

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rick Von Holdt with the following members present: Larry Janssen; Chris Kielblock; Mike Kuhle; Amy Ernst; Dennis Weber.

Staff present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Hyunmyeong Goo, City Engineer; Matt Selof, Community Development Director; Cristina Adame, Community Relations & Communications; Jesse Flynn, City Attorney; Mindy Eggers, City Clerk.

Others Present: Sam Martin, *The Globe*; Ryan McGaughey, *Radio Works*; Chad Cummings, *Radio Works*.

**REQUEST TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE CROSS CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVED**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, said the Cross Cultural Advisory Committee (CCAC) was established and the bylaws were approved by resolution on December 14, 2020. The Committee began meeting in January 2021.

The bylaws set committee membership as nine individuals. Eight of the members are to be at-large and one representative of the City Council. He explained the committee has struggled to nominate or retain a full roster of at-large members, over the past four years. Currently, the committee has two openings and no prospects to fill the positions. Staff would like an amendment to the bylaws changing the at-large membership from eight to six.

He said the bylaws also state that the CCAC shall meet no fewer than once a month. Staff would also like to amend the by-laws and state the CCAC shall meet no fewer than six times per year.

Council Member Kuhle asked what the accomplishments of the committee have been to date. Council Member Ernst said they have visited churches to talk to the different ethnic communities and last year held a competency training. They would like to do more but have struggled to get people interested in serving.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to set the maximum number of members at 8 with a minimum of 5 and have the quorum be determined by the number of seated members in attendance and also hold a minimum of six meetings per year.

**HELD FIREWORKS DISCUSSION**

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, said the City has been shooting fireworks on both July 3rd after the Beach Bash celebration, and on the night of July 4th since 2015. This winter, staff has been informed that our fireworks provider, Lew's Fireworks, has sold their business to RKM Fireworks.

Correspondence with RKM has revolved around finding fireworks shooters for two nights of displays. RKM has let us know that they are not able to provide shooters for both nights this year.

Mr. Wietzema said the 2025 budget for fireworks as it was for the past several years is \$21,000, anticipating two displays. In 2024 approximately \$15,500 was spent on fireworks, due to severe weather they were only held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Staff asked Council if there was a preference on what day the fireworks take place. Council Member Weber said he would prefer to have fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Kuhle agreed if shooters could not be secured for two days. He asked if staff could check with other companies on availability for both nights.

Chad Cummings, Radio Works, said he does not have a preference if the fireworks are held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. He explained they do the Beach Bash on the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup> because everyone has the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday off.

Council Member Ernst asked if there was a cost savings to do them on both nights. Mr. Weitzema replied no, the smaller display is done on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with the larger display on the 4<sup>th</sup>. He said there are a limited amount of companies and people that do this but he will check with some other ones and see what he can find out.

**CLOSED SESSION UNDER MINN. STAT. 13D.05, SUBD. 3 ( C ) - PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY - A SECTION OF PARCEL 31-1526-705; 1285 RYAN'S ROAD-SLUMBERLAND**

Mayor Von Holdt announced that council would be going into closed session under Minn. Stat § 13D.05, Subd. 3(c) Purchase or Sale of Real or Personal Property - Parcel #31-1526-075; 1285 Ryans Road - Slumberland.

Council Members Present: Kuhle, Keilblock, Mayor Von Holdt, Janssen, Ernst, Weber.

Staff Present: Steve Robinson, Mindy Eggers, Hyunmyeong Goo, Matt Selof, Jesse Flynn.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Kuhle and unanimously carried to close the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Cummings, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to reopen the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to offer the appraised value for parcel #31-1526-705 plus a portion of the

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assessments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Kielblock, seconded by Council Member Weber and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC  
City Clerk