

# CITY OF HAM LAKE

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## CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

The Ham Lake City Council met for a workshop meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 5:00 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, Gary Kirkeide and Jesse Wilken

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Al Parranto

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Attorney, Mark Berglund; City Engineer, Tom Collins; Building Official, Mark Jones; Finance Director, Andrea Murff; and City Administrator, Denise Webster

### 1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

### 2.0 Discussion of B&L Farms located at 2461 Crosstown Boulevard NE

City Attorney Berglund started the conversation with an update stating that he has been in contact with B&L Farms' attorney and that there has been discussion between B&L Farm Wedding Venue and their attorney about what they can and cannot do with their current Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for All Event Table, Chair & Tent Rental, LLC. Attorney Berglund stated that there was also discussion on what is needed to come into compliance to continue their B&L Farm Wedding Venue business, which is not allowed under the current CUP. Attorney Berglund continued that there are several events coming up in the coming weeks, but none that he is aware of in 2025. Attorney Berglund suggested that in order to not penalize the people that scheduled the events with B&L Farms to have B&L Farms apply for a Field Party Permit for the events and then to communicate to B&L Farms' attorney that the City is doing this to help the already scheduled parties, but that it cannot continue otherwise an injunction will be filed. Councilmember Wilken suggested to having the Anoka County Sheriff's Office to also go through and discretely observe and document the events when it was taking place. City Administrator Webster also requested the contracts of these events be obtained. Building Official Jones requested the structural engineering report showing that the building is constructed to meet all 2020 Minnesota Building Codes. **It was the consensus of the City Council to have B&L Farm Wedding Venue apply for Field Party Permits for the upcoming events through 2024, have the Anoka County Sheriff's Office do a walk-through of the events, request the contracts of the events, and request the structural engineering report showing that the building is constructed to meet all 2020 Minnesota Building Codes.**

3.0 Discussion of Minor Plat of Magnuson Estates (2 lots) in Section 9

It was discussed that at the June 24, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting, the Planning Commission tabled an application for a two-lot minor plat due to accessory building on the east side of the property not meeting the 30-foot front year setback requirements. Building Official Jones stated the building was to be removed back in 1988 as a condition to another accessory building permit on the south side of the property. **It was the consensus of the City Council to have the Planning Commission review the request again at their September 9, 2024 meeting and recommend to the City Council to deny the two-lot minor plat at the next City Council Meeting on September 16, 2024.**

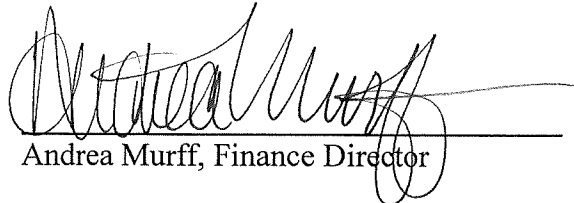
4.0 Discussion of Pin #17-32-23-42-0014

City Engineer Collins stated the parcel was purchased by the City in March 2012 in order to remove the 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE access to Highway 65, which was a requirement for a MnDOT Grant used for the construction of Baltimore Street NE between 153<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE and 159<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE; however, the parcel was used by the property owner at 16000 Hastings Street NE as an access during construction on the 16000 Hastings Street NE house and that the primary access for 16000 Hastings Street NE is Hastings Street NE. Engineer Collins continued in September 2012 the roadway easement of the parcel located at Pin# 17-32-23-42-0014 was vacated, and a 15-foot drainage and utility easement was retained, but there is no longer a need for the easement. Engineer Collins continued that historically there was discussion to gift the parcel to Ready-Mix, which is now AVR, who owns the properties to the north, but the property owner at 16000 Hastings Street NE has requested the City maintain the parcel to have an emergency access point to their 16000 Hastings Street NE property. City Attorney Berglund stated the City cannot just gift a property and there needs to be reason for the vacation. Councilmember Kirkeide suggested AVR purchase the property for the City to recoup legal fees. **It was the consensus of the City Council to direct Attorney Berglund to reach out to AVR to see if they would have interested in purchasing the property at a nominal cost.**

5.0 Discussion of H&H Construction Parking

H & H Contracting has a significant number of vehicles, equipment, and storage boxes being stored outside of the building with several of the items being stored on grassy areas of the north and south borders of the parcel. This is in violation of H&H Contracting's site plan since parking was to be on the westside of the parcel per the site plan. H&H contracting is also in violation of City Code due to it needing to provide adequate screening when property is stored outside the facility. **It was the consensus by of the City Council to direct Building Official Jones to meet with the property owner regarding the screening and to find a resolution to the screening.**

**Motion by Kirkeide, seconded by Wilken, to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. All present in favor, motion carried.**

  
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Andrea Murff, Finance Director