about a trailer on a vacated alley and he wondered if it was ever followed up on. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **2818 3rd Ave. East**

DISCUSSION: Deputy Chief of Police Tyler Schwerzler and City Attorney Andy Borland spoke about the property at 2818 3rd Ave. East and the complaints that have been received and followed up on. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Blighted Property on 39th Street**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Hyduke spoke about a blighted property on 39th Street between Hwy. 169 and 19th Street that was cleaned up last year and needs to be cleaned up again. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **2025 Alley Reconstruction Budget**

DISCUSSION: City Engineer Story explained that he needs to budget something for 2025 Alley Reconstruction. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Budgets**

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner stated that they have started to work on building the department requested budgets for 2025 and they will have those for the Council in August.

- **Lease Agreement**

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Mulner explained that they are working on drafting a Lease Agreement with Arrowhead because they will need a place to store their busses short term. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Parks**

DISCUSSION City Attorney Borland spoke briefly about parks within the City of Hibbing. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pete Hyduke adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

CITY OF HIBBING



Pete Hyduke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator