



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes

Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Sq Dr NE
Blaine MN 55449

City Council Workshop

While this is a public meeting where interested persons are welcome to attend, it is a work session for City Council and staff to discuss issues before them. It is not for the purpose of receiving public input.

Saturday, October 3, 2020

8:30 AM Council Chambers and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, city meetings will also be held as virtual meetings

FALL CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

1 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.

2 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.

Present: 4 - Councilmember Jeppson, Councilmember Robertson, Councilmember Paul, and Councilmember Hovland

3 New Business

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FALL RETREAT - 2021 TAX LEVY AND BUDGET UPDATE

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 Aquatone 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.

3-2**COMPENSATION STUDY****3-3****DEVELOPMENT CUSTOMER SERVICE****OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

ADJOURN

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