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CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

The Ham Lake City Council met on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Jim Doyle, Al Parranto, Mike Van Kirk and Andrew Hallberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Mark Berglund; City Administrator, Denise Webster; Finance Director, Andrea Murff; Building Official, Mark Jones; City Engineer, Dave Krugler; and Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2.0 Discussion of amending an existing Conditional Use Permit at 14205 Highway 65 NE

Attorney Berglund gave the City Council background on the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued to North Metro Storage at 14205 Highway 65 NE. The applicant had applied for a CUP in 2017 that included the addition of three new buildings. When the CUP was approved, the owner agreed to give the city road right-of-way along the east side of the property for a future service road as required by the City's thoroughfare plan and such deed was supposed to be filed prior to issuance of the building permit. The previous City Administrator allowed the building permit to be issued for the construction of the buildings without the right-of-way deed being filed. The applicant feels that with the building permits being issued without the deed being filed, that negates the agreement regarding the service road. The applicant has now asked for an amendment to the CUP to construct two additional buildings and does not agree with deeding right-of-way for a future service road. Discussion followed regarding the placement of the proposed right-of-way and if the road right-of-way placement would be better placed along the west side of the property, where a fire lane would be required for the applicants' proposed buildings. **It was the consensus of the City Council to require the road right-of-way to be deeded to the City along the west side of the property prior to approval of the amendment to the Conditional Use Permit.**

3.0 Discussion of a Wireless Tower

Finance Director Murff stated that the Council previously discussed the construction of a wireless tower at Fox Run Park and the company informed her that they would pay the city \$1,100 a month for the tower lease. Finance Director Murff also stated that she heard from a different company wanting to install a wireless tower at either Twin Birch Park or Rasmussen Park. Finance Director Murff stated that they would pay the city \$800 a month or \$9,600 a year for the tower lease. Mayor Kirkham

suggested that the Northwest corner of Constance Boulevard NE and Lexington Avenue NE be considered for a tower location. **It was the consensus of the City Council that with the minimal rent being proposed it is not advantageous for the City to consider moving forward.**

Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Van Kirk, to adjourn the workshop meeting at 5:54 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.


Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk