

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP AGENDA
Thursday, September 21, 2023
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Grote
- 2. Roll Call:** DeVries – Harris – Winge – Benson

Mayor Grote called to order the workshop for September 21, 2023 at 7:5 p.m. Councilmembers present: Benson, Devries, Harris and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Mark Kurth, Gambling Manager, Lexington Fire Relief

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss Restwood Avenue parking near Lexington Lofts

Petracek stated that we have been getting complaints on the parking on Restwood Road surrounding Lexington Lofts and provided background on the troubles with on-street parking surrounding Landings of Lexington. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Harris stated she feels Restwood Road is wide enough and does not need parking restrictions. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Benson also stated that he has no problem with residents of Lexington Lofts parking on public streets. Mayor Grote and Mark Kurth both stated that it is tough to get a fire apparatus through with parking on both sides of the streets. Discussion ensued.

The Council discussed the potential need to declare Restwood Road and Griggs Ave. surrounding Lexington Lofts a fire lane. The consensus of the Council was to ask the fire chief to attend a future workshop to discuss parking on Restwood Road and Griggs Ave., and the potential need for fire lanes.

- B. Discuss Charitable Gambling Ordinance 5.110 Legalized Gambling

Petracek explained the concerns of Lexington Fire Relief and the need to amend the ordinance allowing legalized charitable gambling in Lexington. Discussion ensued.

Mark Kurth, Gambling Manager, discussed the existing ordinance regulating charitable gambling and the restrictions that other communities place on outside gambling organizations ability to operate within their city limits. He discussed his conversation with the City of Lino Lakes, and Lexington Fire Relief's potential for operating in Don Julio's. He stated that Lino Lakes ordinance did not allow outside gambling organizations to operate within city limits. Discussion ensued.

Kurth is not suggesting to kick any gambling organization out of Lexington, he believes, after a conversation with the city administrator, that maybe a good approach is to allow local gambling organizations to have the "first right of refusal" for all local sites when gambling organizations leave the community. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Glaser discussed his concerns for this type of regulations on gambling organizations, but feels that protecting local gambling organizations is beneficial to the taxpayers of Lexington. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Glaser will provide a draft ordinance at a future meeting to capture what was discussed.

C. Discuss Revised Draft – Cannabis Use on Public Property

Councilmember Devries asked about the definitions of public grounds. Attorney Glaser stated that he used the definitions in the Cannabinoid Statute where the law does not cover sidewalks and roads. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Harris explained that she does not want smoking anywhere except on private property. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Glaser stated he would have the ordinance ready for the first reading at the next meeting.

4. Staff Input

No staff input.

5. Council Input

No Council input.

6. Adjourn

Councilmember Devries made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.