

Minutes of the Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Champlin in the County of Hennepin and the State of Minnesota
Pursuant to Due Call and Notice Thereof

Worksession
July 28, 2014
Municipal Center

- Call to Order The Champlin City Council met in Worksession and was called to order by Mayor ArMand Nelson at 6:15 p.m.
- Roll Call Present were Mayor ArMand Nelson and Councilmembers Kara Terry, Eric Johnson, Ryan Karasek, and Bruce Miller.
- Absent: none.
- Staff Present: City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, Community Development Director John Cox, City Clerk Roberta Colotti, City Planner Scott Schulte, and City Attorney Scott Lepak.
- Approval of Agenda
(July 28, 2014)
Motion Motion by Councilmember Karasek and seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the agenda for the July 28, 2014 Worksession as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Terry, Karasek, Johnson, and Miller. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- MRCCA Rules The City Planner stated that on June 2, 2014, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) published a Request for Comments in the State Register soliciting feedback on a working draft of rules for the MRCCA. The DNR developed the working draft in consultation with local governments and interested parties. The deadline for submitting comments to the DNR is August 15, 2014.
- The City Planner stated that the City participated in the rulemaking process with three goals in mind:
- 1) Protect local authority over river-front development;
 - 2) Protect individual property owner rights; and
 - 3) Ensure that rules address the City's riverfront development initiatives.
- The City Planner presented a report detailing the City's analysis of the proposed rules and recommendations for response. The City Planner requested that the City Council review the proposed response and authorize staff to draft a formal letter to the DNR for the Mayor's signature.
- The Community Development Director stated that resident Don Vry submitted a letter requesting that the City host an open house to further solicit public input on this matter. He noted that Mr. Vry also requested that this letter be formally read in to the record at the Regular Meeting under the consent agenda. The Community Development Director stated that the neighboring cities of Anoka and Brooklyn Park that are also involved in this process are not hosting separate meetings. He suggested that the City's comments be posted to the website so that the public would have easy access to them.
- The City Council discussed the proposed rules and accepted public comment on the proposed response.
- Council Consensus
It was the consensus of the Council to authorize staff to draft a letter to the DNR for the Mayor's signature responding to the proposed MRCCA rules for submittal by August 15, 2014. It was further agreed that the letter would be posted on the website and an additional open house would not be scheduled.
- Recess At 6:50 p.m. the City Council recessed the Worksession until after the Regular Council meeting.
Reconvene Mayor Nelson reconvened the meeting at 7:44 p.m.
- Mississippi River
No Wake The Community Development Director stated that earlier this year, representatives from the cities of Anoka, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Coon Rapids, Dayton, and Ramsey met to consider the damage and erosion occurring along the Mississippi River, especially during high water. The City of Anoka is requesting that cities located along the Mississippi River recreational pool consider adopting the draft

ordinance they have prepared. The ordinance is designed to control and regulate watercraft on the Mississippi, improve erosion control of riparian property and minimize damage to docks and other structures along the river corridor.

The Community Development Director stated that if there is interest by the City Council in this type of ordinance staff will assess the merits of the Anoka draft and gauge the interest of the other pool cities and report back to the City Council.

Councilmember Terry questioned if the Hennepin County Sherriff's office should be contacted on this matter in addition to the Anoka County Sherriff's office which had already be contacted by the City of Anoka.

The City Planner stated that he has spoken with the Hennepin County Sherriff's office and they are on the water once a week and in the area twice a week. He stated that the difficulty in enforcing this type of ordinance is that it is often times overturned in court.

Councilmember Karasek asked about the method of gauging the water levels to determine when a no wake zone would be in effect.

The City Planner stated that until 2010 there was a gauge at the mouth of the Rum River. However, there hasn't been a gauge since that time. It is proposed by the City of Anoka that a mark be made on the river bridge to gauge the water levels. He stated that in addition the City of Champlin is exploring grant funding for a gauge to help with flood protection which would have a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000 and could also be used to monitor river levels to determine when the no wake zone should be in effect.

Council Consensus

It was the consensus of the City Council to direct staff to assess the merits of the draft ordinance prepared by the City of Anoka and to report back to the City Council.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the Worksession at 8:02 p.m.

ArMand Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk