

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LAKE ST CROIX BEACH
16455 20th STREET SOUTH
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

February 8, 2016

AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVE AGENDA**

4. **CONSENT AGENDA** Roll Call Vote. *(Consent Agenda items, listed on the following page, are defined as routine business, not requiring discussion and approved by a roll call vote. Councilmembers may elect to pull a Consent Agenda item(s) for discussion and/or separate action)*

5. **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Visitors may share their comments or concerns on **any issue** that is a responsibility or function of the City Council of Lake St. Croix Beach, not an issue as listed on this agenda. Persons who wish to address the City Council must fill out a comment card before the meeting begins and give it to the City Clerk or City staff. The mayor will ask you to come to the podium, state your name and address, and present your comments. Your presentation will be limited to no more than 3 minutes. The mayor reserves the right to limit an individual's presentation if it becomes redundant, repetitive, overly argumentative, or if it is not relevant to an issue that is part of the City Council's responsibilities. The mayor may also limit the number of individual presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items)

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6. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

- A. Law Enforcement
- B. Animal Control
- C. Emergency Response and Fire
- D. Code Enforcement

7. **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

- A. City Engineer Parotti
- B. City Attorney Sandstrom
- C. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler
- D. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar
 - 1. February Claims

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution 2016-04, A Resolution Supporting Proposed Legislation to Authorize the County of Washington to Confer Economic Development Powers Upon the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority
- B. Agreement Between Washington Conservation District and the City of Lake St. Croix Beach
- C. City Council Meeting Protocol
- D. City Council Code of Conduct

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Cable Commission

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- A.

11. **COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Councilmember Brown
 - Cable Commission
- B. Councilmember Kline
 - Park Commission
- C. Councilmember Reiter
 - Environmental Advisory Commission
- D. Councilmember Unker
 - Afton Wastewater Treatment System
- E. Mayor McCarthy
 - Veterans Memorial
 - Sentenced-To-Service (STS)
 - Planning Commission
 - Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization
 - Lower St. Croix Valley Partnership Team

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Approve the minutes of the City Council Worksession on January 9, 2016 as presented. *(Copy attached)*
- B. Approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on January 11, 2016 as presented. *(Copy attached)*
- C. Approve the expenditure of \$485 for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar and City Clerk-Administrator Susan Schuler to attend the MCFOA Annual Conference (March 15-18, 2016 in St. Cloud) and the expenditure for the cost of hotel accommodations.
- D. Approve donation from American Legion Post 491 Bayport for gambling proceeds in the amount of \$444.19.

Consent Agenda

**CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH
16455 20TH STREET SOUTH
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom McCarthy, Charles W. Brown, Michelle Kline, Cindie Reiter, Jim Unker

STAFF PRESENT: Katie Kranz, John Parotti, Susan Schuler, Amy Truhlar

OTHERS PRESENT: Dolly Burns, Barb Kopp, Jon Place, Becky Brewster

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor McCarthy at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was said.

APPROVE AGENDA Agenda Item 3

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA Agenda Item 4

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION ON DECEMBER 21, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 21, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO APPROVE THE 2016 HERITAGE DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016, AND DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH THE PARK COMMISSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION/RECYCLE COMMITTEE TO MAKE THE USUAL ARRANGEMENTS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR, AND DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER AS ELIGIBLE SIGNERS AT THE STATE OF MINNESOTA SURPLUS SERVICES FACILITY IN ARDEN HILLS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Agenda Item 5

There were no comments from the public.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS Agenda Item 6

Deputy Sullivan reported 23 calls to law enforcement in the month of December. There was one citation issued. There was a stolen vehicle recovery, which was tied to several stolen vehicles out of St. Mary's Point. Final numbers are in for 2015, and there were 461 calls for service to Lake St. Croix Beach in 2015. There were 3,612 calls for service in the Lower St. Croix Valley. There were 32,944 calls for service in Washington County in 2015.

Councilmember Brown noted that the animal report for December listed 5 lost dogs, 1 found dog, and 1 found cat. No warning letters were sent in December.

Jim Stanley, Deputy Chief of the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department, reported 24 calls in December, 4 of which were in Lake St. Croix Beach. He will have year-end totals at the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Reiter asked for a total of fire calls vs. medical at the next meeting. Mr. Stanley noted that it is typically 75 – 80% medical calls.

CITY STAFF REPORTS Agenda Item 7

CITY ENGINEER PAROTTI (7A)

John Parotti, City Engineer with SEH, reported that he will be meeting with staff on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 to look at some records to determine if they contain any information on existing easements for the 21st Street levee. He has a meeting set up on January 21, 2016 with representatives from Xcel Energy to begin discussions regarding utility pole relocation.

The flood damage restoration project sites #1 and #2 are complete. Reimbursement has been requested. He reminded the City Council that phase 2 of this project will be completed in the spring. Phase 2 includes planting in cooperation with the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (WMO). Money has been set aside for the work.

City Engineer Parotti noted that there were plans for street reconstruction in 2015, but those plans were changed to 2016. The estimated cost for the work in 2016 is \$134,000. Estimated costs for work scheduled for 2017 is \$158,000. The projects planned are to reconstruct a portion of Quebec Avenue South between 20th Street South and Upper 21st Street South, 21st Street South from Queens Avenue South to the dead end, and Upper 21st Street South between Queens Avenue South and Quebec Avenue South. He suggested a worksession or a meeting with the Councilmembers responsible for streets to determine how to best proceed with these projects. Councilmember Reiter stated that some of the streets are shared with St. Mary's Point and asked how that would be handled. Mr. Parotti noted that St. Mary's Point City Council has identified projects for their city and is waiting to hear of Lake St. Croix Beach's decision.

Engineer Parotti explained that the first step is to get direction from the City Council on how much of the work, if not all of it, fits into the 2016 budget. After that is

determined, the scope of the project will be known and surveys can be ordered. Surveys will not be done until the ground is thawed and snow is gone. After the surveys, designs and bid documents can be prepared. Therefore, bids will most likely be performed in May – June. If the city has the funds to do larger projects, better prices can be obtained. Projects for multiple years can be bid together with separated or combined bids. Mr. Parotti will work with staff to set up a meeting date.

CITY ATTORNEY SANDSTROM (7B)

City Attorney Katie Kranz was present in place of Mr. Sandstrom, who was out of town. There was nothing further to report.

CITY CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR SCHULER (7C)

City Clerk-Administrator Susan Schuler reported that the reimbursement for the bluffland restoration has been applied for. The funding has been granted, and the city should receive the money soon. She also reported that she had met with Richard Glasgow, Chair of the Cable Commission, on January 8, 2016. She will be presenting some information at the February City Council meeting. The city has received a check for \$1,681.64 from the Cable Commission, the total of the funds previously returned to the Cable Commission.

Ms. Schuler suggested three worksessions: in-house training for all commissions/committees and the City Council to review duties and processes; review all Joint Powers Agreements (JPA) and franchise agreements; and one with the Planning Commission, the WMO, and the City Council to discuss the Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) ordinance before the Public Hearing. In regards to the worksession with the WMO, Councilmember Reiter asked when the Valley Branch Watershed Boundary Updates would be complete. City Engineer Parotti explained that no firm dates have yet been announced, but he would check with them again for an updated timeline. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that she would be attending the first meetings of all commissions/committees of the year to administer the oaths of office and to provide a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities of each commission/committee. She provided two Codes of Conduct and a City Council meeting protocol for City Council review. These will be discussed further at the February City Council meeting.

DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER TRUHLAR (7D)

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Amy Truhlar presented the bills for the month totaling \$19,431.60. Mayor McCarthy noted a bill for Comcast and asked what the city received for free from Comcast. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the bill was for the phone lines. The city receives free internet service and basic cable TV services.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, TO APPROVE THE DISBURSEMENTS AS PRESENTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$19,431.60. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS Agenda Item 8

RESOLUTION 2016-01, A RESOLUTION OF ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS FOR 2016 (8A)

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reviewed the list of Council Duties and Responsibilities and the Appointment List for 2016 as discussed at the Saturday, January 9, 2016 City Council worksession. Councilmember Unker stated he works every Wednesday night, so he could not be City Council Liaison to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Reiter noted that due to health issues, she needs to withdraw from some duties. Mayor McCarthy stated he would be the City Council Liaison to the Planning Commission, and Councilmember Kline stated she would be the alternate. Councilmember Unker stated he had no interest in being part of the Cable Commission and noted that those meetings also were held on Wednesdays. Councilmember Brown reluctantly accepted that position with Mayor McCarthy as the alternate.

Councilmember Reiter noted that at the worksession Mayor McCarthy had stated that Brad Peters had brought \$84,000 into the city. She asked him what he was referring to and what it had been for. Mayor McCarthy stated that he did not have that information at this time and would bring it to the next City Council meeting.

MOTION BY MAYOR MCCARTHY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-01, A RESOLUTION OF ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS FOR 2016 WITH THE APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS AS AMENDED. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – NAY, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

RESOLUTION 2016-02, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2016 CITY FEES (8B)

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the only change to the 2016 fee schedule was the removal of the special charges listed for different portions of the city ordinances. Copies of portions requested would be charged on a per page basis. Councilmember Unker asked if there had been an increase to the boat permit fee. Although Councilmember Reiter had suggested an increase, there was no change.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-02, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2016 CITY FEES. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

RESOLUTION 2016-03, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATORY POWER WITH US BANK FOR THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH (8C)

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that this resolution authorized those who could sign for checks issued by the city. Mayor McCarthy, Deputy Mayor Brown, City Clerk-Administrator Schuler, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Truhlar were listed on the resolution.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-03, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATORY POWER WITH US BANK FOR THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH. THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: UNKER – AYE, REITER – AYE, KLINE – AYE, BROWN – AYE, MCCARTHY – AYE.

ANNUAL TORT LIABILITY LIMIT DESIGNATION (8D)

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that the tort liability limit designation is done annually. The city typically does not waive the tort liability limit.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER REITER, SECONDED BY MAYOR MCCARTHY, TO NOT WAIVE THE MONETARY LIMITS ON MUNICIPAL TORT LIABILITY ESTABLISHED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 466.04. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Agenda Item 9

FIRE DEPARTMENT SIGN DONATION (9A)

Mayor McCarthy explained that the Fire Department has asked the cities for donations to help with the costs of their new sign. He felt that the city should donate something, as the other 4 cities had done (Afton, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, St. Mary's Point). He provided the donations of the other cities, although he noted that he had not been able to confirm the amount donated by the City of Afton.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY MAYOR MCCARTHY, TO AUTHORIZE A DONATION OF \$1,500 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR NEW LED SIGN.

City Clerk-Administrator Schuler reported that the city received the replacement check from the Cable Commission for the one that was returned because of the memo line. The amount of the check was \$1,681.64. Councilmember Unker noted that they had budgeted a certain amount for donations and asked whether this money had been included in the budgeted amount. The city did not budget any money for the donation to the fire sign. Councilmember Unker stated he was glad this was the city's decision to make, and not the Cable Commission's decision.

There was discussion regarding where the money would come from since it was not budgeted for. Councilmember Unker asked how the amount had been decided upon.

MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 NAY (REITER).

Councilmember Reiter explained that she voted no on the donation because she had voted no for the sign.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS Agenda Item 11

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN (11A)

Councilmember Brown reported that the Cable Commission met on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, and they will vote to transfer excess funds to the 5 cities for the entire

year at the next meeting. The Central Valley Cable Agreement has been extended through June 2016. This includes local channels 14, 15, 16, and 18. Central Valley Cable is increasing fees substantially, and the Cable Commission is considering options. Fees have not been increased in many years. Councilmember Unker suggested holding on to the channels if possible. It was noted that the 5 cities are subscribers to those channels, Valley Access owns them. Councilmember Unker suggested running the channels out of the Lakeland Water Utility because cable television is a utility. Councilmember Reiter pointed out that originally, the franchise fees were going to be used to set up a station and broadcast for Lower St. Croix Valley area. When that did not happen, the Cable Commission was set up so the franchise fees could be distributed to the cities. A data request was submitted to the Cable Commission from the City of Lake St. Croix Beach for the financials for the past two years.

Councilmember Brown and City Clerk-Administrator Schuler are exploring new options for website hosting and domain names.

COUNCILMEMBER KLINE (11B)

Nothing further to report.

COUNCILMEMBER REITER (11C)

Councilmember Reiter reported that once the School Carnival date is known, a meeting of the Environmental Advisory Commission will be set up. The next WMO meeting is on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

COUNCILMEMBER UNKER (11D)

Councilmember Unker reported that the city has not been allowed as a consulting party regarding the Afton Wastewater Treatment System. He sent a letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) explaining his unhappiness with that decision. Jim Golden has reported to him that multiple tribes have submitted documents stating their opposition to the system moving forward. This may create further delays for the City of Afton.

MAYOR MCCARTHY (11E)

Mayor McCarthy reported that Sentenced-To-Service (STS) crews were in the city clearing the bike path, burning brush, and performing work at City Hall. City Clerk-Administrator Schuler explained that STS crews are scheduled every two weeks in the city this year and asked Councilmembers to submit projects to her. Councilmember Unker suggested sandbags around the mailboxes where large puddles form in the spring.

Heritage Day, held in conjunction with Night to Unite (formerly National Night Out), is the first Tuesday in August. Mayor McCarthy noted that he often sees St. Mary's Point residents attending the event. He suggested making the event a two-city event. It was noted that St. Mary's Point holds their City Council meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, so they would need to change the date of their meeting if this were to occur. Councilmember Reiter noted that St. Mary's Point has already approved their regular meeting schedule. She also pointed out that Lake St. Croix Beach budgets for this, so it should be for the residents.

Councilmember Unker asked about the Veterans Memorial. Mayor McCarthy reported that two flags have been installed. The Yellow Ribbon Alliance is raising money for another flag pole, which will be taller than the other two, for the American

flag. The Yellow Ribbon Alliance also wants to raise enough money to use electricity at the site to light the flags at night.

ADJOURNMENT Agenda Item 12

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINE, TO ADJOURN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:09 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Thomas McCarthy, Mayor

Susan Schuler, City Clerk-Administrator

**CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH
16455 20th STREET SOUTH
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

January 9, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom McCarthy, Charles Brown, Michelle Kline, Cindie Reiter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Unker

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Schuler, Amy Truhlar

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Place

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor McCarthy at 9:08 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was said

LEGAL ISSUES Agenda Item 3

City Clerk-Administrator Susan Schuler presented a memo from City Attorney Kevin Sandstrom, who was not in attendance at the worksession. The memo reviewed Open Meeting Law, the Data Practices Act, the Gift Law, Contracts With the City, and Code Enforcement. She stated that she would be giving this information to all commission/committee members as this applies to them as well. It was noted that any notes that a City Councilmember takes at meetings are subject to the Data Practices Act. A Code of Conduct for the City Council and Protocols for running the City Council meetings will be discussed at the February City Council meeting. Economic Development Authority officers will be appointed at the February City Council meeting. Washington County Housing Redevelopment Authority will be attending the February City Council meeting to discuss Washington County EDA.

CITY COUNCIL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS Agenda Item 4 and Agenda Item 5

The City Council discussed the duties and responsibilities that Mayor McCarthy had suggested for each Councilmember and what duties and responsibilities each Councilmember would prefer. The City Council also discussed the appointments Mayor McCarthy was suggesting for the other commissions and committees. Councilmember Reiter requested that minutes from every meeting be included in the City Council packets each month.

2016 CITY FEES Agenda Item 6

The City Council discussed 2016 City Fees. No changes to the fee schedule were made. The costs for copies of code sections were removed. If copies of the code are requested, they will be charged on a per page basis.

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES CONFERENCE Agenda Item 7

None of the City Councilmembers decided to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Conference for Experienced Officials.

ADJOURNMENT Agenda Item 8

The City Council adjourned the City Council Workshop at 10:48 a.m.

Tom McCarthy, Mayor

Susan Schuler, City Clerk-Administrator

Public Safety Reports

Washington County Sheriff's Office
 CONTRACT ICR's
 Contract Report for LAKE ST CROIX BEACH
 For the Period 1/01/16 To 1/31/16

| Date | Time | ICR # | ID# | Street Name | Complaint |
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| 1/04/16 | 14:22:57 | 116000375 | 0077 | UPPER 20TH ST | THEFT OF LICENSE PLATE |
| 1/05/16 | 9:29:59 | 116000448 | 0130 | QUARRY AV | MEDICAL LEVEL 1 **REST |
| 1/05/16 | 20:14:50 | 116000559 | 1209 | 17TH ST | FOUND PROPERTY |
| 1/07/16 | 22:39:44 | 116000816 | 0176 | QUEBEC AV | TRAFFIC |
| 1/08/16 | 12:28:01 | 116000896 | 0172 | 17TH ST | |
| 1/11/16 | 18:40:23 | 116001289 | 0176 | 19TH ST | PUBLIC ASSIST |
| 1/11/16 | 18:50:44 | 116001292 | 0176 | 20TH ST | CITY COUNCIL MEETING |
| 1/12/16 | 8:26:47 | 116001325 | 0100 | RAMADA AV | OFFICERS INFO |
| 1/13/16 | 10:38:27 | 116001490 | 0085 | QUINLAN AV | FRAUD REPORT |
| 1/14/16 | 10:17:34 | 116001623 | 0130 | UPPER 22ND ST | VEHICLE LOCKOUT |
| 1/14/16 | 14:00:14 | 116001650 | | 18TH ST | CIVIL PROCESS CASE |
| 1/17/16 | 15:41:39 | 116001942 | 0160 | SAINT CROIX TR | TRAFFIC |
| 1/19/16 | 15:53:59 | 116002166 | 0084 | QUEBEC AV | FRAUD REPORT **REST |
| 1/20/16 | 10:46:44 | 116002257 | 0100 | QUINLAN AV | OFFICERS INFO |
| 1/21/16 | 12:29:30 | 116002410 | | 18TH ST | CIVIL PROCESS CASE |
| 1/21/16 | 14:26:32 | 116002431 | 0096 | RIVIERA AV | MEDICAL LEVEL 1 |
| 1/21/16 | 19:22:45 | 116002474 | 0091 | QUENTIN AV | ATV COMPLAINT |
| 1/23/16 | 1:49:15 | 116002651 | 0070 | SAINT CROIX TR | 911 OPEN |
| 1/23/16 | 17:12:16 | 116002695 | 0061 | SAINT CROIX BEA | SCAM REPORT |
| 1/24/16 | 11:42:43 | 116002753 | 0160 | SAINT CROIX TR | VEHICLE LOCKOUT |
| 1/25/16 | 22:26:08 | 116002947 | 0091 | QUINLAN AV | DRIVING COMPLAINT |
| 1/26/16 | 13:14:31 | 116003020 | 0151 | SAINT CROIX TR | BASIC SPEED/LEVEL 2 INSPECTION |
| 1/26/16 | 15:11:46 | 116003039 | 0084 | ST CROIX BEACH | ACCIDENT |
| 1/26/16 | 19:54:49 | 116003071 | 0176 | QUEBEC AV | FAMILY ASSIST |
| 1/27/16 | 9:43:00 | 116003117 | 1264 | QUELLO AV | AUD ALARM |
| 1/28/16 | 12:50:37 | 116003314 | | SAINT CROIX TR | FIRE TONE - DETAIL |
| 1/28/16 | 20:38:37 | 116003377 | 0139 | RIVIERA AV | ACCIDENT - NO INJURIES |
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Washington County Sheriff's Office
CITATIONS BY CITY REPORT

City Selected: LAKE ST CROIX BEACH

From Date: 1/01/2016 To: 1/31/2016

** END OF REPORT **

Lower St Croix Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting Minutes December 9, 2015

Next Meeting Dates: *Committees* – Dec 28, 2015; *Board* – Jan 13, 2016; *Special Board Meeting* – Dec 29, 2015.

Present: Dick Bend, Joe Freesmeier, Dick Glasgow, Pete Granat, Don James, Randy Nelson, Jim Stanton, Sally Thompson, Tom Wilson, Gary Williams.

Also present: Tom Niedzwiecki, Kris Peterson, Jim Stanley, Tom McCarthy.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Jim Stanton called meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Agenda Approval.** Add “2015 Fire Department Officers” under Fire Department Report. Chair Stanton approved Agenda with addition.
3. **Meeting Minutes Approval.** Motion by Don James, seconded by Gary Williams to approve Minutes of November 11, 2015 as presented. M/C by unanimous vote.
4. **Treasure/Accountant Report** – Tom Niedzwiecki. *Monthly Financials.* Accountant Tom Niedzwiecki reviewed Financial Reports November 2015 with Board. Chair Stanton approved Financial Reports November 2015 as presented. *Monthly Bills.* Add Checks #13000 Physio-Control \$200.00, #13001 Def Link \$146.45, #13002 WEX Bank fuel \$19.00, #130003 Becker fire safety \$316.87, #13004 Foreman Fire \$5550.00. Check #12984 EMC Fire \$34,954.00 will be voided until we get final bill. Motion by Gary Williams, seconded by Tom Wilson to approve checks #12981-30004, with #12984 voided, and auto-payments #29152001-201512026 totaling \$33,050.48. M/C by unanimous vote.
5. **Finance Committee** – Tom Wilson. Reviewed estimate for new Rescue Tool. Total cost, \$34,954 is within approved amount. This includes estimated amount of \$9,265 for an additional battery operated tool that will be funded by Mason Trust. #4153 New Pickup - \$51,000 approved, \$50,069.22 as been spent, with one item left to purchase (box tonneau cover \$300+/-). Fire Department has requested pay scale for Probationary Fire Fighters be changed to compensate them at ½ scale until probation is complete to insure completion of required training and then receive a bonus of an appropriate amount, TBD. An Assistant Chief position has been open for some time and has now been filled by Rob Corey. *Refund Building ... *Notice of Special Board Mtg Dec. 28 @ 8pm.* WCHRA will submit bond offering to local and regional banks, acknowledge bank proposals, determine winning bid and get back to us for final approval. We will need full Board at Dec 29, 2015 meeting for this approval, as we need a quorum.
6. **Operations Committee.** No report.
7. **Ambulance Committee** – Sally Thompson. We should know after the first of January whether there is any survey we can review. At the time we will

recommend a rate increase. Last rate increase over 18 months ago. CPR training with a minimal charge will be offered to citizens and groups. This will be a break-even class. Equipment has been purchased through the Mason Trust, as these items were not in out budget.

8. **Fire Department Report** – Kris Peterson. *Monthly Run Report*. 29 Runs. Afton (9), Hudson (2), I94 (5), Lakeland (7), Lakeland Shores (1), Lake St Croix Beach (5). *District Concerns*. Appreciation Dinner is January 15, 2016. \$2000 to be approved at January 2016 meeting for Appreciation Dinner. *Clearwater Conference Report*. Jim Stanley and Kris Peterson attended Clearwater Conference. They reported that it was a good conference. There was a class on recruitment retention. This is a national issue. Here – fire fighters have left for various reasons – relocated, got a new job, got pregnant, personal reasons, etc. *2016 Fire Department Officers*. Officers for approval: Chief – Kris Peterson (12-31-18), Deputy Chief – Jim Stanley (12-31-17), Deputy Chief – Rob Corey (12-31-16), Captain – Steve Fogarty (12-31-17), Captain – Kevin Kirby (12-31-17), Lieutenant – Adam Stafne (12-31-17), Dive Team Lead – Mike Cruz (12-31-17), Admin Assistant – Megan Kleinschmidt (12-31-17). Motion by Jim Stanton, seconded by Tom Wilson to approve 2016 Fire Department Officers as presented. M/C by unanimous vote.
9. **Old Business**. *I94 Legislation*. No report. *LSCVFD Exterior Sign*. We have an approval of variance for CUP from Lake St Croix Beach. Sign has been ordered.
10. **New Business**. *Lower St Croix Valley Alliance Meeting Approval 4:30-6:00 pm, January 25, 2016*. Motion by Dick Glasgow, seconded by Tom Wilson to approve meeting of LSCVA on January 25, 2016 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. M/C by unanimous vote. *Election of Board Treasurer Replacement*. This was Peter Granat's last meeting as a member of the Board. He is resigning at the end of the year due to physical health reasons. Pete was a fire fighter for 21 years and has been a Board member for 17 years. We are sorry to see him go. Motion by Don James, seconded by Tom Wilson to elect Dick Bend as Treasurer effective January 1, 2016. There were 9 votes in favor and one abstention.
11. **Adjourn**. Motion by Tom Wilson, seconded by Sally Thompson to adjourn. M/C by unanimous vote.

Respectfully yours,

Sally Thompson
Secretary

District Run Summary

| Incident Number (FD1.5) | Incident Date (FD1.3) | Fire Incident Type | Incident Street Number (FD1.10) | Incident Street Name (FD1.12) | Incident Street Type (FD1.13) | Incident Street Suffix (FD1.14) | Incident Time | Incident District/Zone | Incident Aid Given Or Received |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 15401 | 12/3/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 14708 | 57th | ST | S | 16:16 | AFT | None |
| 15402 | 12/4/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 2747 | Itasca | AVE | S | 13:06 | SMP | None |
| 15403 | 12/4/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 13115 | 50th | ST | S | 16:21 | AFT | None |
| 15404 | 12/5/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 2060 | Quarry | AVE | | 17:02 | LSB | None |
| 15405 | 12/5/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 80 | Quamwell | AVE | S | 18:37 | LKD | None |
| 15406 | 12/7/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 3296 | Pennington | AVE | S | 21:39 | AFT | None |
| 15407 | 12/9/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 16830 | 21st | ST | S | 09:46 | LSB | None |
| 15408 | 12/10/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 1151 | Rivercrest | RD | N | 19:22 | LKD | None |
| 15409 | 12/15/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 21 | Quamwell | AVE | S | 21:35 | LKD | None |
| 15410 | 12/16/15 | Power line down | 3000 | Neal | AVE | | 10:35 | AFT | None |
| 15411 | 12/16/15 | Dispatched and cancelled en route | 2183 | Stagecoach | TRL | S | 11:17 | AFT | None |
| 15412 | 12/16/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 453 | Queenan | AVE | S | 22:29 | LKD | None |
| 15413 | 12/17/15 | Fire in motor home, camper, recreational vehicle | 1840 | Quentin | AVE | S | 09:53 | LSB | None |
| 15414 | 12/17/15 | HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat | 3291 | St. Croix | TRL | | 17:26 | AFT | None |
| 15415 | 12/18/15 | Cover assignment, standby, moveup | 301 | 2nd | AVE | | 10:22 | BPT | Mutual aid given |
| 15416 | 12/18/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 2489 | Itasca | AVE | | 19:59 | SMP | None |
| 15417 | 12/21/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 16121 | 6th | ST | N | 12:35 | LKD | None |

| Incident Number (FD1.5) | Incident Date (FD1.3) | Fire Incident Type | Incident Street Number (FD1.10) | Incident Street Name (FD1.12) | Incident Street Type (FD1.13) | Incident Street Suffix (FD1.14) | Incident Time | Incident District/Zone | Incident Aid Given Or Received |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 15418 | 12/23/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 15601 | 36th | ST | S | 20:41 | AFT | None |
| 15419 | 12/25/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 14140 | 44th | ST | S | 13:28 | AFT | None |
| 15420 | 12/26/15 | No incident found on arrival at dispatch address | 13404 | 15th | ST | S | 18:07 | AFT | None |
| 15421 | 12/27/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 14107 | Hudson | RD | | 09:47 | AFT | None |
| 15422 | 12/28/15 | Building fire | 16780 | 16th | ST | S | 20:20 | LSB | None |
| 15423 | 12/30/15 | No incident found on arrival at dispatch address | 14521 | Afton Boulevard | | S | 03:09 | AFT | None |
| 15424 | 12/30/15 | EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 14521 | Afton Boulevard | | S | 03:45 | AFT | None |

Report Criteria

Incident Date (Fd1.3): Is On or After 12/1/2015

Incident Date (Fd1.3): Is On or Before 12/31/2015

| Districts | Total |
|--------------------|-----------|
| AFT | 12 |
| BPT | 1 |
| LKD | 5 |
| LSB | 4 |
| SMP | 2 |
| Grand Total | 24 |

| Incident Type | Count |
|--|-----------|
| 1 Fire | |
| Building fire (111) | 1 |
| Fire in motor home, camper, recreational vehicle (122) | 1 |
| | 2 |
| 3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident | |
| EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury (321) | 16 |
| | 16 |
| 4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire) | |
| Power line down (444) | 1 |
| | 1 |
| 5 Service Call | |
| Cover assignment, standby, moveup (571) | 1 |
| | 1 |
| 6 Good Intent Call | |
| Dispatched and cancelled en route (611) | 1 |
| No incident found on arrival at dispatch address (622) | 2 |
| HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat (671) | 1 |
| | 4 |
| Total Incident Count: | 24 |

Mutual Aid

| Given | Incidents |
|--------------|-----------|
| BAYPORT | 1 |
| Total | 1 |

| Received Incidents | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Total | 0 |

Lower St Croix Valley Fire Protection District Special Board Meeting
December 29, 2015

Present: Dick Bend, Joe Freesmeier, Dick Glasgow, Randy Nelson, Jim Stanton, Sally Thompson, Gary Williams, Tom Wilson.

Also present: Tom Niedzwiecki; Kris Peterson; Jim Stanley; Melissa Taphorn, Deputy Executive Director of Washington County Housing & Redevelopment Authority; Bruce Kimmel, Senior Municipal Advisor/Director for Washington County Housing & Redevelopment Authority.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Jim Stanton called meeting to order.
2. **Agenda.** Approval of Resolution 2015-01.
3. **Old Business.** Chair Stanton introduced Bruce Kimmel, Senior Municipal Advisor/Director for HRA whom has been working with our attorney on this resolution. He looked at our existing bonds and advised that a limited offering would be the best approach. An RP went out to 10 banks that had an interest in this type of financing. The resulting Bid Tabulation shows Bremer Bank, N.A., St. Louis Park, Minnesota with the lowest bid. Price at \$765,000 and rate of 1.4178%. Final numbers at closing on January 20, 2016 may be slightly different, but are expected to be below \$765,000. Savings on bond payments will be approximately \$10,000 a year for the next 8 years. Savings to each of the Cities is expected to be approximately: Afton (\$5,561), Lakeland (\$2,595), Lakeland Shores (\$544), Lake St Croix Beach (\$1,315), St Mary's Point (\$684). HRA has passed a resolution regarding this bond sale. Chair Stanton and our attorney have reviewed the resolution and it has their approval. Motion by Tom Wilson and seconded by Dick Bend that Resolution 2015-01 be approved as written which basically says that we are approving the \$775,000 with a rate of 1.5% as a max. A roll call vote was taken. Bend – Aye, Freesmeier – Aye, Glasgow – Aye, Nelson – Aye, Stanton – Aye, Thompson – Aye, Williams – Aye, Wilson - Aye. M/C by unanimous vote.
4. **Adjourn.** Motion by Dick Glasgow, seconded by Tom Wilson to adjourn. M/C by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Thompson
Secretary

Date range: 01/12/2016 to 02/05/2016

| Vendor | Date | Check # | Total | Description | Void | Account # | Detail |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|------|---|--|
| Schuler, Susan | 01/15/2016 | DD25600 | \$1,556.67 | Payroll - PPE 12/31/2015 | No | 100-41400-100 | \$1,556.67 |
| TRUHLAR, AMY | 01/15/2016 | DD25601 | \$1,310.20 | Payroll - PPE 12/31/2015 | No | 100-41400-100 | \$1,310.20 |
| Brown, Charles | 01/15/2016 | DD25602 | \$110.64 | City Council Wages - December 2015 | No | 100-41110-100 | \$110.64 |
| Kline, Michelle | 01/15/2016 | DD25603 | \$115.44 | City Council Wages - December 2015 | No | 100-41110-100 | \$115.44 |
| REITER CINDIE | 01/15/2016 | DD25604 | \$109.19 | City Council Wages - December 2015 | No | 100-41110-100 | \$109.19 |
| Unker, Jim | 01/15/2016 | DD25605 | \$115.44 | City Council Wages - December 2015 | No | 100-41110-100 | \$115.44 |
| COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE | 01/15/2016 | FED1152016 | \$1,091.93 | Staff Fed & Fica W/H PPE 12/31/15 | No | 100-41110-100 | \$115.44 |
| MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | 01/15/2016 | MN1152016 | \$164.11 | Staff WH PPE 12/31/2015 | No | 100-49200-106 100-49200-107 100-49200-109 100-49200-122 100-49200-123 | \$286.79 \$67.07 \$384.21 \$286.79 \$67.07 |
| McCARTHY, THOMAS | 01/15/2016 | RCX00460 | \$138.52 | City Council Wages - December 2015 | No | 100-49200-108 | \$164.11 |
| PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIA | 01/22/2016 | PERA12216 | \$575.09 | Staff Retirement - PPE 12/31/2015 | No | 100-41110-100 | \$138.52 |
| Schuler, Susan | 01/29/2016 | DD25606 | \$1,599.06 | Payroll - PPE 1/15/2016 | No | 100-41400-105 100-41400-121 | \$267.45 \$307.64 |
| TRUHLAR, AMY | 01/29/2016 | DD25607 | \$1,222.85 | Payroll - PPE 1/15/2016 | No | 100-41400-100 | \$1,599.06 |
| COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE | 01/29/2016 | FED13116 | \$969.18 | Staff Fed & Fica W/H PPE 1/15/16 | No | 100-41400-100 | \$1,222.85 |
| MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE | 01/29/2016 | MN13116 | \$157.90 | Staff WH PPE 1/15/2016 | No | 100-49200-106 100-49200-107 100-49200-109 100-49200-122 100-49200-123 | \$242.23 \$56.65 \$371.43 \$242.22 \$56.65 |
| RAVEN LEONA | 02/01/2016 | 17060 | \$60.00 | Cleaning - December | No | 100-49200-108 | \$157.90 |

LAKE ST CROIX BEACH

Disbursements List

02/05/2016

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Check #</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Void</u> | <u>Account #</u> | <u>Detail</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|
| US Postal Service | 02/01/2016 | 17061 | \$295.16 | Newsletter Postage | No | 100-41940-310 | \$60.00 |
| | | | | | | 100-41570-200 | \$295.16 |
| Total For Selected Checks | | | \$9,591.38 | | | | \$9,591.38 |

Date range: 01/12/2016 to 02/05/2016

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Claim #</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Account #</u> | <u>Detail</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 02/05/2016 | RAVEN LEONA | Cleaning - January | 9894 | \$60.00 | 100-41940-310 | \$60.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | CENTERPOINT | Monthly Service - Acct 7711653-1&7711657-2 & 7711657-0 | 9895 | \$133.40 | 100-41940-380 100-41940-380 | \$33.00 \$100.40 |
| 02/05/2016 | COMCAST | Phone Lines | 9896 | \$181.33 | 100-41940-380 | \$181.33 |
| 02/05/2016 | AMDAHL CHRIS Locksmith, Inc | Re-Key Clerk Office Door | 9897 | \$120.73 | 100-41940-380 | \$120.73 |
| 02/05/2016 | Metropolitan Area Management Assoc | 2016 Membership | 9898 | \$45.00 | 100-41940-220 | \$45.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | TRI-COUNTY SERVICES, INC | snow plowing | 9899 | \$570.00 | 100-41911-308 | \$45.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | FIXMER, DON | Video Taping Services | 9900 | \$75.00 | 100-43125-310 | \$570.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | LAKELAND HEATING & AIR | New water heater | 9901 | \$675.00 | 100-41575-300 | \$75.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc | Disability Insurance | 9902 | \$137.21 | 100-41940-310 | \$675.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | WASHINGTON COUNTY | July - Dec 2015 Polic Contract Service | 9903 | \$31,033.92 | 100-41400-131 | \$137.21 |
| 02/05/2016 | Brown, Charles | Reimbursement - server backup | 9904 | \$118.80 | 100-42100-310 | \$31,033.92 |
| 02/05/2016 | LOWER ST CROIX VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT | Fire Protection Services - 2016 Quarter 1 | 9905 | \$13,768.75 | 100-41575-200 | \$118.80 |
| 02/05/2016 | MIDDLE ST CROIX RIVER WMO | 1st Half Contribution 2016 | 9906 | \$2,591.27 | 100-42200-310 | \$13,768.75 |
| 02/05/2016 | River Valley Printing | Newsletter- January | 9907 | \$248.00 | 100-43280-300 | \$2,591.27 |
| 02/05/2016 | WASHINGTON COUNTY | CodeRED Fee | 9908 | \$82.60 | 100-41920-350 | \$248.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | WASHINGTON COUNTY | 2016 TNT Notice | 9909 | \$169.78 | 100-42100-310 | \$82.60 |
| 02/05/2016 | METRO CITIES | 2016 Membership | 9910 | \$532.00 | 100-41570-310 | \$169.78 |
| 02/05/2016 | ODONNELL LINDA | Meeting Per Diem 2015 | 9911 | \$30.00 | 100-41911-430 | \$532.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | ECKBERG LAMMERS BRIGGS | City Attorney Fees | 9912 | \$1,252.99 | 100-46199-110 | \$30.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | Metro Sales | Copier Contract | 9913 | \$127.65 | 100-41600-310 | \$1,252.99 |
| 02/05/2016 | XCEL ENERGY | Street Lights & City Hall Electric | 9914 | \$706.94 | 100-41570-200 | \$30.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM | Staff Insurance Premium | 9915 | \$695.53 | 100-43160-380 | \$127.65 |
| | | | | | 100-41400-104 | \$706.94 |
| | | | | | | \$85.46 |

LAKE ST CROIX BEACH

Claims List for Approval

02/05/2016

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Claim #</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Account #</u> | <u>Detail</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 02/05/2016 | U.S. Bank Equipment Finance | Copier Lease | 9916 | \$180.00 | 100-41400-131 | \$610.07 |
| 02/05/2016 | MARONEYS SANITATION INC | Sanitation Services | 9917 | \$27.96 | 100-41570-200 | \$180.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | GTS Educational Events | 2016 MCFOA Annual Conf-Sue Schuler, Amy Truhlar | 9918 | \$485.00 | 100-41940-380 | \$27.96 |
| 02/05/2016 | MENARDS | office supplies, other | 9919 | \$116.68 | 100-41911-430 100-41911-430 | \$265.00 \$220.00 |
| 02/05/2016 | TRUHLAR, AMY | Reimbursements - 1099 Envelopes, 1096 Form | 9920 | \$25.69 | 100-41570-200 100-45201-210 | \$102.19 \$14.49 |
| | | | | | 100-41570-200 | \$25.69 |

Total For Selected Claims

\$54,191.23

\$54,191.23

Approved _____ **Date** _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE SAINT CROIX BEACH, MINNESOTA

SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON TO CONFER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POWERS UPON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (the "WCHRA") is a county housing and redevelopment authority created and existing under Laws 1974, Chapter 475, as amended, which provides and maintains affordable, decent, and safe housing opportunities in Washington County ; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the County Board of Commissioners (the "County Board") of the County of Washington (the "County") established a broadly-representative economic development work group comprised of municipal economic development practitioners and community partners to assist the County in developing a county-wide long-range economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, based on the process carried out by the economic development work group, in May of 2014 the County adopted an Economic Development Strategic Plan (the "Economic Development Strategic Plan"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Economic Development Strategic Plan, the County has determined that the WCHRA should have primary responsibility for economic development activities on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS; proposed legislation has been prepared which would authorize the County Board by resolution to confer on the WCHRA the powers of an economic development authority (the "Proposed Law"), thus enabling the County to address economic needs as identified in the Economic Development Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Proposed Law would empower the WCHRA to undertake economic development activities not authorized by the current WCHRA enabling law, such as, by way of illustration, implementing County marketing and public relations programs relating to economic development, conducting economic development studies to document the need for financial assistance programs, and carrying out financial assistance programs for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Law would retain the existing County Board consent process for establishing the WCHRA's housing and redevelopment authority levy under Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.033, subdivision 6, and would preclude the WCHRA from imposing any concurrent or separate economic development authority levy otherwise authorized under Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.107 (while permitting the County Board to consent to a WCHRA levy at a rate equal to the higher of the permissible housing and redevelopment authority levy rate or the permissible economic development authority levy rate as they may be established by the Legislature); and

WHEREAS, consistent with existing requirements of the WCHRA's enabling law for local approval of housing projects and redevelopment projects, the Proposed Law would require municipal location and project approval as well for development districts and economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to appropriately reflect the combined housing, redevelopment and economic development powers to be conferred, the Proposed Law would change the name of the WCHRA to the Washington County Community Development Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Law would effect no change in the current structure or composition of the WCHRA Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Law would authorize the County to offer tax-forfeited real property to the WCHRA on the same basis as such parcels are offered to a County department; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined to include the Proposed Law as part of the County's legislative initiative for the 2016 Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lake Saint Croix Beach, Minnesota, finds that enactment by the Legislature of the Proposed Law, and the carrying out of economic development activities by the WCHRA in the County, including in the city of Lake Saint Croix Beach, pursuant to the Proposed Law, would be in the public interest and would afford substantial benefit to the residents, businesses, citizens and taxpayers of the city of Lake Saint Croix Beach; and

WHEREAS, the County, the WCHRA and the City of Lake Saint Croix Beach contemplate that the WCHRA and the City of Lake Saint Croix Beach will work together as partners in carrying out economic development activities within the city of Lake Saint Croix Beach which will be complementary and non-duplicative.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lake Saint Croix Beach, Minnesota adopts this Resolution supporting the proposed legislation described above in furtherance of economic development activities by the WCHRA on behalf of Washington County.

This Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the _____ of the City of Lake Saint Croix Beach and attested to by the _____ this 8th day of February, 2016.

(Signature of _____)

ATTESTED:

(Signature of _____)

Agreement Between the Washington Conservation District and the City of Lake St. Croix Beach

PARTIES: This letter of agreement will set forth the work to be provided by the Washington Conservation District (WCD) to the City of Lake St. Croix Beach (City) to deliver technical assistance to coordinate the planning, installation and maintenance of native vegetation on the Lake St. Croix Beach shoreline stabilization and restoration project.

TERM OF CONTRACT: The effective date of the agreement is from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Work to be performed by the WCD include the following tasks:

- a. Planting and maintenance plan development.
- b. Coordinate materials purchases and delivery. *
- d. Coordinate and oversee installation.**
- e. Direct maintenance activities.
- f. Other miscellaneous services related to and in support of items a through e, above, such as communications and preparation of reports or memos.

* This agreement does not include the costs for the purchase of plants or other miscellaneous items that may be needed to install, establish or maintain the plantings.

**The labor for the installation of the planting will be through the Conservation Corps of Minnesota, funded from the State of Minnesota Clean Water Funding

COST AND PAYMENTS: Costs for services for these activities shall not exceed \$4,000. Services will be provided by the WCD Landscape Restoration Specialist (\$65/hr.). Invoices will be sent on a monthly basis and will list specifically the work performed. Invoices are payable by the City of LSCB within 60 days. Office supplies, normal office reproduction expenses, and transportation are included in the hourly rate. Other expenses are to be reimbursed at actual cost.

RELATIONSHIP: This agreement in no way shall constitute, nor be construed in such a way to create an employment relationship between the City and the WCD. WCD staff shall not be entitled to any rights, privileges, or benefits of employees of the City.

INDEMNIFICATION & INSURANCE: The WCD agrees it will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its council members and employees against any and all liability, loss, costs, damages and expenses, including attorney's fees, which the WCD board members or employees may hereafter sustain, incur, or be required to pay arising out of the WCD performance or failure to adequately perform its obligations pursuant to this agreement. Likewise, the City agrees that it will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the WCD, its board members and employees against any and all liability, loss, costs, damages and expenses, including attorneys' fees, which the WCD its board members or employees may hereafter sustain, incur, or be required to pay arising out of the actions of the City. The parties acknowledge and agree that any exposure to liability of the City or the WCD, or the acts or omissions of their respective officers, agents board members and employees will not exceed the limits provided for in is governed by Minn. Stat. section 466.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- CIVIL RIGHTS: During the performance of this Agreement, the WCD agrees to the following: No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, marital status, public assistance, criminal record, creed or national origin, be excluded from full employment rights

in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program, service, or activity under the provisions of and all applicable federal and state laws against discrimination including the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

RECORDS: Under Minn Stat. section 16C.05, the WCD's books, records, documents and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this grant are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate for a minimum of six years from the end of this agreement.

DATA PRIVACY: All data collected, created, received, maintained, or disseminated, or used for any purpose in the course of the WCD's performance of the Agreement is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota 1984, Section 13.01, et seq. Or any other applicable state statutes and state rules adopted to implement the Act, as well as state statutes and federal regulations on data privacy. The WCD agrees to abide by these statutes, rules and regulations and as they may be amended.

TERMINATION: Either the WCD or City may terminate this Agreement with or without cause by giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice prior to the effective date of such termination.

In Witness Whereof, the WCD and City have duly executed this Agreement as of the date and year referenced herein.

Susan Schuler
Administrator, LSCB

Jay Riggs
District Manager, WCD

Date

Date

REGULAR MEETING PROTOCOL

- A. Each meeting of the council shall convene at the time and place appointed. All public hearings shall commence at the advertised time.
- B. Council business shall be conducted in the order of the prepared agenda, unless an alteration is approved by a majority of the council. The prepared agenda may also be altered by the presiding officer to accommodate the advertised time of a public hearing.
- C. Public Comments will be limited to 3 minutes. NO exceptions.
- D. All public comments will be made in a respectful manner, and there will be no interruptions or outbursts from the audience allowed. Copies, if applicable, will be given to the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to be placed in the official record of the council meeting.
- E. The last item on the agenda will be commenced no later than 9:30 p.m.
- F. If all business has not been completed, the meeting may be continued to another date and time.

AGENDA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. An agenda will be prepared for all regular council meetings by the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and must be approved by the City Clerk-Administrator
 - A. All requests to place an item on the agenda from councilmembers must be received by City Clerk-Administrator or the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer by the Wednesday before a regular meeting by 12:00 PM. **NO Exceptions.**
 - B. The requested agenda items should be complete with all supporting documents and information, with a clearly described goal of their subject matter to be considered by council including any recommended action.
 - C. If items are delivered after the specified date and time, they will be included in the packets. Discussion can take place on the item, but NO decision can be made until the next regularly scheduled meeting allowing members of council and staff to do the necessary research enabling them to make an informed decision.
 - D. Agenda items may be placed by city councilmembers and city staff the night of the meeting. Discussion can take place on the items, but NO decision can be made until the next regularly scheduled meeting, allowing members of council and staff to the necessary research enabling them to make an informed decision.
 - E. Members of council may motion to pull specific items off of the consent agenda for further review and discussion before approving the consent agenda.

Members of the public wishing to place items on the agenda shall be directed to the public comment forum provided at the council meeting. ALL items will be tabled, and NO discussion or Action will take place on the items until the next regularly scheduled meeting, allowing members of council and staff to the necessary research to allowing them to make an informed decision. NO EXCEPTIONS

2. City Council and Contracted Staff will receive electronic copies of agendas the Friday before a regularly scheduled meeting, and it will be placed on the cities website.

3. All supporting documents on the agenda will be placed in individual councilmember packs ON THE FRIDAY before the scheduled meeting and placed in front common area of city hall for members to pick up.
4. Complete agendas and supporting documents will be placed on the city web site the Friday before a regularly scheduled meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business in accordance to the written and prepared Agenda for all regular council meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consent Agenda.
4. Open Comments from the public
5. Public comments (agenda Items)
6. Public safety reports
 - A. Law Enforcement
 - B. Animal Control
 - C. Emergency response and Fire
 - D. Emergency management
7. City Staff reports
 - A. City Engineer
 - B. City Attorney
 - C. City Clerk-Administrator
 - D. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
8. New Business
9. Unfinished Business
10. Other Business
11. Council Reports
 - A. Councilmember Brown
 - Cable Commission
 - B. Councilmember Kline
 - Park Commission
 - C. Councilmember Reiter
 - Environmental Advisory Committee
 - D. Councilmember Unker
 - Afton Wastewater treatment facility
 - E. Mayor McCarthy
 - Veterans Memorial
 - Fire Board
 - Lower St Croix Valley partnership team
 - Middle St Croix WMO
 - Planning Commission
12. Adjournment

Lake St Croix Beach City Council

CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolution 2017-

Purpose

To establish a code of conduct and associated remedies that the Lake St Croix Beach, Council Members, agree to abide by in carrying out their duties as elected officials. This code of conduct does not supersede any existing or future statutory or constitutional rights, but simply outlines appropriate Council expectations, behavior and interactions with each other, city staff, citizens and all other groups encountered as a result of city business, so as to efficiently and effectively develop and carry out the mission, vision, goals and established policies of the city.

Roles/Responsibilities

Meetings – By statute, the Mayor presides over meetings of the City Council. Speakers who wish to address the Council do not speak until recognized by the Mayor.

Act in the Public Interest – Recognizing that service to our citizens must be our primary concern; Council Members shall work for the common good of the people of Lake St Croix Beach and not for any private or personal interest. Council Members will treat all persons, claims and transactions in a fair and equitable manner.

Preparation – Council Members are expected to be prepared for City Council meetings and work sessions.

Agenda Preparation – The City Clerk-Administrator and or the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer directs preparation of meeting agendas. The final agenda is approved by the City Council prior to the meeting. At the Council meeting, agenda items may be added or deleted by Council members per procedures established in the City code.

Conduct of Members

Staff Direction – The Mayor and City Council members may direct city staff, contract employees and consultants only through the City Clerk- Administrator, as determined by majority vote. At work sessions, the Mayor will state the concerns of the Council or specific directions provided by the Council to the staff. The City Clerk- Administrator will request further clarification if he/she feels it is required so that there is a clear understanding of what the Council's expectations are in terms of the actions to be taken by staff.

Respect for Staff Time – If a Council member is utilizing an inordinate amount of staff time, the City Administrator is required to bring this to the attention of the City Council for resolution.

Interactions – Council members shall refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of other members of the City Council, boards, commissions, committees, staff or the public.

Respect for Process – Council member duties shall be performed in accordance with the processes and rules of order established by the City Council.

Use of Public Resources – Public resources unavailable to the general public (e.g., city staff time, equipment, supplies or facilities) shall not be used by Council members for private, personal or political purposes.

Advocacy – To the best of their ability, Council members shall speak with one voice in representing the official policies and positions of the City Council. When presenting their personal opinions or positions, members shall explicitly state that they do not represent the Council or the city.

Improper Influence – Council members shall refrain from using their position to improperly influence the deliberations or decisions of city staff, boards, commission or committees.

Positive Work Place Environment--Members shall support the maintenance of a positive and constructive work place environment for City employees and for persons dealing with the City. Members shall follow the appropriate chain of command through the city administrator when it comes to dealings and directives to City staff.

Steward of City Funds – When the end of a Council member's service on the City Council has been determined by means of not seeking re-election, resignation, or the results of an election, that Council member shall not subject the city to unnecessary travel and/or tuition costs.

Gifts and Favors--Members shall not take any special advantage of services or opportunities for personal gain, by virtue of their public office that is not available to the public in general. Members shall refrain from accepting any gifts, favors or promises of future benefits, which might compromise their independence of judgment or action or give the appearance of being, compromised

Communication

Sharing of Information – It is the responsibility of Council members to publicly share information with all other Council members that they have received from sources outside of the public decision-making process, which pertains to a topic under consideration. Whenever possible, new information or data obtained by Council members, pertinent to a topic being discussed, will be distributed through the City Clerk-Administrator to the City Council members. Upon reviewing the “new information” the Council may adopt a motion to postpone further consideration of the information until all members have had time to review and interpret this new information.

Focused Discussions – Council members shall work to keep discussions and debates focused on the item under discussion without introducing extraneous or irrelevant information.

Request for Information- All Council members shall receive the same information at the same time when deemed ready for distribution by staff. If an elected official requests information in advance of others on the City Council, the matter shall be resolved by a majority of the City Council.

Coordination with City Staff – City staff should be involved when Council members meet with officials from other agencies and jurisdictions to ensure proper staff support as needed and to keep staff appropriately informed.

Citizen Questions – Elected officials should refer questions and concerns from citizens to the City Administrator or appropriate department director. City staff should report back to the City Council on the resolution of the referral.

Confidential Information – Council members shall respect and preserve the confidentiality of non-public, protected non-public, private, and confidential information provided to them concerning matters of the city. They shall neither disclose confidential information without proper legal authorization nor use such information to advance their personal, financial or private interests.

Notice of Attendance – If any Council member has knowledge or reason to believe that there will be a large or emotional attendance at an upcoming Council meeting or work session, they have an obligation to inform the City Administrator as soon as they become aware of the potential situation.

Implementation

Orientation – This Code of Conduct shall be included in the regular orientations for new City Council members. Following each election, the new Council shall, by resolution of its elected members, adopt a City Council code of conduct.

Compliance and Enforcement – Council members themselves have the primary responsibility to assure that the code of conduct is understood and followed and that the public can continue to have full confidence in the integrity of the Lake St Croix Beach city government.

Remedies

It is the responsibility of the City Council to police its members. When inappropriate behaviors are observed, any member of the Council can intervene. If inappropriate behavior is observed, the City Council will discuss the behavior at a Council work session. By direction of the Council, it will be determined whether:

- a. A letter is sent to the offending Council member stating that they have been found operating outside the established code of conduct, requesting them to correct the behavior identified as inappropriate; or
- b. The Council member is formally sanctioned by resolution at a Council meeting.

Tom McCarthy, Mayor

Attest: Susan Schuler, City Clerk/Administrator

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Adopted by the Lake St Croix Beach City Council

Preamble

The people of Lake St Croix Beach are entitled to have fair, ethical and accountable city government, which has earned the public's full confidence for integrity. Effective functioning of democratic government therefore requires the following:

Public officials, both elected and appointed, comply with both the letter and spirit of the laws and policies affecting the operations of government; public officials be independent, impartial and fair in their judgment and actions; public office be used for the public good, not for personal gain; and public deliberations and processes be conducted openly, unless legally confidential, In an atmosphere of respect and civility.

To this end, the Lake St Croix Beach City Council has adopted a Code of Ethics for members of the City Council to assure public confidence in the integrity of local government and its effective and fair operation.

1. Act in the Public Interest

Recognizing that stewardship of the public interest must be their primary concern, members Shall work for the common good of the people of Lake St Croix Beach and not for any private or personal interest.

2. Comply with the Law

Members shall comply with the laws of the United States, the State of Minnesota and the City of Lake St Croix beach ordinances and policies in the performance of their public duties.

3. Conduct of Members

The professional and personal conduct of members must be above reproach and avoid even the appearance of impropriety. Members shall refrain from abusive conduct. Members are discouraged from making personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of other members of Council, boards and commissions, the staff or public. Members are also discouraged from speaking ill of the city, any city employee, or fellow councilmembers in public or at a public meeting. Any complaints or concerns about any city employee shall go through the city clerk- administrator. Complaints about any city employee shall only be investigated or acted upon if received in writing and signed.

4. Respect for Process

Members shall perform their duties in accordance with the processes and rules of order established by the city ordinances and Minnesota law governing the deliberation of public policy issues, meaningful involvement of the public, and implementation of policy decisions of the City Council by City staff.

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5. Conduct of Public Meetings

Members shall prepare themselves for public issues; listen courteously and attentively to all public discussions before the body; and focus on the business at hand. Members shall refrain from private discussions (either verbally, written, or electronically) with other councilmen or staff during public meetings. Any questions or comments during meetings shall be made publically. Members shall also refrain from interrupting other speakers; making personal comments not germane to the business of the body, are inappropriate, or otherwise interfering with the orderly conduct of meetings.

6. Decisions Based on Merit

Members shall base their decisions on the merits and substance of the matter at hand. Members shall never use political, personal, or unrelated considerations in decision making.

7. Communication

Members shall publicly share substantive information that is relevant to a matter under consideration by the Council which they may have received from sources outside of the public decision-making process. Members shall not present information or use information that was received by anonymous sources or sources not willing to be publically identified in their decision making process.

8. Conflict of Interest

In order to assure their independence and impartiality on behalf of the common good, members shall not use their official positions to influence government decisions in which they have a material financial interest or where they have an organizational responsibility or personal relationship, which may give the appearance of a conflict of interest.

In accordance with the law, no member shall participate in the disposition of any matter in which he or she has a personal, financial, or social interest. For purposes of this section "interested" includes any direct or indirect financial or personal interest held by a member or member of his/her family. Before any matter is heard, a member having an interest shall state it and withdraw from participation, or he/she may disclose the facts involved and request a determination by the Council of whether a conflict of interest exists. Any question of the existence or non-existence of a conflict of interest sufficient to disqualify a member from participating in the disposition of any matter shall be decided by a majority vote of the other members of the Council. In case of a tie, the member shall be disqualified.

9. Gifts and Favors

Members shall not take any special advantage of services or opportunities for personal gain, by virtue of their public office that are not available to the public in general. Members shall refrain from accepting any gifts, favors or promises of future benefits, which might compromise their independence of judgment or action or give the appearance of being compromised.

10. Confidential Information

Members shall respect the confidentiality of information concerning the property, personnel or legal affairs of the City. They shall neither disclose confidential information without proper legal

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authorization, nor use such information to advance their personal, financial or other private interests.

11. Use of Public Resources

Members shall not use public resources not available to the public in general, such as City staff time, equipment, supplies or facilities, for private gain or personal purposes.

12. Advocacy

Members shall represent the official policies or positions of the City Council to the best of their ability when designated as delegates for this purpose. When presenting their individual opinions and positions, members shall explicitly state they do not represent their body or the City of Lake St Croix beach, nor will they allow the inference that they do.

13. Policy Role of Members

Members shall respect and adhere to the mayor-council structure of Lake St Croix Beach city government as outlined by MN Statute: 412, section 412.191 In this structure, the City Council determines the policies of the City with the advice, information and analysis provided by the public, boards and commissions, and City staff.

The City Administrator/Clerk shall be directly responsible to the Council for the administration of municipal affairs as directed by that body. All departmental activity requiring the attention of the council shall be brought before the body by the Administrator/Clerk and all Council involvement in administration initiated by the Council must be coordinated through the Administrator/Clerk.

14. Independence of Boards and Commissions

Because of the value of the independent advice of boards and commissions to the public decision-making process, members of Council shall refrain from using their position to unduly influence the deliberations or outcomes of board and commission proceedings.

15. Positive Work Place Environment

Members shall support the maintenance of a positive and constructive work place environment for City employees and for persons dealing with the City. Members shall follow the appropriate chain of command through the city clerk- administrator when it comes to dealings and directives to City staff.

16. Implementation

As an expression of the standards of conduct for members expected by the City, the Lake St Croix beach Code of Ethics is intended to be self-enforcing. It therefore becomes most effective when members are thoroughly familiar with it and embrace its provisions.

For this reason, ethical standards shall be included in the regular orientations for candidates for City Council and newly elected and appointed officials. Members entering office shall

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sign a statement affirming they read and understood the City of Lake St Croix Beach code of ethics. In addition, the Code of Ethics shall be annually reviewed by the City Council and the City Council shall update it as necessary.

17. Compliance and Enforcement

The Lake St Croix Beach Code of Ethics expresses standards of ethical conduct expected for members of the Lake St Croix Beach City Council. Members themselves have the primary responsibility to assure that ethical standards are understood and met, and that the public can continue to have full confidence in the integrity of government.

The City Council may impose sanctions on members whose conduct does not comply with the City's ethical standards, such as reprimand, formal censure, loss of committee assignment (Mayoral decision), or budget restriction.

A violation of this Code of Ethics shall not be considered a basis for challenging the validity of a Council decision.

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MEMBER STATEMENT

As a member of the Lake St Croix Beach City Council, I agree to uphold the Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct for elected and appointed officials adopted by the City and conduct myself by the following a model of excellence. I will do the following:

Recognize the worth of individual members and appreciate their individual talents, perspectives and contributions;

Help create an atmosphere of respect and civility where individual members, City staff and the public are free to express their ideas and work to their full potential;

Conduct my personal and public affairs with honesty, integrity, fairness and respect for others;

Respect the dignity and privacy of all individuals and organizations;

Recognize that all individuals are people and somebody's husband, wife, son, daughter, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, etc. and shall be treated with respect;

Keep the common good as my highest purpose and focus on achieving constructive solutions for the public benefit;

Avoid and discourage conduct, which is divisive or harmful to the best interests of Lake St Croix Beach;

Treat all people with whom I come in contact in the way I wish to be treated;

I affirm that I have read and understood the City of Lake St Croix Beach Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Office

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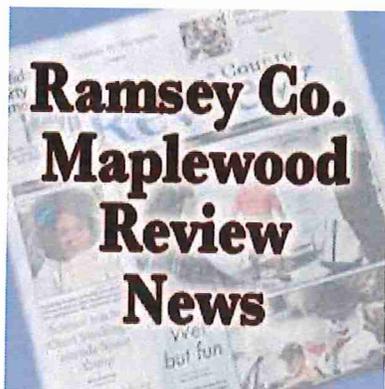
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Maplewood cuts ties with RWSCC

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CenturyLink may soon tap into local market

After more than two decades with the Ramsey Washington Suburban Cable Commission, the city of Maplewood has decided to strike out on its own.

A founding member of the cable commission, the city chose to withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement governing the commission in favor of franchising with CenturyLink on its own. The motion passed 4-1, with council member Bob Cardinal dissenting.

By bringing cable competition to the local market — where Comcast is currently the only provider — those in favor of the move anticipate better service and lower rates for cable customers. City Manager Melinda Coleman also framed the departure from the cable commission as an opportunity for the city to better handle its own government programming.

Can negotiate directly

Maplewood was the largest member city of the RWSCC, which was formed to provide a uniform voice for 11 member-cities, including North St. Paul and Oakdale.

Given the population disparity between Maplewood and some of the commission's smaller member cities, Coleman explained the partnership was no longer advantageous.

Rather than be tied up in group discussions over build out negotiations in the commission's franchise agreement with Comcast, Maplewood is looking to independently bring cable competition to its residents.

In breaking from the commission, Maplewood will need to manage its own franchise agreements, PEG fees and programming. It's an added responsibility that Coleman says the city is prepared to support.

"As we developed our strategic objectives this year ... one of the number one goals was coordinated communication and we believe we can do that better by handling our own government programming," she said, adding improving communication with residents has been a priority this year as demonstrated by the Maplewood Living newsletter, Spotlight on Maplewood and the broadcasting of all city council and commission meetings.

She refuted claims that this is a move to "grow city government."

"What we're proposing is that we withdraw from the commission so we can take the [fees] we get ... and do more with that according to our defined priorities," she said before the council vote.

As for residents' future access to community television programs produced and aired on the Suburban Community Channels 14 and 15, Coleman says the

details will be worked out during the transition process.

"We're just now going to begin those conversations about what programming will be done by us and if there's still an opportunity to work with SCC on those channels," she said in a phone interview.

"There's just a lot of unanswered questions right now. The only thing we know for sure is we'll continue to do all the government programming."

Getting static on idea

Cardinal had cautioned against the withdrawal, challenging the city's ability to both afford and manage its own programming. Furthermore, he framed the move as poor teamwork with the city's neighbors.

"The city would be leaving the partners high and dry," he said. "One of the benefits of the commission is that, collectively, the partner cities represent a large number of cable subscribers which enhances their bargaining power."

He had suggested the city vet the situation further, delaying a vote until the start of the new year. But as city attorney Alan Kantrud explained, that would have bound the council to another full year of membership, as member cities must give notice of their intent to withdraw by Oct. 15.

Moving forward

Serving as the city's liaison to the RWSCC, council member Marylee Abrams attended a CenturyLink presentation a while back to preview its new cable television service, Prism, and only had positive things to say about it.

"We all know that competition is good and I was very pleased with Prism," she said at the Oct. 12 council meeting. "It's a superior viewing experience, I think, compared to anything that is out there now."

She said city staff did, in fact, reach out to the cable commission to express the city's concerns prior to the council vote to withdraw. Ultimately, she said, the city's needs no longer aligned with those of the larger cable commission.

Mayor Nora Slawik reassured viewers that government programming would continue.

"I think the city's at the forefront. We're looking towards the future," she said.

Now the city will begin the transition process, with the help of the commission.

Independent of the commission, the city is now at liberty to negotiate a new franchise agreement with CenturyLink.

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