

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Worksession was held on August 08, 2022 at the Spring Lake Park City Hall, 1301 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, at 5:30 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Robert Nelson

Councilmember Ken Wendling

Councilmember Brad Delfs

Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff (arrived at 5:40 PM)

Councilmember Lisa Dircks

STAFF PRESENT

Parks & Recreation Director Kay Okey (via Zoom), Police Chief Josh Antoine, Accountant Melissa Barker, Public Works Director Terry Randall, Building Official Jeff Baker, and Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of 2023 Administrator Budget Proposal

Administrator Buchholtz presented the proposed 2023 budget. He stated that the proposed budget is balanced, with revenues and expenditures at \$5,039,907, or 4.17% higher than 2022. He said the proposed property tax levy for the General Fund is \$3,685,047, or 4.67% higher than 2022. He said the overall proposed property tax levy, including debt service, is \$3,965,625, an increase of 4.99% from 2022.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that major cost drivers included increases in salaries and benefits for City employees, an increase to the SBM Fire Department contract, an increase in temporary salaries to attract seasonal talent, an increase workers' compensation rates by the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, an increase in the cost to purchase and outfit the police squad car, and the establishment of new funding to combat Emerald Ash Borer in park and boulevard trees.

Members of the City Council discussed the budget. CONSENSUS OF THE CITY COUNCIL was to direct the Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer to draft a resolution to set the preliminary property tax levy for 2023 taxes payable for consideration at the September 6, 2022 City Council meeting.

B. Discussion of Liquor License Violation

Administrator Buchholtz presented evidence of a liquor ordinance violation at Dala Thai Restaurant and Banquet Hall. He stated that this was Dala’s third violation of the liquor ordinance within the past 36 months. He stated that the minimum penalty is a \$2,000 fine and a minimum license suspension of 7 consecutive days, to be determined by the City Council. He stated that staff’s recommendation was to issue an administrative citation to Dala for \$2,000, with a 7 consecutive day license suspension. He stated that the penalty could not be imposed until after a hearing before the City Council.

The City Council raised no objection to the issuance of the administrative penalty and license suspension for the liquor license violation.

3. REPORT

A. Administrator Report -- No report.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer