

# City Council/Manager

August 13, 2019 – 6:30 pm

Council Conference Room

Golden Valley City Hall

7800 Golden Valley Road

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The meeting began at 6:30 pm in the Council Conference Room.

Present: Mayor Harris and Council Members; Rosenquist, Schmidgall, Clausen and Fonnest  
Staff present: City Manager Cruikshank, Physical Development Director Nevinski, City Attorney Cisneros, City Clerk Luedke, Finance Director Virnig, Assistant to the City Manager's Office Romano

### 1. Tobacco Regulation

City Attorney Cisneros presented the staff report including the four policy areas of focus, which include: prohibiting the sale of tobacco to people under age 21; restricting the density of tobacco retailers; enacting minimum price or pack requirements for certain tobacco products and restricting the sale of flavored tobacco, including menthol. Cisneros also introduced staff from Hennepin County Public Health (HCPH), which acts as the Public Health department. HCPH staff delivered a presentation providing background and information specific to the policies under consideration.

The Council discussed the implications of an outright ban on tobacco products in Golden Valley, raising the legal age of purchase to 21 years- further enforcing age verification for purchase-, updating the definitions of specific terms, restricting the density of tobacco retailers, capping the number of licenses issued to tobacco retailers, and limiting signage within them.

Council directed staff to draft an ordinance that incorporates the four policy areas described on the agenda packet and to add language addressing age verification, requiring signage, and prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco except by tobacco-only retailers.

### 2. Update on Council Chambers Remodel

Physical Development Director Nevinski presented the staff report which include several concepts to be taken into consideration while remodeling the City Council Chambers. He reminded the Council that the bidding stage for the project is tentatively scheduled for the fall and that construction would begin in January.

Marcia Stemwedel, contracted architect, provided details of the schematic design to date. The Council discussed the design layout, potential orientation of the room, range of color and material for wall coverings and overall lighting. It was decided that Council Meetings will be held at the Council Conference Room during the remodeling project. Renderings of the Chamber plans will be shared with Council at a future date.

### 3. Mid-Year Goal and Legislative Update

City Manager Cruikshank presented his report. He provided a recap of the 2018 annual goal session which included the reevaluation of the City's values and the creation of a Vision Statement.

**3. Mid-Year Goal and Legislative Update - continued**

Cruikshank presented the 2019 Action Steps for each of the City's departments, the goals for the year set by Council members individually and the 2019 legislative priorities.

The Council discussed the Fiscal Disparities Program and the City's tax capacity.

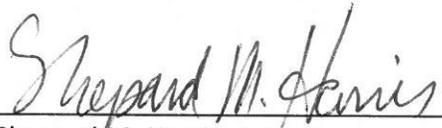
**4. 2020-2021 Proposed General Fund Budget**

Finance Director Virnig reviewed the 2020—2021 General Fund Budget and Levy. The Council considered reviewing the impact on the taxpayer. Council reduced the General Fund Budget by \$195,000 in the following expenditures: \$30,000 handguns, \$100,000 branding, \$15,000 survey and \$50,000 compensation study. Discussion was held on the additional police officer. Future discussions on the budget will be at the September 10 Council Manager meeting with a preliminary approval of 2020-2021 budget and 2020 levy on September 17

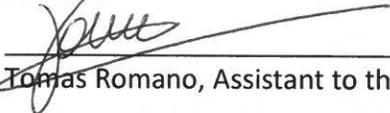
**5. Council Review of Future Draft Agendas: City Council August 20, City Council September 3, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Work Session September 10 and Council/Manager September 10, 2019**

No changes were submitted for future draft agendas.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

  
Shepard M. Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Thomas Romano, Assistant to the City Manager's Office



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