

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL RETREAT MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 - 4:00 P.M. - 9200 Courthouse Blvd**

1. Call to Order

The City Council of Inver Grove Heights met as a City Council Retreat session on Thursday, February 2, 2023 in person. Mayor Dietrich called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Present In-Person: Mayor Dietrich, Council Members: Murphy, Gliva, T’Kach, Scales; City Administrator Wilson, City Clerk Kiernan, Finance Director Hove, Community Development Director Rand, Public Works Director Connolly, Parks and Recreation Director Lares, Fire Chief Thill, Police Chief Chiodo, IT Manager Gade, Human Resources Manager Shefchik and Communications Manager Looze.

3. Regular Business

A. Discussion of City Council Priorities for 2023-2024

During 2023, the City of Inver Grove Heights will ***CONTINUE:***

1. To prioritize street maintenance and reconstruction through implementation of the Pavement Management Initiative and related recommendations from the 2022 Final Report of the Pavement Management Program Citizens Task Force. Specific street projects, along with any necessary changes to City policy to continue supporting improvement in the City’s streets, will be brought forward for Council approval and funding. The City will continue to advance its planning and communication related to street projects via the development, adoption and implementation of a five-year Capital Improvement Plan.
2. To prioritize the development of parks in the Northwest Area of the City, while also making planned investments in other park infrastructure that serves a city-wide audience.
3. To analyze, and adjust as needed, the City’s utility rates and fees, specifically as it relates to the City’s Storm Water Utility, in order to ensure a fair fee schedule for property owners and sufficient resources for needed capital projects.

In addition to continuing its focus on the above areas, in 2023, the City will further ***PRIORITIZE:***

1. Efforts to expand, enhance and accelerate the attraction and development of retail, restaurant and consumer service offerings available locally.
2. Work to review, modernize and amend a wide variety of City ordinances in an effort to provide clarity for residents and businesses, supply the necessary tools for staff to address community concerns, and reduce duplications and contradictions within the City Code.
3. Development of up-to-date cost recovery expectations for the Veteran’s Memorial Community Center and

other recreational program offerings to guide future budgeting and operating decisions.

4. Completing a needs analysis and preliminary plan for the expansion, remodeling and/or repurposing of the City's Maintenance Facility and surrounding facilities, including the current cold storage buildings, and parking and security constraints at the Police Station.
5. Determining the desired direction, and, if warranted, next steps for key roadway projects included in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the Northwest Area, including a potential interchange at Argenta and I-494 and the potential expansion of 65th Street east of Highway 3.
6. Discussion around community standards and blight prevention strategies to enhance both the visual appeal and overall public safety of Inver Grove Heights.

Throughout its work in all areas, the Council seeks prioritization of clear, consistent, and pro-active communication with residents and businesses regarding city policies, procedures and processes, key timelines and opportunities to provide input.

Last, but not least, the Council will seek to educate itself of the topic of Senior Housing, to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the housing types and costs currently available in Inver Grove Heights, market trends and demands, and resident needs.

Adjourn

Motion by Murphy; second by Gliva, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Kiernan