

CITY OF BLAINE  
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3, 2020

Council Chambers  
10801 Town Square Drive

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryan at 6:00PM on October 2, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this hybrid meeting was held both virtually and in person.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Tom Ryan, Councilmembers Wes Hovland, Julie Jeppson, Richard Paul (Friday only), Jess Robertson, Dick Swanson (Saturday only).

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Andy Garvais.

Quorum Present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Human Resources Director Cassandra Tabor; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; Public Works Director Jon Haukaas; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Brian Podany; Deputy Police Chief Dan Szykalski; Finance Director Joe Huss; Public Services Manager/Assistant City Manager Bob Therres, City Planner Lori Johnson; Communications Manager Ben Hayle; Communications Technician Roark Haver.

2020 Fall Council Retreat.

The Council discussed several topics over the two-day 2020 Fall Retreat including the city manager review process, Mary Ann Young Center reopening, 2021 tax levy and budget, compensation study, and development customer service. Discussion topics included providing iPads for seniors, Meals on Wheels, discussion surrounding capital plan funding for band shell at Aquatore Park, communication regarding proposed Fire Station 6, identifying career progression opportunities, future workshop discussion regarding hospital funds, and creation of development handouts outlining "What to expect..." and the development of a customer service team. Conclusions were made regarding compensation plan implementation and budget and consensus was reached regarding some level of reduction of the current projected \$600,000 above the needed safe margin. The Council recessed at 7:25PM on Friday, October 2 then reconvened at 8:30AM Saturday, October 3.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

The workshop adjourned at 11:50AM on October 3, 2020.

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Tom Ryan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Catherine M. Sorensen, City Clerk