CITY OF TWO HARBORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/AGENDA MEETING

March 28, 2022

5:00 p.m.   Call to order.

Appearances:

1. Jeff Anderson, Costin Group
   Re: Lobby and Support for Waterfront Development.

2. City Attorney Costley
   Re: Legal Opinions.

3. City Clerk Nordean
   Re: Redistricting.

Administrator updates.

Attorney updates.

City Clerk/HR updates.

Finance Director updates.

Community Development Planner updates.

City Engineer updates.

Other agenda questions or additions.
TWO HARBORS CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

March 28, 2022

6:00 P.M.    Call to order regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Two Harbors.

Roll call:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Additions or Changes to the Agenda:

[M] Approval of the Agenda.

Items may be added to the agenda prior to approval of the agenda. Items brought forth once the agenda has been approved shall be referred to administration and/or committee.

Public Hearing on Sidewalk Improvement Project:

[M] Adjourning the regular meeting and calling to order a public hearing for the purpose of considering the ordering of sidewalk improvements on Eighth Street from Fourth Avenue to Second Avenue, both sides; Second Avenue from Seventh Street to Eighth Street, both sides; Fourth Avenue from Sixth Street to Seventh Street on the north side only; and Fifth Avenue from Sixth Street to Seventh Street, south side only.

Appearances:    1. Miranda Pietila, Interim Administrator and Finance Director regarding the proposed project.

Communications:

[M] Adjourning the public hearing and reconvening the Regular Meeting of the Two Harbors City Council.

3. Pastor Jim Joseph, re: the issues we are facing in our community.
4. Bonita Bieniek, re: Recent issues concerning Mayor Swanson.
5. Jean Sewell, re: Mayor Swanson.
6. Toni Wangen, re: Mayor Swanson.
Administrative Reports:
1. Miranda Pietila, Interim Administrator
2. Tim Costley, City Attorney
3. Patty Nordean, City Clerk

Committee Reports:
Public Affairs Committee
Edna G. Commission
Finance Committee
Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics
Personnel Committee
Public Works Committee
Other.

[R] Approving the Consent Agenda Items:

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are routine in nature and typically do not require discussion. If there is an item on the consent agenda that a councilmember feels warrants discussion, it should be removed from the consent agenda and dealt with individually.

1. Approving minutes from the March 14, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.
2. Allowing claims against the City of Two Harbors to be paid on March 29, 2022.
3. Approving payroll for the first half of March, 2022.
4. A communication from Resign or Recall Committee representatives, Todd Ronning, Toni Wangen, David Popilek, Judith Olson and Thomas Koehler, providing a Certificate for Recall of Mayor Christopher Swanson and Petition to Recall Mayor Christopher Swanson.
5. Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver an Independent Contractor Agreement with Jose' Leon, to provide public access coordinator and camera operator services for the City.
6. Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver the MN Department of Transportation agency Agreement for Federal Airport Expense Reimbursement in the amount of $32,000.
7. Approving the application of Two Harbors Golf Association for an On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Liquor License for 1349 Highway 61.
8. Accepting the quote from Sonju Two Harbors, for the purchase of 2022 Polaris Ranger side-by-side utility vehicle and accessories for an amount of $25,447.50.
9. Accepting the proposal of Water Conservation Services, Inc. to provide a water distribution leak survey for an amount of $3,210.
10. Accepting the proposal of Northern Elite Epoxy for epoxy floor coating at the new campground bathhouse for an amount of $6,000.
11. Accepting the proposal of Great Lakes Pipe Service to provide annual sanitary sewer cleaning and televising services for an amount not to exceed $30,000.

12. Accepting the quote from Electroforge Custom Welding for new turnout gear lockers for the Fire Department for an amount of $12,000.

13. Accepting the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to hire Joel Dhien for the temporary position of Interim City Administrator and authorizing the Attorney to draft a working agreement with Mr. Dhien regarding work schedule and compensation for his services.

14. Accepting the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics to refer to the Public Affairs Committee, a proposal to amend the City Code to prohibit social media accounts for City of Two Harbors elected officials.

15. Approving the request of David Ellquist to attend the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association Annual Conference in Alexandria.

16. A communication from Julie Hukride of Silver Creek Township, expressing her opinion regarding a potential recall of Mayor Swanson.

17. Approving the application of Castle Danger Brewing for Brewer Off Sale Malt Liquor License pending passage of the omnibus liquor bill HF2767, which would amend MN Statue 340A.28 Small Brewer Off-Sale, which would provide an ability for them to sell growlers.

18. Approving the request of the Library Director for payment of conference registration fees to attend the 2022 American Library Association Conference in Washington, DC.

Unfinished Business:
Other.

New Business:


2. [R] Authorizing payment to Bolton & Menk in the amount of $19,624.50 for construction engineering services from January 2, 2022 – February 4, 2022 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

3. [R] Accepting the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Ethics Committee to request an opinion from the MN Attorney General regarding the communication from Mark S. Johnson expressing concerns with a potential conflict of
interest involving solicitation of funds by Mayor Swanson for the Two Harbors Performing Arts Center through Garage Starts.

4. [R] Accepting the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Ethics Committee to request an opinion from the MN Attorney General regarding the Duluth Monitor Article dated March 17, 2022 regarding alleged abuse of position by Mayor Swanson regarding Lou’s Fish and Brian Entzion.

5. [R] Ordering the 2022 Sidewalk Improvement Project.

6. [R] Accepting the quote from Primetime Concrete for the 2022 Sidewalk Improvement Project.

7. [M] Establishing the process for collection of City Council email for data requests. (councilors will be responsible for collecting their own, or City IT representative will be asked to retrieve the data from the server.)

8. [R] Accepting the recommendation of the Councilors assigned to negotiations (Redden and Erickson) to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Two Harbors and Two Harbors Confidential Employees Association regarding temporary compensation for Miranda Pietila.

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10. [R] Consider the Special Event Permit Application of First Day Events for their proposed Bald Eagle Waterski Show event to be held on August 20, 2022 at Burlington Bay, requesting assistance from the City in coordination of garbage and recycling and public restrooms, closure of public parking area at Burlington Bay, enhanced walking path/signs, allowing parking along Park Road except along beach area.

Other.

Announcements:

Adjourn: