



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING
2ND FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

Mayor Louismet opened the meeting at 8:20 PM. Councilmembers in attendance included: Bill Walsh, Heidi Hughes, Kevin Edberg and Steve Engstran. Councilmember Jones was excused. Staff members in attendance included: City Manager Lindy Crawford, Community Development Director Jason Lindahl and Housing and Economic Development Coordinator Tracy Shimek.

1. Housing Task Force Recommendations: Community Demographics and Community Housing Study

Shimek summarized a handout regarding data about White Bear Lake's demographics and housing stock and asked Council what additional information would be helpful as they consider the City's housing needs. Council requested additional information regarding the types and unit counts of the City's housing and demographic information by area of the City. Discussion ensued regarding having an older than average population, and how to position the community to be attractive to younger families as housing turns over.

Staff then presented information they gathered in researching potential options for conducting a community housing survey. Staff recommended engaging the services of a professional survey research firm to produce statistically significant results. Following a conversation about format and cost, the general consensus from Council was to move forward with a community housing survey with the scope limited to housing related information versus a broader community perception survey. Council indicated an interest in including a "balloon" to breakout information about the plans and needs for the City's older population. Council directed staff to request a formal proposal to be considered at a future City Council meeting.

Adjourned 9:20 PM