

CITY OF WACONIA
April 3, 2023

1) [**CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**](#)

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Waconia was called to order by Mayor Waldron at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Nicole Waldron, Randy Sorensen, Steve Yetzer, Nick Gleason, Jeff Grengs

Staff Present: Shane Fineran, Jackie Schulze, Lane Braaten, Nicole Meyer, Craig Eldred, Justin Sorensen, Mike Dressel, Ann Meyerhoff.

2) [**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**](#)

3) [**ADOPT AGENDA**](#)

Item Number 12 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Gleason 3) ADOPT AGENDA
MOTION carried

4) [**VISITOR'S PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE**](#)

Chief Sorensen recognized Adam Weiland for his 31 years of service with the Waconia Fire Department and wished him well in his retirement.

5) [**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**](#)

5.1 [**March 20, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**](#)

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5.2 [**April 3, 2023 Expenditures**](#)

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[Council List-Expenditures 04.03.2023.pdf](#)

5.3 [**Application for Exempt Permit Waconia Band Boosters**](#)

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5.4 Donation Acceptance - Cash Donations for Operations of the Fire Department

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5.5 Donation Acceptance & Pass Thru Recommendation - Waconia Fire Relief Association

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5.6 Donation Acceptance & Pass Thru Recommendation - Cash Donation for Fire Safety & Prevention Efforts

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5.7 Approve Execution Request Lift Pump Repair

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[QT# 184319 CITY OF WACONIA Quote for L52 NP3301 Basic Rebuild.pdf](#)

5.8 Approve Compost Agreement

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[SMSC Compost Quote.pdf](#)

5.9 Approve Public Services Study Proposal

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[Waconia Public Services Building - Scope and Fee.pdf](#)

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5.10 Facade Improvement Grant - 121 Main Street Exchange

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5.11 Donation Acceptance - Cash Donations for Adaptive Playground Equipment

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5.12 Track Flooring Replacement - Safari Island Community Center

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[Becker Arena Products Proposal.pdf](#)

[Safari Island_Track Pad and Pour V3.pdf](#)

[Kiefer USA Proposal - 20230221 - Waconia Track.pdf](#)

5.13 Consent to Ridgeview Medical Center Loan

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Motion by Yetzer, seconded by Grengs 5) ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION carried

6) COUNCIL BUSINESS

6.1 New Firefighter Oath and Badge Pinning

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Chief Sorensen introduced Devin Noeldner as the Assistant Chief in charge of training. Mayor Waldron did the swearing in of the new Chief.

6.2 Special Event Permit - Lola's 10 Mile & 5K

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[City of Waconia_Special Event Permit Application_Lola's 2023_Signed.pdf](#)

[Lola's 2023 Lake St.pdf](#)

Shane Fineran introduced Mike Cofrin, with Podium Sports Marketing who has submitted an application for a Special Event Permit for a 10 mile and 5K run within the community known as Lola's Ten Mile & 5K race. Cofrin stated that this event has been held in years prior and utilized portions of Main Street which will be closed due to construction. Dropped from this years event is the half marathon distance in the race format. Several alternative routes have been reviewed and proposed.

The stated goal is to utilize a route that mirrors previous years events, has a common start and end location, being city Square Park, and the proximity to downtown and Lola's Lakehouse restaurant. He presented a route proposal that utilizes a portion of Lake Street for the race route that will be closed to parking but allows for traffic on the street. Traffic will be controlled using DOT flaggers to keep traffic flowing around the marina.

Council Member Gleason, asked if they will advertise in the patriot with the routes and restrictions and will the flaggers be there the entire time? Cofrin responded yes to both questions.

Council Member Sorensen commented that utilizing the northside would be less of an inconvenience for the residents.

Cofrin responded that he sees the southside as a better choice, but is ok with either way.

Council Member Yetzer asked if they are shutting the road down? Cofrin replies that the road would not be shut down and that is why they have the flaggers to let vehicles know when they can go through.

Motion by Yetzer, seconded by Gleason Adopt Resolution 2023-89, Approving Special Event Permit for Lola's 10 mile and 5K race

MOTION carried

[6.3 Support for Local Housing & Land Use Regulation](#)

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Shane Fineran informed Council that in recent state legislative sessions, including the current session, legislation has been introduced which would preempt city zoning

authority. These bills include language which preempts local zoning authority by limiting planned unit development (PUD) and prohibiting zoning regulations relating to area, square footage, and materials standards.

The City of Waconia is committed to promoting development at all levels of the housing continuum. Although proponents of the proposed legislation claim that it is meant to increase opportunities for affordable housing, limitations on the use of planned unit developments may work counter to affordability by limiting flexibility for housing variation in development.

Mandating broad policies on all Minnesota cities removes the ability for communities like Waconia to respond to locally identified priorities. The proposed resolution contends that individual communities are in the best position to address local needs.

Mayor Waldron and Council Member Sorensen agree that the city needs to keep local control.

Motion by Grengs, seconded by Yetzer Adopt Resolution 2023-90, supporting local decision-making authority as related to housing choice.

MOTION carried

[6.4 Support for Local Control in Adult-Use Cannabis Legislation](#)

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[League of MN Cities - City Issue Fact Sheet Cannabis.pdf](#)

Jackie Schulze explained that a bill legalizing the adult use of cannabis products is currently moving through the legislative process in the Minnesota Legislature. Currently there are significant differences between the House and Senate versions of the bills surrounding local control. Both versions of the bills, however, place significant limits on local control. If the Legislature is going to pass a bill legalizing cannabis, the city would ask that the following be included in the bill:

- Allow cities the ability to opt-out from authorizing the retail sale of these products
- Require cannabis businesses in cities to comply with zoning and land use ordinances
- Gives cities ability to reasonably limit the number of retailers within the community
- Allow cities to maintain the authority for local licenses for cannabinoid product retailers and any future adult use cannabis retailers
- Allow cities to have reasonable taxing authority or revenue sharing in recognition that the cost burden of enforcement for cannabinoid products and any future legalized adult use cannabis falls primarily on local governments

The resolution would signify the City's support for local control regarding legalized adult use cannabis sales within the community. If adopted, the resolution would be sent to our local legislators as well as the League of Minnesota Cities.

Council Member Yetzer shared his support but would like to see this topic in a work session to make sure we as a city are ahead of the game.

Motion by Yetzer, seconded by Sorensen Adopt Resolution 2023-91, Supporting Local Control in Adult-Use Cannabis Legislation

MOTION carried

7) ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

8) STAFF REPORTS

Chief Sorensen gave an overview of the 2022 Annual Fire Report.

Sargent Stahn presented the March call report.

9) BOARD REPORTS

10) ANNOUNCEMENTS

11) ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Yetzer 11) ADJOURN at 7:13 p.m.

MOTION carried

Work Session:

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS:

Nicole Waldron, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Ann Meyerhoff, Office Assistant