

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Work Session was held on February 5, 2024 at the City Hall, 1301 81st Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, at 5:30 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks
Councilmember April Moran
Mayor Nelson

STAFF PRESENT

Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

GUESTS

SBM Fire Chief Dan Retka

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. SBM Fire Department Updates

SBM Fire Chief Dan Retka presented updates about the operations and activities of the SBM Fire Department. He discussed the transition to a duty crew model, which is aimed at improving response times and efficiency. He noted that this change showed significant improvement in the department's response effectiveness. He also highlighted ongoing recruitment efforts that have successfully bolstered firefighter numbers without compromising standards. He covered additional topics including dispatch changes, updates on equipment, including the downsizing of the fleet for efficiency, and an update to the SBM Capital Improvement Plan.

B. SBM Fire Board Appointment

Administrator Buchholtz stated that Steve Coyle's term on the SBM Fire Board would be ending on March 8, 2024 and that Mr. Coyle was not eligible for reappointment. Administrator Buchholtz stated that the SBM Bylaws empower the City Administrator to nominate an individual to represent Spring Lake Park on the SBM Fire Board. He asked if there were any objections to him nominating former Councilmember Brad Delfs.

The City Council expressed no objections to the nomination.

C. Discussion of Resolution in Opposition to Redesigning the State Flag and Seal

Councilmembers expressed varied opinions on the proposed resolution opposing redesigning the state flag and seal. A majority of members were against adopting the

resolution, with the reasoning that the current flag and seal do not align with the city's efforts or authority. Ultimately, it was determined that the resolution would not be put forward.

Mayor Nelson left the meeting at 6:15pm.

D. Review Possible Updates to Schedule of Permitted Uses

Administrator Buchholtz reviewed potential updates to the zoning ordinance land use table, including removal of outdated uses, additions of modern uses such as data centers and electronic charging stations, clarification of uses and revision of certain uses to better fit within conditional or permitted categories. He said he incorporated the City Council's and Planning Commission's comments in the proposed draft, as well as updated specific terms and uses.

Administrator Buchholtz encouraged members to provide feedback and requested the Council authorize staff to schedule a public hearing on the amendments before the Planning Commission.

CONSENSUS of the City Council was to authorize the Administrator Buchholtz to submit the table to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation. Administrator Buchholtz stated that he would set a public hearing for the February 26, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

3. REPORT

A. Council Reports – No reports.

B. Administrator Report – no report.

4. ADJOURN

Acting Mayor Dircks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer