

Minutes
CITY OF LEXINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION 7:00 PM
&
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2019 - Immediately Following Public Hearing
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE

1. CALL TO ORDER: - Mayor Murphy

A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Harris, and Hughes

Mayor Murphy called to order the Truth in Taxation hearing for December 5th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Harris, and Hughes. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Brian Garin, Citizen; Bob Dedyne, Citizen; Joe Ackerman, Citizen; Brandon Winge, Citizen; Numerous Centennial High School students; Chris Frye, Quad Press Reporter.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: TRUTH IN TAXATION

A. Final 2020 Budget Recommendations

*Brian Garin
9064 Jackson Ave.
Lexington, MN*

Mr. Garin questioned why his taxes were going up 21% for the coming year. Petracek explained that the General Levy is only going up 3%, and that the 21% is the total amount being proposed for 2020 of all the taxing jurisdictions – School, County, City, and other taxing jurisdictions. He also explained that his property value assessment may have gone up, as well. Discussion ensued.

No other citizens were present.

3. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the Truth in Taxation hearing at 7:05 p.m. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY OF LEXINGTON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Murphy

A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Harris, and Hughes

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2. CITIZENS FORUM

*Brian Garin
9064 Jackson
Lexington, MN.*

Mr Garin asked if the Council is voting on zoning changes to allow the new apartments to be approved. Mayor Murphy explained that the City Council is voting to send an ordinance that requires the 4/5's majority vote of the Council for zoning requests to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation, as well as the Lexington Lofts plans. Discussion ensued.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Airport (Mayor Murphy) – *Mayor Murphy had nothing to report.*
- B. Cable Commission (Mayor Murphy) – *Mayor Murphy had nothing to report.*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek stated that John, Mike, and Diane are signed up for the January 24th and 25th City Council advanced training.*

Petracek also added that staff has restarted discussions with O'Reilly's on their expansion project, and they will be coming to the Council requesting an extension on their preliminary plat. Devries asked if it needed to go to the Planning Commission. Petracek explained if the Council requires them to go through the process again, yes; they will be bringing a request for extension to the Council in January, tentatively.

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Council Workshop meeting synopsis – November 21, 2019
- B. United States Census 2020
- C. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Report – 11-12 -19 /11-26-19

No discussion on Letters and Communications

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – November 21, 2019
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 13643 through 13649
Check #'s 45610 through 45660
Check #'s 12910 through 12927
Check #'s 12928 through 12931

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Resolution NO. 19-24 – A Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvements – Jackson Ave.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 19-24 – A Resolution Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvements – Jackson Ave. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Recommendation to Approve Resolution NO. 19-25 – A Resolution Adopting Final 2020 Operating Budget for the City Of Lexington.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 19-25 – A Resolution Adopting Final 2020 Operating Budget for the City Of Lexington. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Recommendation to Approve Resolution NO. 19-26 – A Resolution Certifying the 2019 Tax Levy Collectable in 2020.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 19-26 – A Resolution Certifying the 2019 Tax Levy Collectable in 2020. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Recommendation to Send the Proposed Lexington Lofts Development Plans Back to the Planning & Zoning Commission for Further Review.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to send the Proposed Lexington Lofts Development Plans Back to the Planning & Zoning Commission for Further Review. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. Recommendation to Send Ordinance 11.20 Subdiv. 4 – Zoning Amendments to the Planning & Zoning Commission for Review.

Attorney Glaser explained that the State of Minnesota changed the law requiring a 4/5's majority vote of the Council to approve zoning amendments in 2001. He stated at the time city staff and the City Council did not want to change this provision in the ordinance to mimic State Law. He explained that other cities in the vicinity have changed their ordinances to a simple majority vote of the Council to approve zoning requests. Discussion ensued.

Glaser also explained that this ordinance can also be changed without a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries asked that if the Planning Commission does not make recommendation on this ordinance, that it should be placed on the next workshop for discussion.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to send Ordinance 11.20 Subdiv. 4 – Zoning Amendments to the Planning & Zoning Commission for Review. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- F. Recommendation to Approve Voluntary Cost Sharing Agreement for Anoka County Economic Development.

Councilmember Hughes made a recommendation to approve Voluntary Cost Sharing Agreement for Anoka County Economic Development. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries reminded residents of the Park Board's annual christmas lights judging. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Harris stated she appreciated the signs for keeping snowmobiles on the roads, but explained that they are still driving on her front lawn. Discussion ensued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.