

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
WORKING SESSION – SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adam Lantz called the City Council Meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Marty Halverson, Cheyenne Mikkola-Rahja, Jed Holewa,
Travis Vake (arrived @ 5:30 pm), and Mayor Adam Lantz

Appearing by Zoom: Councilor April Fountain for medical reasons.

Absent: None

Also Present: Ambulance Director Tiffany Larson, Building Official Mandy Galli, Public Works Supervisor Larry Folstad, Parks, Trails, and Recreation Director Bridgit Maruska, Clerk-Treasurer Eileen Zah, Administrator Stephanie Skraba, and Confidential Administrative Assistant Susan Trunk.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Halverson to adopt the agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Holewa, and Mayor Lantz

Voting Aye by Zoom: Councilor Fountain

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Councilor Vake

Motion Carried

LOST FORTY STUDIOS BUDGET

Matt Roy, Co-founder of Lost Forty Studios provided an update on the studio's budget. He discussed with Council the past two years project successes and the impact of the writer and actor strikes has had on future projects. Matt has some concerns regarding upcoming heat and electric costs while the studio is in transition between projects. The studio is holding film workshops to help cover costs and is not behind in heat, electric, or rent. The City is working on making the space more efficient

HRA UPDATE

Councilor Mikkola-Rahja is the City Council's liaison to the HRA Board. She discussed with Council the history of concerns that have been brought to her since 2022 and the observed long and short-term issues that need to be addressed. The Chisholm HRA has very low rating, there are many complaints from residents, and there has been notification to HUD from residence. Attorney Lindsay explained what authority the City Council and the HRA Board each have.

REQUEST FROM JENIFER IVANCA PERTAINING TO PARCEL 020-0010-03060

The Council reviewed the request from Jenifer Ivanca to obtain parcel 020-0010-03060 for a courtyard in the proposed addition at 26 W Lake Street. Council discussed the financial components of the construction project and the use of the property.

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER

Councilor Holewa reviewed what the League of Minnesota Cities suggests when having a Junior Councilor. The Council discussed what boards and commissions the Junior Councilor may sit in on, possible contacts at the school for further engagement, and how to make it a meaningful experience for a participating student.

BUDGET

Clerk-Treasurer Zah provided an update to the council on the public safety building, operating costs, and where funds are designated. She reviewed updated revenues, expenses, and grants for projects. The Council discussed which projects the city will be able to do, how to balance projects, possible solutions, and the 2024 Levy.

ADJOURN WORKING SESSION

Moved by Councilor Mikkola-Rahja and supported by Councilor Holewa to adjourn the Working Session at 6:21pm pm.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Mikkola-Rahja, Holewa, Vake and Mayor Lantz

Voting Aye by Zoom: Councilor Fountain

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

/s/ Adam Lantz, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Stephanie Skraba, Administrator