1. **Call to Order**

   Mayor Brad Wiersum called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call**

   Councilmembers Tony Wagner, Bob Ellingson, Patty Acomb, Deb Calvert, Tim Bergstedt, and Mayor Wiersum were present. Mike Happe was excused.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   Wagner moved, Bergstedt seconded a motion to accept the agenda with an addendum to item 11A. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

5. **Approval of Minutes: April 30, 2018 LBAE meeting and April 30, 2018 regular council meeting**

   Acomb moved, Calvert seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2018 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting, as presented. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

   Acomb moved, Calvert seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2018 regular council meeting, as presented. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

6. **Special Matters: None**

7. **Reports from City Manager & Council Members**

   City Manager Geralyn Barone reported on upcoming city events and council meetings.

   Wagner announced he was resigning his seat effective mid-July. He and his wife found a home that’s closer to their children’s school. The new home is located outside Ward 2. He said it had been fabulous working with the other councilmembers. Much had been accomplished during his 15 years on the council in areas ranging from transportation and transit to environmental protections. There had been a lot of long term thinking on how to best make sure the city was well managed. Minnetonka was one of the most respected cities in the region. He said he will definitely miss being on the council and it had been an honor to serve and represent the voters.
Wiersum said it had been a singular pleasure of his to serve on the council with Wagner. He said Wagner was a clear and challenging thinker and had made himself and everyone who served on the council better.

Barone said the city charter allowed two options to fill the upcoming vacancy given how much time was left in Wagner’s term. The council could choose to either call for a special election or do an appointment. She said staff would prepare a report for the June study session with information about both options. The final determination would be made at the June 18 Council Meeting. She thanked Wagner on behalf of the staff. She said he was a big picture, long term thinker and the community had benefitted greatly from his leadership.

Acomb said she was sorry to see Wagner resign but was glad he was remaining in the city.

Calvert said Wagner had helped her personally over the past couple of years and truly was a brilliant thinker. She said he had already made her a better councilmember.

Wiersum reported he recently met with the Cargill’s head of government relations. He also attended the Corridor Management Committee for SWLRT meeting.

8. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters not on the Agenda

9. Bids and Purchases:

A. Bids for the CSAH 101 N. Landscaping project

City Engineer Will Manchester gave the staff report.

Bergstedt said it was an exciting project. The project had been in the works for decades.

Wiersum said his recollection was the path was going under the bridge. Manchester confirmed this was correct.

Bergstedt moved, Wagner seconded a motion to award the contract for the CSAH 101 N. Landscaping Project No. 15503 to G Urban Companies, Inc. in the amount of $314,328.50. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

B. Bids for Delton Avenue pedestrian improvements

Manchester gave the staff report.

Calvert said any safety improvement in the area was welcome.

Wiersum said the improvements were a good first step noting the city has applied for federal funding from the Safe Routes to School program. He said the new fence between the school and Highway 7 was a major safety improvement. He
hoped the city and school district could work together to help educate parents and students to pay attention to the signals.

Barone noted the city was not successful in obtaining federal funds but would continue to apply.

Calvert moved, Bergstedt seconded a motion to award the Delton Avenue pedestrian improvements Project No. 18408 to Midwest Civil Constructors, LLC in the amount of $100,872 and amend the CIP. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

10. **Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:**

   A. **Resolution approving an interim use permit for temporary sale of fireworks at Westwind Plaza**

   Bergstedt asked that the item be pulled from the consent agenda. He said he didn’t have any major issues with the item, but could not recall another time when the council approved the sale of fireworks. He noted in Wisconsin it seemed like every other mile there was a huge place selling fireworks. Many of those fireworks are not legal in Minnesota but make their way back here. He said people driving buy Westwind Plaza might get the impression the law had changed. He thought the lines might get blurred some. He has noticed that in his neighborhood that the days before the 4th of July and on the holiday itself, there were more and more fireworks set off. A lot of times those fireworks end up in neighboring properties. Often, the fireworks continue after 10 p.m. when the city’s noise ordinance kicks in. He asked staff what residents should do if there are issues with fireworks in their neighborhood.

   Community Development Director Julie Wischnack presented information from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety about what fireworks were legal in the state. The information indicated that fireworks that explode or shoot into the air are not legal in the state. She said if people notice fireworks after 10 p.m., they should call 911. The call would be routed to the city’s police department. She said the police department told her they receive a handful of calls around the 4th of July but had not seen a noticeable increase over the past couple of years.

   Ellingson moved, Wagner seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2018-063 approving an interim use permit for temporary fireworks sales by TNT Fireworks at 4795 County Road 101. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

   B. **Resolution approving a conditional use permit for an accessory apartment at 2920 Ellsworth Lane**

   Ellingson moved, Acomb seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2018-060 approving a conditional use permit for an accessory apartment at 2920 Ellsworth Lane. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

   C. **Resolution approving a conditional use permit for an accessory structure at 4024 County Road 101**
Ellingson moved, Acomb seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2018-061 approving a conditional use permit for an accessory structure exceeding 12 feet in height and aggregate accessory structures exceeding 1,000 square feet in total floor area at 4024 County Road 101. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

D. Resolution supporting an application for a grant from Hennepin County’s Transit Oriented Development Program submitted by Newport Midwest, LLC, dba The Mariner for redevelopment at 10400,10500,10550 Bren Road East

Ellingson moved, Acomb seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2018-062 supporting the Newport Midwest, LLC’s application for grant funds through the Hennepin County TOD program. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes:

A. Resolution approving a conditional use permit with parking variance for a medical clinic at 1700 Plymouth Road

Ellingson moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2018-064 with the addendum approving a conditional use permit with parking variance for a medical clinic at 1700 Plymouth Road. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

12. Introduction of Ordinances: None

13. Public Hearings: None

14. Other Business:

A. Items concerning Ridgedale Active Adult Apartments at 12421 Wayzata Blvd.:

1) Master Development Plan,
2) Site and Building Plan with variances, and
3) Preliminary and Final Plats

City Planner Loren Gordon gave the staff report.

Wagner said the staff report indicated the development likely would be constructed during the road reconstruction. He said it was his understanding this property would be used as a staging area for quite a period time until the road work was almost done or actually completed. Gordon confirmed that was correct. Wagner noted it might be 2020 until the building construction began.

Johnny Carlson from the Trammell Crow Company said the project had not changed a lot since the last time the council saw it. Most of the time has been spent working on the definition of the design and infrastructure of the roundabout.
with staff. The park had grown some. He confirmed the project would be done in phases.

Dr. Mark Stesin, 2000 Norway Pine Circle, said he was speaking on behalf of coalition of neighbors. He said the neighbors were excited about the Ridgedale redevelopment and strongly supported high density housing as part of the development. Any new high density housing should be in compliance with the city’s comprehensive plan, should be north of Ridgedale Drive and should not encroach and intrude on existing neighborhoods in the area. He said the coalition strongly supported this proposal because it met all those requirements. The building was large but the mass, density and activity would not encroach on the neighborhoods. The building fit the space. The park would benefit the entire city. The price of the apartments was appropriate.

Calvert applauded the developer for adding additional insulation to meet the city’s energy efficiency goals.

Wagner said the proposal aligned with the city’s vision. It was exactly what was intended when the visioning plan was done. He said it would be an amenity to the varied housing stock in the area. There would likely be more to come in the area.

Bergstedt said he was excited about the proposed changes to Ridgedale Drive. He said the developer was high quality and this was an entirely appropriate use. He thought it would really start to transform that side of the mall which had been a dead space for quite a while.

Acomb said the developer did a nice job with the look of the building and it would be a nice addition to the Ridgedale parking lot. She appreciated the park which would be a nice amenity to the area. She was disappointed affordable housing was not included.

Ellingson congratulated the developer for making such good use of a parking lot.

Wiersum said it was an exciting project. He said Trammell Crow did a great job on the island property in the Carlson Towers area. He agreed with Bergstedt that this was the start of the real change of the nature of Ridgedale. This was exciting for the community. He saw Ridgedale becoming a destination complex for dining and entertainment and housing while retaining its retail component. This would make it unique in the Twin Cities. It would ensure that this very important part of the city remained vital. He agreed with Acomb’s comments about affordable housing. Affordable housing was something that was never easy to add but was always needed.

Wagner moved, Bergstedt seconded a motion to adopt ordinance 2018-06 adopting a master development plan; resolution 2018-065 approving final site and building plans with variances; and resolution 2018-066 approving preliminary and final plats. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.
B. 2019-2023 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Barone gave the presentation.

Wagner said earlier in the meeting the council discussed the Ridgedale area and in other meetings had discussed the Opus area and there was some place making thinking being done for the two areas. The CIP includes looking into how to make a park in the Ridgedale area. The same was being looked at for the Opus area. He was proud of the work being done to expand the trail system in the city and coming up with a funding source. He was hopeful there would be a favorable bidding environment in order to do even more of the side trails. He said he was very excited about those items because they were big picture and longer term investments.

Calvert said as a wife of a retired firefighter, she understood the importance of public safety and it was wonderful to see the city pay attention to its fleet. Not only making sure it was in good working order but at the same time doing so in a fiscally prudent manner.

Bergstedt thanked staff for its work in putting together the CIP. He said the city always did a good job in long term thinking and finding ways to fund the CIP.

Wiersum agreed the staff did a great job. The CIP was $152.4 million. The city was very mindful of spending the money prudently and was always very careful about spending taxpayer dollars. Money was spent intelligently but the city was not afraid to invest when needed. He was very proud of the city’s Aaa bond rating. Taxes were not low, but were a very good value.

Wagner moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2018-067 adopting the 2019-23 Capital Improvements Program and resolution 2018-068 declaring the intent to reimburse current expenditures for utility infrastructure improvements with the proceeds of utility revenue bonds to be issued in August 2018. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

C. 2019-2023 Economic Improvement Program (EIP)

Barone gave the staff report.

Wagner noted the EDAC discussed getting council feedback on the Hennepin County Land Trust. They also discussed the history of the Livable Communities Fund and if special legislation should be explored. He suggested if the city did go down that route that there should be a joint session with the EDAC.

Calvert said the EIP included several aspirational entries having to do with affordable housing and the tools to address it. She agreed a joint meeting with the EDAC made sense.

Wiersum noted he was a part of the Homes Within Reach board. He attended a strategic planning meeting and there certainly was a need for funding sources.
He said the advantage to the program was it was very cost effective. This was a really important consideration for all the affordable housing programs in order to get as much bang for the buck as possible.

Calvert moved, Wagner seconded a motion to adopt resolution 2018-069 adopting the 2019-2023 Economic Improvement Program. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

15. Appointments and Reappointments: None

16. Adjournment

Bergstedt moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Maeda
City Clerk