

**CITY OF SHOREWOOD
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025**

**5755 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Labadie called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

A. Roll Call

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Present. Mayor Labadie; Councilmembers Maddy, Sanschagrín, and DiGruttolo; City Administrator Nevinski; City Clerk/HR Director Thone; Director of Public Works Morreim; Park and Recreation Manager Czech; Finance Director Schmuck, and, City Engineer Budde

Absent: Councilmembers Gorham

C. Review Agenda

Sanschagrín moved, Maddy seconded, approving the agenda as presented.

Motion passed.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Labadie reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

DiGruttolo moved, Maddy seconded, Approving the Motions Contained on the Consent Agenda and Adopting the Resolutions Therein.

- A. City Council Retreat Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2025**
- B. City Council Work Session Minutes of February 24, 2025**
- C. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2025**
- D. Approval of the Verified Claims List**
- E. Service Agreement with Barr Engineering**
- F. Agenda Management Software**

Motion passed.

3. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Excelsior Lions Club: Josh Radziej

Josh Radziej, Excelsior Lions Club, noted that the club currently had over sixty members and last year were able to raise about sixty thousand dollars through their various events. He explained that the reason he was here tonight was because he would like to grow the Excelsior Lions Club and find ways to continue to help and serve the community. He shared examples of ways that they have assisted in the community and noted that they were actively looking for projects to help with, such as a trail clean-up project or adopting a road. He asked the Council to keep them in mind and let them know if they hear about a project that they felt the Lions may be a good fit for. He noted that they also had some funds available for distribution if it aligned with the Lions Club. He clarified that the Excelsior Lions Club had the eighty-twenty rule, which meant that eighty percent of their funds must be used locally.

Mayor Labadie thanked Mr. Radziej for coming to present to the Council.

Councilmember Sanschagrín asked about the overall focus of the Lions Club.

Mr. Radziej stated that vision is their number one focus and noted that it was different in the United States than it had been in the past and referenced their bifocal efforts and drop-boxes for old eyeglasses. He stated that, in addition to vision, hunger, and childhood cancer, were also some of their pillars, and explained that last year they raised about five thousand dollars to purchase a Lego set for children with cancer because they have to be very careful about playing with other children.

Mayor Labadie asked when and where the Excelsior Lions Club held their meetings.

Mr. Radziej stated that they meet the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon at the Montego Blue restaurant. He encouraged anyone interested to either just show up at a meeting or reach out to him ahead of time at josh@chadbabcock.com.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked if the Lions service projects needed to be related to vision, cancer or hunger.

Mr. Radziej stated that they did not need to be related to those things, but noted that they were trying to hone in on those areas. He reminded the Council that they would use eighty percent of their funding at the local level.

5. PARKS

6. PLANNING

7. ENGINEERING/PUBLIC WORKS

A. 2025 Mill and Overlay Final Plans and Specifications, City Project 24-10

City Engineer Budde reminded the Council that the City had authorized the Final Plans and Specifications for this project in December of 2024. He explained that the streets included in the 2025 mill and overlay project were generally in the Boulder Bridge neighborhood; portions of Wild

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Rose Lane; Sylvan Lane; Eureka Road; Orchard Circle; the Shorewood Oaks neighborhood; a portion of Yellowstone trail; and a portion of Country Club Road. He gave a brief overview of some of the work that would be incorporated into the project, including relocation of a driveway, addition to curb/pedestrian ramps, and various drainage improvements. He noted that this project was currently projected to come in under budget by about forty thousand dollars. He outlined some of the permits that would be needed in order for the project to move forward and explained that if the Council voted in favor of this tonight, the plan would be to open bids in early April and award the project by the end of April.

Mayor Labadie noted that Councilmember Sanschagrín had submitted some questions earlier today and staff had prepared written answers to those questions.

Councilmember Sanschagrín noted that he had a question regarding the driveway that would be relocated as part of this project. He noted that he can understand how their proposal would improve the safety of this intersection and asked if it made sense to assume that the City would pay for the whole thing or, because this improvement would enhance the value of the property, if the homeowner may be open to sharing some of the costs with the City. He explained that he wanted to make sure that the City was not putting all the liability on the taxpayers if they did not need to.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked if the homeowner had requested that the driveway be moved.

City Engineer Budde stated that he had brought up the possibility of relocating the driveway with this project after the homeowner had approached the City about curb and gutter. He noted that he had hinted to the homeowner that they would not be financially responsible for any of the project costs and explained that most of the work would take place within the right-of-way, but some would also take place on private property and clarified that the plans would move the driveway to Eureka.

Mayor Labadie asked if the City has had situations like this in the past.

City Engineer Budde stated that in Shorewood they have not had situations like this where a driveway was essentially in the worst possible spot.

Councilmember Sanschagrín stated that he could totally see how relocating the driveway would improve safety in the area, but the question he had was related to how the costs could be split.

City Engineer Budde stated that he would look for guidance from the Council on what they felt a fair cost split may be for the homeowner and noted that the cost estimate for the relocation was around twenty thousand dollars.

City Administrator Nevinski noted that his suspicion is that the majority of the driveway relocation was located within the public right-of-way. He stated that one way of looking at this would be that there will be a real public benefit to improving where that driveway is located, which could offset the benefit to the homeowner that was brought up.

City Engineer Budde noted that most of this would be within the MSA, so he would estimate that at least fifteen thousand of the costs would come from the MSA funds.

Councilmember Sanschagrín noted that the 2025 mill and overlay project focused on the western portion of the City and asked why they had not focused on the eastern portion of the City as well.

City Engineer Budde stated that with the information from the Pavement Management Plan, most of the worst streets were located on the western side of the City. He explained that they had made the decision to try to keep the projects as clustered together as much as possible and noted that the next planned mill and overlay project had more of a focus on the east side of the City.

Councilmember Maddy stated that he was okay with the driveway relocation, as proposed, because it seemed like there was a public good.

Councilmember DiGruttolo noted that the City's portion of the costs for this work would only be around five thousand dollars, which she felt was reasonable, because the resident had not asked the City to relocate their driveway.

Mayor Labadie stated that she agreed especially because more than half of the driveway was located within the right-of-way.

Councilmember Sanschagrín stated that he appreciated the information about the actual cost of this work and would agree that the five thousand dollars would be reasonable for the City to cover.

Maddy moved, Sanschagrín seconded, Adopting RESOLUTION NO. 25-027, "A Resolution Approving Final Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Bidding for the 2025 Mill and Overlay and Eureka Road Project, City Project 24-10, 23-01."

Motion passed.

- 8. GENERAL/NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**
 - A. Staff**

Park and Recreation Manager Czech stated that Lucky's Pots O' Gold was running right now and encouraged residents to stop in the parks and get a selfie with one of the Pots O' Gold and send the picture to the Parks and Recreation e-mail in order to claim their pot of gold at the Shorewood Community and Event Center. He noted that there was also an RFP out for the Parks Master Plan and noted that the City had held an informational call for firms that were interested, which had about eight firms who had expressed interest.

Public Works Director Morreim stated that since the last Council meeting, they had conducted a fair amount of utility training for staff. He stated that the City had also received the new sweeper, which should start being used, within the next week or two. He stated that they are also starting to get to work on various park activities, such as putting out lacrosse nets.

Finance Director Schmuck stated that the City had been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Financial Excellence in Reporting. She explained that this was a prestigious, national award and the City had received it for twenty-eight consecutive years.

City Clerk/HR Director Thone stated that the City completed the final interviews for the Planning Director position last week and a recommendation would be on the March 24, 2025 agenda.

City Administrator Nevinski stated that City staff had participated in a discussion with other western suburb communities led by Three Rivers Park District related to e-bikes. He explained that there was a collective effort to understand what is happening with e-bikes and also to share messaging so there can be consistent messaging for the public. He noted that late last week, a number of bills were introduced in the Senate that were essentially reiterations of the 'missing middle' bill from last year, which had many of the same provisions that were included last year. He stated that the League of Minnesota Cities and Metro Cities were carefully watching this situation and also testifying on the bills on behalf of all cities. He stated that City Planner Griffiths had also been paying close attention because much of this would be coming through the planning industry as well and noted that these bills tend to have bi-partisan support.

Councilmember DiGruttolo asked if there was some way the Council could get legislative updates from the City. She stated that she felt it would be helpful if the Council knew what was coming and could factor it into their planning for the future. She noted that if something 'big' was coming through she thought it may also be a good idea to include something about it in the City newsletter in order to let residents know as well.

B. Mayor and City Council

Councilmember Sanschagrín explained that he wanted to suggest some topics for discussion at future meetings such as e-bikes and plans for City-owned properties.

Mayor Labadie noted that if the City puts e-bikes on a future agenda, she requested that they invite Police Chief Tholen to the meeting as well.

Councilmember Maddy stated that, after a mere forty-nine months, the Excelsior Fire District finally received their new fire truck. He noted that it was not yet being utilized but the Department had a push-in ceremony a few weeks ago. He noted that the truck, when they had first ordered it, was a bit over eight-hundred thousand dollars and the exact same truck today would cost one point two million dollars.

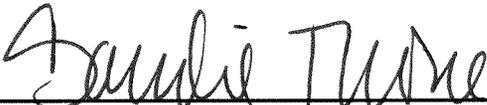
Mayor Labadie stated that she had attended the Mayors Forum on February 27, 2025, along with the mayors of Tonka Bay, Greenwood, and Excelsior, and the City Administrator from Deephaven. She stated that within the audience was State Senator Ann Johnson Stewart and House Representatives Andrew Myers and Patty Acomb. She explained that the meeting was recorded if anyone wanted to watch it. She stated that last week, they had the SLMPD Coordinator Committee meeting and explained that Police Chief Tholen had announced that he would be retiring. She stated that the discussion at the meeting was related to the job description for his position, posting it, and getting the timeline going to find his replacement. She stated that earlier today she and Police Chief Tholen had attended the Regional Council of Mayors meeting in Minneapolis where the topic of discussion was related to law enforcement from Federal to local.

10. ADJOURN

Sanschagrín moved, Maddy seconded, Adjourning the City Council Regular Meeting of March 10, 2025, at 7:45 P.M.

Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Sandie Thone, City Clerk



Jennifer Labadie, Mayor