

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 20, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Harmon with the following Council Members present: Larry Janssen, Alan Oberloh, Amy Ernst, Chad Cummings. Members absent: Mayor Mike Kuhle (excused).

Staff members present: Steve Robinson, City Administrator; Jason Brisson, Director of Community Development, Planning, Zoning and Building Services; Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director; Mindy Eggers, Assistant City Clerk.

Others present: Ryan McGaughey, The Globe; Justine Wettschreck, KWOA; Brett Altergott, Flagship Recreation; Dennis Luetgers; Loreena Leutgers; Paulette Sjogren; Priscilla Williams; Claire Williams; Richard Dalrymple; Jacoba Nagel; Jay Vargas.

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Cummings and unanimously approved to move item 2. All Inclusive Payground Presentation to Item 1.

**ALL INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PRESENTATION (PUBLIC WORKS)**

Todd Wietzema, Public Works Director, stated that he was contacted by the Early Risers Kiwanis Club about a proposed All Inclusive Park project that they would like to raise funds for. He said staff feels the best place for the proposed park would be Chautauqua Park as it's one of the most popular parks and one that has the oldest equipment in line for replacement. Mr. Wietzema noted the Centennial Park playground is being replaced this year with the new addition of the splash pad and over the next three years \$33,000 is being set aside into CIP for the replacement of playground equipment. The Park & Recreation Advisory Board met on March 6<sup>th</sup> and approved support of the proposed project. Mr. Wietzema explained that Brett Altergott, Flagship Recreation was in attendance to give a presentation on an All Inclusive Park.

Brett Altergott presented a power point presentation to the City Council on All Inclusive Parks. He explained the difference between the ADA compliance and an all inclusive park. ADA meets the minimal legal standards for physical access, while an all inclusive park meets ADA standards and also is barrier free and for everyone. Mr. Altergott stated there are unlimited options that can be put together and once a location and budget are determined the vision for the space and selection of components can take place.

After discussion by the Council it was agreed that Mr. Wietzema and staff would continue moving forward with the process and continue to work with the Early Risers Kiwanis and Flagship Recreation on the proposed all inclusive park.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING CHARTER COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS  
(ADMINISTRATION)**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator, stated that the terms of seven of the fifteen members of the Worthington City Charter Commission will be expiring March 31, 2019. He explained per Minnesota Statute § 410.05, Subd. 3, a City Council, a Charter Commission, or petitioners requesting the appointment of a Charter Commission may submit to the court the name of eligible nominees which the district court may consider in making appointments to the Commission. Each of the expiring members have served one term, noting that the order for appointment of Jay Vargas to fill the unexpired term of Robert Demuth Sr. has not yet been received back from the court but he is also eligible for reappointment for his first five year term. After the adoption of the resolution by council it would then be sent to our Charter Attorney, Aaron Kinser, so he can prepare a petition to the District Court Judge for appointment of the members.

The motion was made by Council Member Oberloh, seconded by Council Member Janssen and unanimously carried to approve the Resolution Requesting Charter Commission Appointments.

### **BAC BUILDING DISCUSSION**

Steve Robinson, City Administrator stated that according to the Economic Development Authority the city's plan for a long term rental agreement with an incubator company does not comply with the terms of the grant agreement. He explained staff found the original letter and financial assistance award and according to the information the city is in fact complying. He said the argument could be that the city is securing an active incubator based business in the Bioscience/Animal Health field that could manage the property and be the focal point for additional access and opportunities that would have the ability to know if there are interested parties in the same field. A conference call will be held next week with a regional director from the EDA to try and resolve the issue. After discussion by the council, it was agreed to continue to pursue a long term lease agreement with the current incubator business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Janssen, seconded by Council Member Ernst and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Mindy L. Eggers, MCMC  
Assistant City Clerk