

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 12, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Centennial Building.

Members present: Mayor Jason Holt, Council Members Sherrie Pugh, Kathy McEnaney, Kevin Castellano, and Michelle Herrick.

Members absent: None.

Others present: City Manager Jesse Dickson, City Clerk Kevin Kelly, Public Works Superintendent Dustin Koskela, City Engineer Matt Bauman, City Attorney Scott Landsman, John Range, Lori Springer, Sophie Reuter, Roxanne Goodwin, Kristen Moline, Jeanne Rostad, Helen Canning, Meagan Thomas, Sheri Wallace, Bill Wallace, Jim Doyle, Brian Hensien, Paula Larson, Sara Bryan, Tirisha Dirks, Mary Sherman, Christa Workman, Jolie Raimondo, Phyllis Parrill, Mike Riley, Stu Alexander, Phil Bowman, Mark Jorland, Grace and Jeff Gilbertson, Karena Casey, Dick & Yvonne Verdoorn, Joanie Zielinski, Kaia Pelstring, Michael Gardner, Patrick Selter, Ashley Halverson, Barbara Schmidt, Jim Theisen, Tom Brossard, Robert Beissel, Eric Evenson, Mark Kieper, Jane Anderson, Dylan Dombrowsky, Sue Kile, Kara & Dan Johnston, Brett Pioske, Ed Rockwell, Sean Gerrety, Ruthann Shull, Paul Van Stone, Bart Halling, Chad Lea, Scott Matson, Mike Stockstead, Jim O'Donnell, Lisa Matson, Tim Nichols, Paul Kepen, Ben Brandt, Marc Casey, Doug Dahm, Bill Latour, Joanna Kahn, Ed Rockwell, Pat Furlong, Randy Olson.

Consent agenda: All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature by the Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence.

1. Open meeting

Mayor Holt called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Holt read a comment regarding the recent unacceptable on-line statements from a formal official of the City.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve agenda

Mayor Holt amended the agenda to add Item 4F, Off-Site Gambling Permit, to the consent agenda and added agenda Item 9, Park Programs Agreement.

MOTION by Castellano, to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Pugh. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Consent agenda

MOTION by McEnaney, seconded by Herrick, to approve the amended consent agenda. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

A. Approve payment of claims

B. Approve Minutes: July 22, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

C. Pulled

D. Approve Resolution 25-66 Authorizing 2025 Central Business District (CBD) Parking Maintenance Roll to be Certified to the County Auditor at 5% Interest Levy #26075

E. Action on Resolution 25-67 approving Musical Concert Permit for Mama's Happy Fall Market special event at 2336 Wilshire Boulevard in Stonegate Shopping Center on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 through September 13, 2025

F. (Added) Resolution 25-69 approving application to conduct off-site gambling permit for the American Legion Post 398

4C. Good Steward Grant Agreement

Herrick said she wanted to talk about this item in lieu of the City selling Edgewater Park and the County Agreement to install a pollinator garden and other improvements. Herrick said she reached out to the County and didn't know if the grant could be transferred to another park. Tyler Pieper, 5504 Church Road, said he was approved by the Council to move forward with the grant and had plant orders in place. Pieper said when Edgewater Park is filled in it will be an attraction and will take 1/5 or 1/6 of Public Works time currently being allocated to the park. Pieper said he has received input from area residents on the improvements and would like Edgewater Park to be taken off the removal list. Pieper said it would be a mistake to stop the Edgewater improvements as they were agreed to by the Council and align with the goals of the Council to make the community better. Pieper said he has seen people use the park and would like the Council to move forward and take Edgewater off of the list to sell.

Holt asked about the timeline for keeping the park as a nature area. Pieper said the park would need to be maintained for seven years with a total of 10-year commitment. Pieper said one of the things the Edgewater Improvements will do is provide habitat for the rusty patched bumble bee. Pieper said if the City is interested in people being involved and using the park this is a way to do it. Pieper said the grant would need \$1500 of City funds out of a total of \$7K needed to put in the improvements.

Herrick said Pieper has done a good job on the grant and her argument is that this is a financial decision for her. Holt asked about the timeline and Pieper said he needed to know if he can go forward with the grant and the plans in place. Pieper said if the City would attempt to sell Edgewater Park then the City would need to repay the grant amounts.

Pieper said to move forward he needs to know the City supports the project. Castellano said the City has other parks which are better possibilities for sale. Holt said the City should stand by their word and approve Pieper's grant even though he was the only Council Member to vote against the grant application and would like to sell the lot. McEnaney said she appreciates the hard work Pieper has put in on City parks but is torn as she would like to help Mound residents financially by selling the parks. Castellano, Holt and Pugh agreed that if the narrative is to improve Parks the City should move forward.

MOTION by Herrick to not proceed with the grant failed for lack of a second.

MOTION by Holt, seconded by Castellano, to approve Item 4C, Good Steward Grant Agreement. McEnaney, Castellano, Pugh and Holt voted in favor. Herrick was opposed. Motion carried.

5. Comments and suggestions from citizens present on any item not on the agenda.

Sophia Reuter, 4970 Bartlett Blvd. said she lives across the street from Carlson Park. Reuter said she is against the Council proposal to sell park land. Reuter said selling parks for a one-time payment is trading something fleeting for something which is priceless. Reuter said these areas are the community's access to the lake. Reuter said the City is special due to the lake access and is against selling this for a short-term gain.

6. Orono Police Department with the July 2025 Activity Report

Sergeant Spencer was on vacation and not able to attend.

7. Approve Resolution No. 25-68 Authorization to award bid recommendation for the Lost Lake Commons – Phase 2 Improvements, City Project No. PW-25-10

Bauman said on August 5th the City received five bids from contractors for the Lost Lake Commons Phase 2 project which was broken out in a base project bid along with three alternatives. Bauman said Pember Companies, Inc. was the low bidder and is a responsible contractor out of Menomonie, Wisconsin. Bauman recommended awarding the bid to Pember. Bauman asked about the three alternative bids which are listed below:

Alternate 1 - Way Finding Signs and Adirondack chairs

Alternate 2 - Replace asphalt part of trail with concrete

Alternate 3 - Replace the boardwalk decking with composite material

Bauman said Pember Companies bid is 32% below the highest bidder and follows the City Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP). Bauman said the allocation of \$884,000 for the project is based on engineer's estimate so the bid for the project will be slightly higher.

Castellano asked about the alternatives and how much of the trail is asphalt and what condition the trail is in currently. Bauman said the asphalt is about 60-70% as new. Bauman said the cost of Alternate 2 is approximately \$10K.

Pugh said she is against the Adirondack chairs and would like better signage. Bauman said there are three new way finding signs in the base bid and other wayfinding signs are slated for improvement. Pugh said she hoped for the input on the type of way finding signs. Pugh said she would like to talk more about the signs. Bauman said these are interpretive signs which can be discussed in the future.

Castellano said is there a difference in replacing the asphalt with the same material. Bauman said the concrete would then match the rest of the trail which is made of concrete. Castellano would like to approve alternatives 2 & 3.

Joanna Kahn, 6045 Chestnut Road, Chair of Parks and Open Space Commission (POSC), said she would like full transparency. Kahn said the plans for developing Lost Lake Commons Park were done by the POSC and was approved three years ago based on community input. Kahn said the items which were taken out of the Lost Lake Commons Park plans have been done without public input. Kahn listed the items taken out of the plan which included the Fire Pit, the Art Walk, Hammock installation and the rain garden which were included in the \$850K budget. Kahn said the Council took apart the ideas which were developed by POSC and what the community asked for.

Castellano said the vote today is for Phase 2 of the project but there are plans for Phase 2.5 and Phase 3 which will allow for adding in amenities. Holt said Phase 2.5 is for the Art Walk. Pugh said the Art Walk and Hammocks were taken out and the plans also have minimized natural planting and trees. Pugh said there are only three trees in the park and there is a proposal for a substitute for the art walk which hasn't been voted on. Herrick said there was a discussion of the Council to memorialize Tonka Toys input on the community through the Art Walk.

Herrick said she disagrees with Kahn's comments and said it is the Council's discretion to spend money and thought the park survey was very leading at best. Herrick said the Council discussed Lost Lake Commons Park, the Fire Pit and Art Walk and is trying to get the park completed. Herrick said the Park will cost more than \$2Million and there are additional phases to add items to the Park. Herrick added that this vote today is for preliminary work. Herrick said the Council has been very responsible with the discussions which were held. Castellano said there will be a joint workshop with the POSC to discuss other items added to the Park.

Pugh said the Lost Lake Commons Park is supposed to be an events park and items which have been taken out are items which make the park a friendly place to meet and a family place. Pugh said the removal of the plantings make the Park barren. Pugh added the Council replanned the park in one meeting which is disrespectful of all the input that went in to the Park over the years.

Bauman said the focus of Public Works is the infrastructure. Holt said there will be a big gathering area including other amenities built into the park. Holt said the Mound Farmers Market will also be redone. Holt said Phase 1 was paid for by the Artesa Development. Holt and Castellano said the Fire Pit and Art Walk decisions were put aside to get Phase 1 and Phase 2 started. Holt said there are improvements being done and the next phases, 2.5 and 3, can include other amenities.

Pugh asked how much park dedication fees from new area developments will go to the Commons Park.

Castellano said Alternative 1 should be discussed with Public Works input.

Council discussed adding amenities with the next phases to the Park. Bauman said the Phase 2 project is expected to be complete by mid-November with grass to be done in the spring.

MOTION by Castellano, seconded by Herrick, to approve the authorization of bid award to Pember Companies for the Lost Lake Commons Phase 2 to include the base bid with Alternatives 2 & 3. Herrick, McEnaney, Castellano and Holt voted in favor. Pugh voted no. Motion carried.

8. Harrison's Bay Lake Improvement District Public Hearing

Bart Halling, 5513 Sherwood Drive, said he is representing the Harrison's Bay Agency (HBA) and the proposal for the Lake Improvement District (LID) for Harrison's Bay. Halling said the HBA has been engaged in dialog with residents on the lake quality of Harrison's Bay.

Halling said Harrison's Bay and the other areas of the lake are highly valued and is part of the lake life and draws visitors to the area. Halling said Harrison Bay is 215 Acres in size and listed the following items:

Water Quality – Minnesota Pollution Control Administration (MPCA) rates Harrison's Bay as an impaired water

Harmful Algae Blooms and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) – Vegetation, Carp and Zebra Mussels

Lack of Native Plants for wildlife and aquatic species

Things HBA has done so far:

- Treated Invasive Plants from 2022-2025 which has been guided by the DNR
- Carp and Plant Surveys Ongoing
- Installed three rain gardens to manage runoff
- 324 Rain Barrels distributed
- Educational Website Created
- Partnerships with a number of agencies and organizations in the community

Why a Lake Improvement District?

- Preserve and Enhance Harrison's Bay to maintain for the future
- Legacy for generations to come
- Sustainable property/community value
- Improve recreation
- Local control and funding
- Better Grant Access is available through a LID
- Limited viable alternatives to drive strategies forward

Who is managing this Harrison's Bay problem?

- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) does not manage aquatic invasive weeds
- MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) does not actively treat AIS
- Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) does not intend to include budget funds to AIS removal programs

Individual Lakeshore Management

- Do It Yourself treatment is allowed for individual sites but isn't a lake wide approach

A Lake Improvement District provides reliable funding, structure and governance led by the community to safely manage and improve Harrison's Bay

How is a LID formed?

- MN Statute allows for local citizen initiative to petition for the creation of LIDs
- Under governance of the City
- Other LIDs have been formed on Lake Minnetonka

Criteria for establishing LIDs

- Local need
- Appropriateness of boundaries and proposed purposes
- Technical feasibility of plans and programs
- Procedures for planning, decision-making
- Adequacy of long-range monitoring of environmental effects

Halling said there are 233 Properties included in the boundaries of the lakefront. Halling said the properties are all within the City of Mound which has been approved by the MN DNR.

Objectives of the LID?

- Improve water quality
- Work toward getting Harrison's Bay off the Impaired list
- Align with MPCA and MCWD strategy for water quality
- Native vegetation, native fish and wildlife support
- Community education
- Habitat and Health Environment

Financing the LID

- \$31,750 first budget
- LID will vote on a budget plan at every annual meeting
- LID funds collected through property taxes - \$150 per property

LID Management

- Annual surveys and Lake Vegetation Management Plan
- Open and Democratic Process
- Board will be comprised of 5 to 7 individuals
- Initial board appointed by the City Council – HBA has offered a list of individuals
- Constructive encouragement is encouraged

Halling said the LID would have a partnership with the City with very minimal City effort after the upfront work is completed.

Guiding Principles written into the LID proposal

- Decisions guided by experts and science
- Options reviewed and evaluated
- Subgroups will be created and support more involvement
- Board of Directors will include representation from diverse neighborhoods and interests
- Fiscal responsibility
- Board Member evaluation of projects
- LID will operate with full transparency and operate within all regulatory guidelines

Halling listed the Petition Results which are below

- Yes votes – 143 which is 61%
- No votes – 42 which is 18%
- No response - 48 at 21%
- 77% of those surveyed had voted for approval.
- Results were reviewed by the City

Halling said the HBLID will set a maximum of a 100% increase over the life of the LID which would be \$300.00 per property. Halling said the HBLID is required to carry its own liability insurance which will be annually reviewed. Halling said LID's over the state have improved native plant habitats and a chemical approach to weed removal isn't the only option.

Halling introduced Mike Verhoeven and April Londo from the MN DNR. Londo is an Invasive Species Specialist and said the EPA evaluates pesticides used which are evaluated and tested over 8 to 10 years before they come on the market. Londo said the EPA requires 84 to 124 separate studies be conducted before approval by the EPA. Londo said the DNR regulates the effect of the chemicals on the habitat. Londo listed the definition of AIS as causes or may cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health and threatens for may threaten natural resources or the use of natural resources in the state

Verhoeven said there are two DNR operational management programs:

- Curly leaf pondweed – is present in 800 lakes in MN and is associated with eutrophic lakes and dominates plant communities, impacts fish usage
- Eurasian milfoil has been identified since 1985 in Lake Minnetonka and dominates over native plant communities especially in eutrophic lakes, alter habitats for inverts and fish, decreases property values and interferes with recreation

Verhoeven listed Regulation Guidelines

- MN Statute stated there must be a management program to respond to invasive species
- Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Permits to control invasive plants
- Specific Criteria are followed to determine if an APM permit is approved or denied

Londo said Aquatic Plant Management (APM) permits are issued through the State Fisheries in which residents can pull weeds in a 50' x 50' area or ½ of the lakeshore area without a permit. Londo said anything greater will require a permit. Londo added residents can mechanically maintain a 15- foot channel through vegetation extending to open water without a permit.

Invasive Aquatic Plant Management (IAPM) permits are issued to minimize the harmful effects of invasive plants and to protect the natural resources of the state. Londo said an IAPM Permit is looked at in its entirety. Londo added the target is AIS impact on native species.

Halling encouraged the Council to vote yes to the creation of the Harrisons Bay LID.

Mayor Holt opened up the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

John Range, 2039 Arbor Lane, said he received the Outstanding Civic Engagement award from City due to the Westonka Walleye Program. Range said people around the lake have only heard one sided positives from the HBA outreach. Range said the quality of fishing in Mound has gone down since chemical treatment began. Range said there are too many chemical treatments and at the wrong time of year. Range is against the LID.

Jane Anderson, 5050 Edgewater Drive, said she respects Johnny Range. Anderson said there are many fishing tournaments on the lake but the lake is used for many other uses and recreation. Anderson said she is interested in a clean, healthy lake. Anderson said a LID ensures all voices are heard and is a structured approach to improving the lake. Anderson said the enthusiasm in Harrisons Bay has increased and it is our Bay to maintain.

Mary Sherman, 5065 Wren Lane, said she doesn't like the use of chemicals and you cannot get rid of them. Sherman said the City fertilizes Three Points Park and those chemicals get into the lake through the storm water outlet. Sherman said she the City is causing problems in the lake and she is against the LID. Sherman said Dock Program users should pay into the LID.

Mike Stockstead, 2132 Overland Lane, said he worked as an Administrative Hearing Officer. Stockstead said MN Statute, Chapter 459 states a body of water must be situated within the boundaries of the City. Stockstead said Harrison's Bay includes other cities. Stockstead said there are properties with multiple owners. Stockstead said the assessments levied by a LID can be increased by a majority vote of a LID.

Bill Latour, 5220 Lynwood Blvd. said he has seen no decrease in people fishing at Centerview Fishing Pier. Latour said there are even more people fishing in Harrison's Bay after being treated over the last four or five years. Latour said 61% in favor is an overwhelming amount and this is something which will keep the Bay improving. Latour urged the Council to vote in favor of the LID.

Jim O'Donnell, 1743 Wildhurst Lane, said he would like to refute the claims of fishing being good on the lake. O'Donnell said wood duck families are down and fishing is worse though pan fishing is good at the Centerview Fishing Pier. O'Donnell said he is opposed to the LID as it is an overreach. O'Donnell said phosphorous is a problem which comes from run off and the HBA survey results should be audited as there are flaws in their data.

Brett Pioske, Enchanted Lane, said he has addressed concerns about chemicals on the lake. Pioske said he has been "slurred" by the people in favor of the LID. Pioske said the Bay should be governed by the DNR not the LID.

Mike Riley, Jones Lane, said he lives at the northeast portion of Harrison's Bay and in the last three years the milfoil becomes so thick that he is removing a pickup full of milfoil every day. Riley said this year he has seen more paddle boarders and kayaks since the treatments began.

Ruth Shull, 1724 Baywood Shores Drive said she is concerned about her taxes. Ruth said she has 30 feet of access but isn't on the lake said the taxes paid to the LID are disparate.

Phil Bowman, 1717 Finch Lane, said Harrison's Bay is a beautiful place when I first moved in. Bowman said since 2018/2019, Curly Pond weed and milfoil increased which increased the amount of weeds at his shoreline which needed to be removed. Bowman said Harrison's Bay is now as good as it was in 1998 and he has noticed no difference in fishing. Bowman said Harrison's Bay has a large number of ice fish shacks every winter. Bowman said the LID is a great idea and moves the City and Bay forward.

Dara Lifson, 5395 Baywood Shores Drive, said she has noticed fishing has gone down a little bit but is not sure of the chemicals. Lifson said she keeps her lawn natural and is concerned about what the chemicals would do to the animals which are in the lake.

Sean Gerrety, 4878 Edgewater Drive, said the LID is a want and not a need though he likes to donate his time and money to the HBA. Gerrety said he isn't in favor of the LID as it shouldn't be a tax.

Jim Doyle, Spring Park resident, said he helps stock and tag the lake with the MN DNR fisheries. Doyle said Crystal Bay has been treated and fishing has gone down. Doyle said the Lake has many different environments and he encourages a holistic approach to AIS management.

Ed Rockwell, 4888 Edgewater Drive, said the LID is unnecessary and is another layer of government and bureaucracy. Rockwell said the State should manage the Lake and not the LID. Rockwell said approval of the LID will allow in other groups and cause more risk to the City and greater taxation on homeowners.

Karena Casey, Orono resident, said she is a Stubbs Bay LID representative said she presented their LID proposal to the Orono Council. Casey said she is in favor of the LID and said the LMCIT said the LID poses little liability to cities. Casey said a LID needs to be recertified every 15 years. Casey said the real risk to the lake is to do nothing.

Sheri Wallace, 2135 Overland Lane, said she got together with Jane Anderson to discuss ways to improve the water quality of the Bay. Wallace said she did research on water quality and made water quality her passion as well as the improvement of Harrisons Bay. Wallace said they created the Harrisons Bay Association and put in time to research invasive species effects. Wallace said there are volunteers in the community who want to improve Harrisons Bay. Wallace said doing nothing will not improve water quality and establish long-term conservation projects. Wallace asked the Council to honor the wishes of the majority.

Pat Pelstring, 5032 Edgewater Drive, said State agencies have taken a hands-off position and the City has a precious resource and somebody needs to take care of it. Pelstring said Harrisons Bay is an impaired body of water and only way to take care of it is through a LID.

Eric Evenson, LMA Director, said the LMA is strongly in support of the formation of a LID. Evenson said the formation of a LID which will open up the City to an great opportunity to bring in outside funding. Evenson said he has talked to experts about the many factors which impact fishing on the lake.

Dan Johnston, 1901 Shorewood Lane, said he noticed fishing dropping off due to many reasons including wave boats. Johnston said it is a complex problem. Johnston said a LID is a step in the right direction.

Scott Mattson, 2045 Arbor Lane, said he is against the LID which governs a public waterway and doesn't just belong to the lakeshore owners. Mattson said he is against chemical treatment of the lake and noted the regulations regarding the signs the DNR posts regarding chemical treatment.

Patrick Selfer, 1511 Maras Street, Shakopee, MN, said his company did the June treatment of Harrisons Bay and many other applications on the lake. Patrick said his company did not post the signs the previous speaker mentioned.

Brittany Magdal, 3710 Lee Road, Minnetrista, said she lives on Phelps Bay, said the LID approval will lead to more LID's being created including on her Bay.

Barbara Schmidt, 50 Landmark Drive, Orono, said the DNR is surprised by the amount of chemical treatment of the lake. Schmidt said LID's may in fact be encouraging more chemical treatments. Schmidt said there is unregulated use of chemicals on the lake and the DNR is not regulating the use chemicals enough.

Kaia Pelstring, 5032 Edgewater Drive, said she is concerned about the impaired water quality rating of Harrisons Bay from many different agencies. Pelstring said she joined HBA to address the water quality problem. Pelstring said the creation of a LID is needed to address these issues.

Pat Furlong, 5044 Edgewater Drive, said there is an open and closed end of Harrisons Bay. Furlong said he lives in the middle of the Bay and Harrisons Bay is cleaner than it has ever been and hopes the LID is approved.

Randy Olson, 3375 Warner Lane, said if the goal is to make the water clean and clear then let's dump in the chemicals and start from scratch. Olson said it is ridiculous to keep dumping chemicals in the lake.

Dylan Dombrowsky, 4970 Three Points Blvd., said he fishes on the Lake and said he witnessed the spraying of a Bay other than Harrisons. Dombrowsky said people should think of the impacts of chemical treatment and advocates mechanical treatment of the weeds which took place prevalently in the past.

Paula Larson, 5713 Lynwood Blvd., said we all agree that we love the lake. Larson said DDT and Agent Orange were guaranteed by the government in the past. Larson said Lake Langdon is still in need of being cleaned up. Larson said the Council needs to take care of residents and is against the LMCD. Larson said we need to go after the LMCD. Larson said the City responsibility for the lake ends at the shoreline. Larson said 143 households are for the LID and there are 4000 households in the City. Larson reiterated that she is against the LMCD.

Ben Brandt, 6223 Ladyslipper Lane, Mound's appointed LMCD Board Representative, said the LMCD does support residents putting together their resources to undertake water quality improvement. Brandt said the LMCD doesn't have the resources to chemically treat the whole lake. Brandt said the LID has a 61% positive vote and wonders if that is a high enough percentage. Brandt said the LMCD receives \$20K from the City of Mound for a number of services on the lake. Brandt said the LMCD is not in the weed removal business any more.

Jim Theisen, 1295 Elmwood Ave., Orono, said the lake quality is a problem and is opposed to the LID because it is like an HOA. Theisen said the disturbance of the lake bottom by wake boats and carp are also significant problems.

Mayor Holt closed the public hearing at 9:21 pm.

Castellano said he had a question for Ben Brandt. Castellano asked if there are more LIDs would the LMCD have the capacity to be the agency to host a LID. Brandt said he doubted this would happen as the LMCD is funded through Lake Minnetonka cities. Castellano asked about the AIS weed removal budget in the past few years. Brandt said there was \$80K budgeted for weed removal in the past but weed harvesting was discontinued in 2018. Brandt said the LMCD has offered funds to some harvesting efforts and private harvesting is on-going but the interest in harvesting has waned and the budget item has been discontinued.

McEnaney and Herrick asked about the purpose and budget of the LMCD. Brandt said the LMCD responds to code issues, regulates rental watercraft use, dock structure issues, has funded additional Hennepin County Sheriff Water Patrol Officers and solar lighted navigation buoys.

Landsman said a decision on the LID needs to be made within the next 30 days which means the Council needs to make a decision at the next City Council meeting. Landsman said DNR rules state that the decision cannot take place until 10 days after the public hearing. Landsman said the Council can approve or not approve the formation of the LID through a vote today which would direct the City Attorney to write a resolution to be placed on the consent agenda.

Castellano said he has a boat on Harrisons Bay but doesn't live on the lake and is not opposed to the LID but he would like to see how the other LID's act and what can be learned over time. Castellano is not in favor of voting for the LID at this time.

Pugh said she is in favor of the LID because it brings people getting together to approve of a response to a community issue. Pugh said the focus of many people was on the chemical treatments but the LID does have other ways to respond other than chemical treatment to improve the lake. Pugh said the community does better when it is working together for the common good.

Herrick said she is strongly opposed to more taxes and it is unfortunate that this tax is being put on individual lake shore owners who pay a lot of taxes. Herrick added that the City does not have a responsibility to take care of the lake.

McEnaney thanked everyone for sending in their research on the LID. McEnaney said her gut tells her that there is no upside to the creation of a LID. McEnaney said the City has no oversight on the LID. McEnaney said she wasn't elected to have a bureaucracy to work with another bureaucracy and the City shouldn't have any role in the approval of the LID.

Holt thanked everyone for coming out as well as all the calls and emails. Holt said he doesn't care either way and does not live on Harrison's Bay. Holt said he has a little bit of problem that they were at 60% approval and not higher. Holt said he wished more people were more in favor of the LID and he was concerned about the taxing authority of the LID and liability of the City. Pugh said the country isn't run by 60% majorities and 60% is a good representation.

MOTION by Castellano, seconded by McEnaney to direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution to deny the establishment of the Harrison's Bay LID. Herrick, McEnaney, Castellano and Holt voted in favor. Pugh was opposed. Motion carried.

9. Parks Program Agreement

Landsman said this item is in regard to the Parks Programs Agreement in 2025 subject to the City Attorney review and the City Manager authorization to execute. Landsman said he would like to make a few tweaks to the Agreement.

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Pugh to approve the 2025 Parks Program Agreement revised by the City Attorney and agreed to by the City Manager. All voted in favor.

10. Comments/Reports from Council members

Council Member Pugh – Pugh said she rode in a Fire Department vehicle at Night to Unite on August 5th. Pugh said she visited four Night to Unite parties and was able to meet neighbors.

Council Member McEnaney – McEnaney encouraged residents to sign up for RAVE notices and Invoice Cloud for utility payments.

Council Member Castellano – Castellano said he was glad the Mayor read the opening statement at the meeting as it was important and needed to be said.

Council Member Herrick – Herrick said the Police Commission meeting addressed the E-bike issue. Herrick said there was an incident at Surfside Beach though no one was hurt.

Mayor Holt – Holt said there is an E-Bike discussion meeting with other elected officials at Long Lake tomorrow.

11. Information/Miscellaneous

A. Comments/reports from City Manager: City Manager Jesse Dickson said a No Wake Buoy was put in by City staff near Surfside Beach

B. Reports: Finance – June 2025
Liquor Store – July 2025

C. Minutes:

D. Correspondence:

12. Adjourn

MOTION by Castellano, seconded by Pugh, to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.


Attest: Kevin Kelly, Clerk


Mayor Jason R. Holt