

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP SYNOPSIS
Thursday, July 16, 2020
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Murphy
- 2. Roll Call:** DeVries – Harris – Hughes – Winge

Mayor Murphy called to order the workshop for July 16, 2020 at 8:27 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Harris, Hughes, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director.

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss
 - Dunlap Parking Issues

Petracek provided the Council an update on what Dominion is doing to address the parking issues at Landings of Lexington. He explained that they have lowered their monthly parking fees for underground parking from \$90.00/month to \$65.00/month and doing whatever they can to get underground parking spaces rented. He added that they currently have 105 stalls rented in their underground parking. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Murphy stated that the Somali Community doesn't feel welcome in Lexington; he had to respond to some of their comments on social media. Discussion ensued. Mayor Murphy also stated that C.A.R.E.S organization isn't giving up and is demanding that the City do something about the parking. Discussion ensued.

Petracek provided a concept plan for additional parking spaces on Lovell Road that Dominion is considering proposing if the City Council is agreeable. Councilmember Hughes stated that he is against additional parking on Lovell Road; he doesn't feel the City should be required to provide more parking for Landings of Lexington. He added that additional parking on Lovell Road would cause traffic congestion and snow plowing issues in the wintertime. Discussion ensued.

The City Council discussed the police report on calls and parking violations at Landing of Lexington to date. Councilmember Winge stated that there have been approximately 7 vehicles parking on Lovell Road near his house. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Murphy asked the city attorney about Landings of Lexington violating their conditional use permit (CUP) and planned unit development (PUD) and a potential legal challenge that Dominion

didn't disclose that they were going to charge for underground parking. Attorney Glaser responded that a public hearing would be held notifying that they are in violation of their CUP and PUD and move forward with legal action to pull their CUP. He added if they were successful with their legal action, they would be required to cease operations if the CUP is pulled by the court. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Murphy asked the Council if they should give the city attorney the authority to bring legal action against Dominion. Attorney Glaser explained the best way to start is to send them a letter giving them a certain amount of time to rectify problems.

Councilmember Harris stated that Dominion owes a lot of people apologies and the tenants at Landings of Lexington deserve more respect than what they are getting from Dominion. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Glaser suggested formulating a written letter to Dominion to inform them of their misdeeds asking to not charge for parking. Petracek asked that they hold off on having the city attorney threaten legal action and let staff work with Dominion. Petracek stated he is afraid that the communication between Dominion and the City would cease and that wouldn't be good right now, as we are working through these issues with them. Attorney Glaser concurred and suggested waiting and let staff try to work with Dominion to solve these issues. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Hughes suggested not allowing them to lease the rest of their apartments until they resolve these issues. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Murphy added we should give Dominion 30 days to resolve the issues or legal action would be taken. He also added can we pass a Resolution condemning the processes Dominion is taking to charge for underground parking. Attorney Glaser said that the Council could adopt a Resolution of that nature. He added that "that is politics." Discussion ensued. Petracek stated they would work on a Resolution for the next Council meeting.

4. Staff Input

None.

5. Council Input

None

6. Adjourn

Councilmember Hughes made motion to adjourn the workshop at 9:48 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.