

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING 2ND FLOOR BOARD ROOM

Mayor Louismet opened the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance included: Kevin Edberg, Steve Engstran, Heidi Hughes, Dan Jones and Bill Walsh. Staff members in attendance included: City Manager Lindy Crawford, Community Development Director Jason Lindahl, Housing and Economic Development Coordinator Tracy Shimek, City Clerk Caley Longendyke and City Attorney Troy Gilchrist.

1. Proposed Tobacco Licensing Ordinance

Crawford provided an overview of proposed changes to the City's Municipal Code, Section 1104 for licensure of tobacco and tobacco-related products. The City currently does not expressly regulate exclusive tobacco shops and the regulations for tobacco products need to be updated to keep pace with recent changes in both federal and state law. An interim ordinance imposing a 12-month moratorium for the establishment and expansion of tobacco shops, effective September 27, 2022, allowed staff time to study the City's current regulations and make necessary revisions to ordinances. Councilmembers discussed the proposed ordinance language. City Attorney Troy Gilchrist provided clarification on various defined terms presented in the ordinance.

A first reading and public hearing for the ordinance is scheduled for the August 8 City Council regular meeting.

2. Housing Survey Questions

Lindahl and Shimek presented a draft of a Housing Survey script with questions. The City contracted with the Morris-Leatherman Company to create a survey to engage residents on their housing-related needs, wants, future plans, experiences and barriers. Staff asked for feedback from Council. Councilmembers offered their feedback regarding the script and questions. Staff will revise the script and questions based on Council feedback.

The survey would begin within the next two months.

Adjourned 10:29 p.m.