

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 - 6:00 P.M. - 8150 BARBARA AVENUE**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The City Council of Inver Grove Heights met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2023, in person. Mayor Dietrich called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Attorney McCauley Nason, City Clerk Kiernan, and Public Works Director Connolly

3. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Authorization to Enter into Contract with Kennedy & Graven for Civil Legal Services

City Administrator Wilson stated that the item is to retain the services of City Attorney Bridget McCauley Nason as she transitions from Levander, Gillen & Miller to Kennedy & Graven. The contract is retroactive to start on December 1, 2023 to have a lapse in contracts. The contract will be set until the end of 2025. The rates are the same.

Motion by Scales, second by Gliva to approve the contract with Kennedy & Graven.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Proposed 2024 Budget & Tax Levy

Finance Director Amy Hove presented a recap of the 2024 budget process throughout 2023.

- June through September, the General Fund Budget and Preliminary tax levies were discussed at meetings and work sessions
- Council adopted the preliminary 2024 general fund budget and tax levies at the September 11th, 2023 meeting.
- At the October and November work sessions, additional budgets were reviewed
- Dakota County mails out Proposed Tax Notices the week on November 13th, 2023
- A public meeting (Truth in Taxation meeting) to discuss 2024 budgets and tax levies was held on December 4th, 2023. Public comment is welcome
- Council is set to approve the final 2024 budgets and levies on December 11th, 2023

Factors that can impact your property taxes:

- Market value
- Property classifications (e.g., homestead or non-homestead, agricultural or commercial/industrial)
- Taxing jurisdictions
 - o State-imposed on commercial/Industrial & Seasonal recreation Properties
 - o County
 - o City-Levy & Special Assessments
 - o School
 - o Other Special Taxing Districts

The levy is broken up into different funds.

- The general fund is the largest amount and most supported by the tax levy.
- The general fund-tax abatement is a part of the general fund but is separate when sent to the County. This is a tax refund from City projects based on the value change of the property after the project is finalized. It is a 10-year abatement and \$1.6 million is the maximum amount that can be abated and ends when whichever happens first.

- The Pavement Management fund has a 5% increase to stay consistent with Council goals.
- There is no new debt service that will be taken on for 2024. Altogether the total levy for 2024 is 7.9% in the amount of \$32,741,394. This is an increase of \$2,406,599. The City's current budget draft reflects an estimated city tax rate of 50.121% for 2024
- Market values citywide increased by 5.3%, the largest areas were Industrial (20.65%) and Rural vacant land (19.6%); Residential values rose by 3.75%
- Statewide, average preliminary city levies came in at 8.4%

The levy impact on median valued residential property:

- Change in rate is 2.68%
- 2024 median property value is \$342,000
- Estimated change in City taxes for the median property value is \$75.37

Funds supported by the tax levy are the General Fund, Economic Development Authority, Debt Service Funds, Pavement Management Program - Local Streets. Funds that are not supported by the tax levy are Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Community Host Funds, Host Community, Pavement Management Program-Partnership Projects, Water Funds, Sewer Funds, Storm Water Funds and Inver Wood Golf Course.

The general fund is sourced by different categories of revenue. Property tax funds 82% of the general fund. Department expenses have been further refined. One big change to see is that the legal expenses have been moved into the Mayor and City Council budget to better allocate those funds. The City Clerk and Human Resources budget were separated from the administration budget in 2023. The elections budget is a little higher for 2024 as it is an election year. Staffing changes are reflected in the Finance, Street Maintenance, Parks & Recreation and Fire departments. Public Works will no longer be its own category of funds and is split into Utilities, Street Maintenance and Engineering. Public Safety makes up 55% of the 2024 budget. Public Works and Parks & Recreation don't include capital improvements, only operations. Transfers and the SAFER Savings Plan has a slight increase, and this helps us to not have to have a significant hike in the tax levy from year to year.

The 2024 budget investments include:

- Existing personnel
 - o 3% general wage increase
 - o 10.53% Increase to health insurance (HAS Plan) and 9.67% to health insurance (HRA Plan)
 - o Increase to City's contribution for family and single+ one health insurance plans
 - o Update to long-term disability rates
- Improved Public Safety
 - o Hire additional Assistant Fire Chief for the Fire Department
 - o \$75,000 towards the expansion of mental health and physical health support services for Police & Fire
- SAFER Savings Plan - an additional \$200,000 (total of \$525,000) on 204 levy to prepare for end of grant funding
 - o Costs of 9 new firefighters scheduled to be fully supported by the tax levy in 2028
- Improved maintenance and support of city infrastructure
 - o Hire Utility Billing Coordinator in Finance Department
 - o Hire additional Streets Maintenance Work
 - o Hire additional Parks Maintenance Worker
 - o Added \$50,000 into Parks budget for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) - will continue to be an annual expense
 - o Continued investment in Pavement Management Program
 - Budget includes additional \$145,000 (5% increase) from the levy towards this program

Storm Water Special Taxing District Levy

- Established under M.S. 444
- Used to fund trunk storm sewer improvements installed in conjunction with the 70th Street East Reconstruction project from Cahill Avenue to Concord Blvd (City Project 2001-02)
 - o Babcock Trl
 - o South Grove
 - o 70th Street
- Contains approximately 3,000 parcels
- 10-Year term (2018-2027)
- \$79,394 annually

The final steps of the 2024 budget are:

- Public Input
- Council direction for December 11th
- Final Special Tax District Levy
- Expenditure Budgets

Mayor asked for any members of the public to make comments on the presented 2024.

There are no comments from the public. There are no additional comments or questions from the council.

Motion by T’Kach, second by Gliva, to close the public hearing on the 2024 budget at.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Possible Submission of a second staffing request for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application

Fire Chief Judy Thill stated that there is an opportunity to apply for another SAFER Grant for 3 full-time firefighters. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is expected to open its grant period after the 1st of the year. Chief Thill is asking the Council today if they would authorize the application of the grant.

Background

- Duty crew began in January 2016
 - o 3 paid-on-call (POC) firefighters working 4- or 8-hour shifts
- Filled 24 hours/day, 365 days/year
- Helped retain more experienced firefighters for a few more years
 - o At that time, over half the department had 10 or more years of service
- From 2017 to 2019, the department lost 30 POC firefighters and hired 20.
- From 2020 to 2023, the department lost 83 POC firefighters and hired 55.
 - o 17 lost to retirements (average 17 years of service)
 - o 9 lost to hiring fulltime SAFER firefighters/officers
 - o 2 lost to filling Fire Marshall and Fire Inspector
- Of remaining 55, close to half did not even start training or left before end of probation
- Constant hiring and training

2019

- Original 2016 duty crew, had 3 POC firefighters transferring out every 4-8 hours
 - o Did not provide for consistency in leadership
- Hired 3 fulltime 24-hour shift captains
 - o All came from POC ranks

- o Duty crew then went to 1 FT officer and 2 POC fire fighters
- 2 other positions that year filled from POC ranks
 - o Fire inspector (new) and Fire Operations Supervisor (backfill)

2021-2022

- Calls continued to rise
 - o Increasing number of simultaneous
 - o Simultaneous calls required calling out POC more often
- Council authorized application of SAFER grant
 - o 3 officers, 6 firefighters
- Intent: have two 3-person crews in city
 - o FT officer, FT firefighters, POC firefighters
 - Two crews of 3 at both station 1 and station 2
- Grant awarded late 2021 - hired early 2022
 - o All 9 hired out of POC ranks
- Additionally
- Fire Inspector hired from POC ranks (backfill SAFER)
- Fire Marshal hired from POC ranks (backfill retirement)

Paid-On-Call Numbers Decreasing

- National Trend
- For IGH
 - o Retirements, filling FT positions, leaving before training begins/end or probation, and normal reasons (job/family changes, move out of town)
- Number POC presently at 30
 - o About half what is needed just to fill one POC position at both station 1 and station 2
 - o Presently only have one POC position open for bidding at station 1 (to provide crew of 3 per insurance rating)
 - o Still have crew of 2 FT at station 2, with POC spots filled occasionally
 - Weekends opened to POC
 - Weekdays using administrative staff
 - o Consistently trying to hire POC

Fire Department Evaluation Study

- Council retained City Gate Associates in 2021
 - o Provided comprehensive evaluation of fire department
- Final report presented July 2022
 - o Decline of POC mentioned
- Recommendations
 - o Maintain SAFER hires after 3-year period of performance
 - o Fund 1 additional assistant chief position
 - o Fund 1 additional full-time firefighter per shift (3 total FTE)
 - Reduce full-time firefighter vacancy & overtime, and help mitigate increasing number of POC shift vacancies without impacting administrative support staff
- Presently, have 12 full-time operational staff
 - o 6 officers and 6 firefighters
 - o Just enough to cover 2 FT personnel on each crew, each day
 - o No available relief when any of those 12 take any leave
- Filling open full-time shifts: 3 options
 - o Remaining FT staff members working overtime
 - Can get tricky with unique schedules
 - More experienced POC Firefighter fill parts of shift
 - With 24-hour shifts, using admin staff or POC firefighters can require piecemealing 4-5 different personnel to fill one shift

- Admin staff also filling open POC shifts to make sure crew at station 1 is fully staffed with 3
- Filling any shifts takes away admin staff from their hired duties

Applying for SAFER Grant

- Large fiscal impact to hire 3 firefighters in one year
- Staff requesting approval to apply for another SAFER grant
 - o Hire 3 firefighters as recommended by City Gate
 - o If grant awarded, would allow fire department to fill all 3 positions at one time as opposed to adding one per year
 - 1 per year on a 3-shift rotation, is not ideal
- Nothing changing regarding next year's SAFER grant
 - o Still pays all wages and benefit for three full years, with no city match
 - o In year 4, City would be responsible for paying full amount of 3 hired
- Grant opens sometime in early 2024, with awards announced in fall
- Hiring would take place in early 2025 for departments receiving awards

Adding 3 Positions

- Will provide some relief for present 12 fulltime firefighters for when they take leave
- When not providing relief for another fulltime staff, can act as a third firefighter at station 2
 - o Would help get us back toward intended 3 per crew at station 2

Additional Considerations

- More fulltime is not the only consideration being explored
- City Administrator/Fire Chief just completed 4 small group firefighter meetings
 - o Consisted of total of 13 POC/FT fire personnel
- Brainstormed ideas on how to maintain a POC workforce for as long as possible
 - o Many ideas: changes in response procedures and requirements, changes to training, and even adding a third classification of firefighters

Third Classification of Firefighters

- Third classification would involve hiring part-time firefighters: NOT in Relief Association, would be hired already trained with experience
- Come from other departments: FT looking for more income, POC looking for more experience
- Having PT could reduce stress on POC, so not pushing them to add extra hours to their schedules
 - o PT firefighters could help fill in open POC 3rd position at station 2
 - o PT could fill shift times where we have fewer POC available (weekdays and weekends)

Suggestions From Discussions

- Response and training suggestions need to be researched to determine impact on safety, response and operations
- Once done, recommendations will be taken ack to firefighters
- Any recommendation involving part time firefighters to be brought back to council for discussion

Staff is recommending City apply for another SAFER grant to fund 3 full-time firefighters.

Mayor thanks Chief Thill for the presentation and history of the grant.

Councilmember Tony Scales stated his full support for the application of this grant.

Councilmember John Murphy asked if the Chief sees the Paid-on-call structure of firefighting coming to an end. Chief Thill responds that she does see it coming to an end in larger communities of 20,000 and up. With all the training and continuing education, it is getting harder to find POC staff.

Councilmember Murphy asked if Chief Thill sees where a per capita for full time firefighters? Chief responds that there is not. It depends on the community.

Councilmember Mary T'Kach asked if the Chief is asking to apply for the grant and to hire 3 full-time and 3 part-time. Chief Thill said yes because with the POC budget and those numbers being down, the department could pay for part time out of that budget. The part-time positions could help fill in the vacancy at station 2, especially during the summer when it is harder to get POC to answer more than the minimum calls.

Councilmember T'Kach asked if there would be a plan to set money aside for when those staff paid for through the grant came up after 3 years the City would have the funds to keep them on staff. Administrator Wilson responds that there would be a plan, but not an official one yet. It would also be recommended to apply for the grant again as the City received funds for 9 staff members in the previous year of the grant.

Councilmember Sue Gliva asked if the City can apply for the grant and fund the 3-part time now and turn POC into part time, why hadn't it been done sooner. Chief Thill said that POC have a 7-minute callback time where part time would not. Some POC may make the move over to part time if the opportunity is there. Where someone might want to start moving into full time and start earning towards their pension.

Gliva asked if there is money in the budget to hire part time out of the POC for 2024. Chief Thill said that 5 part time are the same amount roughly as the same amount of part time. There might have to be some budget shifting but the funds are there.

Councilmember Murphy asked what would make a POC move into part time. Chief Thill responds that POC pension earns a higher rate than part time. For someone just starting out and wanting to move into full time eventually part time might move them in that direction as opposed to someone who has been POC for a while and would stay in that position to keep earning that pension rate.

Mayor Dietrich thanks the fire department for their high standards of service even with the lack of staffing. Mayor Dietrich asked if Chief Thi8ll will be writing the grant herself. Chief Thill will write this grant herself because even though there are a lot of departments that apply for the grant but there are things that would help in favor of the fire department like the City Gate study and that there is already a grant the city is managing.

City administrator said the fire department is going to get the grant ready and then the Council will vote on the submission of the grant in a meeting coming up.

B. Closure of Union Cemetery to Additional Sales

City Clerk Rebecca Kiernan presented on the possible closing of the Union Cemetery.

Overview

- Union Cemetery, located in the northeast corner of Inver Grove Heights, has a history dating back to 1867 when Dr. Albert J. Gillette purchased the property

Status of Available Plots

- Ground penetrating radar was completed on Block 3 by American Engineering & Testing in July 2023
- The original thought of 25 plots being available was incorrect
- After the survey was completed, there are 4 plots that could be potentially available - but the other plots show signs of being utilized
- There is a waiting list of 9 individuals requesting 16 plots

- The last update for the cost of a plot was \$60 back in 2011

Direction from Council

1. If Council would like to proceed with the sale of the potential 4 plots, staff recommends increasing the cost to reflect the going rate of other communities with cemeteries (\$2,400 going rate)
2. Staff recommends not allowing anymore City sales of plots at Union Cemetery
 - a. Anomalies listed in the report that aren't documented in city records (possible unmarked burials)
 - b. If, by chance, there are burials in the incorrect area, the city would need to make other arrangements to accommodate those (4 plots would be kept for relocation of possible pre-purchased plots)

Councilmember Murphy stated that he would be supportive of closing the cemetery to new sales in case of unmarked burials. Administrator Wilson confirms that there have been other owners of the land and cemetery, but the city is the current owner.

City Clerk Kiernan stated that she will call anyone that she has record of on the waiting list and let them know they will not be able to purchase any plots. The plots that have been purchased but not utilized can still be used or sold by private owners with notice to the city.

Councilmember Murphy asked what happens if this sale happens and the plot is utilized, who will be responsible for reorganizing the plot. These plots are not among the blocks that was surveyed, and the city is more certain are open.

Mayor Dietrich asked what would happen if the plot were already occupied.

Administrator Wilson said that the reason for not selling the remaining 4 lots that are unoccupied is in case any of the plots already sold and yet to be used turns up to be occupied, they can be moved to an open unsold plot. Verification of records happens when someone comes forward wanting to use their purchased plot for a loved one. If the plot had been sold, then the proof of purchase would need to be verified.

Councilmember Murphy asked what the city could be liable for if these sold plots are already occupied.

City Attorney Bridget McCauley Nason stated that the city would have to provide them with a plot in the cemetery where they have chosen to be laid to rest. Administrator Wilson stated that the other portions of the cemetery are older, and records have matched up better. Block 3 is the block where there was question. There are 4 blocks in the cemetery.

Councilmember T'Kach asked if there has been a demand for people wanting to buy plots in this cemetery.

City Clerk Kiernan said there have not been as many calls since the city has told the waiting list that plots are on hold while the ground penetrating testing was happening. There might be a call or 2 a year. T'Kach asked if there is any way to expand. City Clerk Kiernan said expanding would most likely prove difficult as there is a gravel pit neighboring the cemetery land.

C. Discussion of Procedure for Nomination and Award of the City's Commemorative Coin

Councilmember Murphy presents that the commemorative coin is to recognize Inver Grove Heights residents for going above and beyond. Murphy thanks the Communications Manager for helping to get this project moving. The nomination would be submitted to staff. The City Administrator would narrow nominations down to 3 nominees. Twice a year a coin would be handed out at a city event like Inver Grove Heights Days. The mayor would hand out the award. Nominees' names would be confidential until a winner is chosen. The conversation about the nominees would need to be public. Nominees who do not win can still be in the running for the next time.

Mayor thanks Councilmember Murphy and Communications Manager Looze on their hard and thoughtful work on this award program.

Councilmember Scales thanks Councilmember Murphy for his work on the program. Scales support keeping the nominees anonymous until the winner is announced. Scales said that the hurdle is how to discuss a winner.

Councilmember Gliva and T’Kach agree that the names should be confidential until the end of the decision. Nominees would be given a simple pseudonym i.e., nominee A, with information on why they were nominated.

Administrator Wilson asked Attorney McCauley Nason if there is a data request for the nominees, that the names wouldn’t be protected. Attorney McCauley Nason confirmed.

Councilmember T’Kach asked if the Council needs the Council to make the decision or could a committee be appointed to make the decision. Administrator Wilson stated that yes there could be a committee designated to make the decision of the award. However, it still does not change the public request data.

Councilmember Murphy stated that it is a program that could evolve. At this time, it would more likely stay in the Council’s hands to help the award program grow in its early stages. If the nominee or winner is a minor, then that might have some privacy and legalities to it too.

Councilmember Murphy asked Legal if there are any rules that keep the discussion between Council as the pseudonym but then someone comes along and formally requests the names of the nominees. Attorney McCauley Nason stated that there are not.

Mayor Dietrich stated that she agrees with keeping the names of the nominees confidential until a winner is chosen and if a resident requests the names of the nominees that can handle as the city is legally bound to.

D. Swing Bridge Lighting & Public Boat Launch Update

Parks & Recreation Director Adam Lares presents on the Swing Bridge and public boat launch update. The State appropriated funds for these special projects via County and then to the City.

Swing Bridge Lighting

- \$548,000 in state appropriation to Dakota County
- Proposal from SHE = \$9,500
 - o Lighting and electrical engineering study would provide options and estimates for decorative lighting of the bridge:
 1. Direct view outline lighting
 2. Flood lighting
 3. A combination of the two systems
- Options would be used for community engagement
- Study costs not covered with state appropriated funds

Timeline

- To meet the state’s timeline for spending the funds, the city needs to enter into a grant agreement with the state/county by June 2024
- Project will need to be complete, and funds will need to be spent by June 2025
- December 11, 2023 - Council approve contract with SHE

- Jan-Feb 2024 - SEH develop 3 options
- Feb-Mar 2024 - Community & PRAC Engagement
- March 25, 2024 - Approve contract SHE for final design (plans/specs), bid documents, and construction administration *Grant agreement must be in place with the state to be reimbursed for expenses
- April-May 2024 - SEH finalize design, prepare bid documents, City post Ad for bid
- June 24, 2024 - Council accept bid, award contract, approve budget (June 24 or July 10)
- July-August 2024 - Start project construction
- August 2024-May 2025 - Construction continues/project must be completed by June 2025

Staff is asking for recommendation on to proceed with entering into an agreement with SEH to provide to utilize operating costs to start the project of lighting the Swing Bridge

Councilmember Murphy stated that he agrees with submitting the proposal to SHE and having the Swing Bridge lit. Murphy asked if the March 25th date is rigid or if there is movement for that date. Director Lares stated that is the date that staff would want to have the agreement in place to keep a timeline.

Councilmember Scales agrees with writing up the agreement with SEH to get the Swing Bridge lit.

Councilmember Gliva said that she believes this would be a great landmark for Inver Grove Heights.

Director Lares said that the lighting concepts have a lot of 'wow' factor and different viewpoints. Lares believes that this will be that draw for visitors.

Councilmember T'Kach asked if other environmental factors have been thought about and studied with the lighting of the bridge. Director Lares said that Inver Grove Heights residents along the river will be provided with information about the lighting of the bridge. Army Core of Engineers will also be involved. Regulatory factors will be researched prior to the lighting of the bridge. The bridge is also no longer active to be used as such. Any stakeholders will be communicated with about the project.

Councilmember T'Kach asked if this also ties in with the boat launch project. Director Lares said responds that these would be separate projects and appropriations. City Administrator Wilson adds that the topography and area of the bridge does not lend itself to be a great spot for a boat launch.

Mayor Dietrich asked if SEH provided a low or competitive bid as we do work with them frequently. Director Lares said that SEH is on the preferred vendor list with the city and had previously done the work on the lighting of the bridge.

Boat Launch

- \$1.2 million state appropriation to Dakota County
- "For adding a public boat launch along the Mississippi River between South St. Paul and Hastings
- City owns "Riverfront Park" along the Mississippi - a little over 4 acres total- split down the middle by River Rd. Difficult to envision as a public boat launch, given narrow road, topography, impacts on neighboring residents, etc.

Boat Launch - Public-Private Partnership

- Possible partnership with existing Marina (would need to make opportunity known/open to other marinas)
- State funds used to upgrade launch facilities at marina, as well as related dock, walkways, signage, etc. in return for free public access
- Will state approve? Would an easement be required?

- Length of agreement?
- Impacts if ownership of business changes?
- Comfort level with \$ given over upfront (must all be spent by June 30, 2025)
- Public expectations once term of agreement ends?

Boat Launch - Possible Next Steps?

- Formal letter to DNR, "pitching" the public-private partnership concept
- Ask Dakota County to proceed without City involvement
- Inquire about DNR's interest (as a public entity that owns land along the river in IGH)
- Other Direction?

Mayor Dietrich thanks Administrator Wilson for her presentation and thought of other ideas to make the boat launch work.

Mayor Dietrich asked if there is any way that there could be a request for an extension on the deadline to be able to visit the unintended consequences. Administrator Wilson said that the extension would have to be granted at the legislative level. It would most likely be put in with another bill in a couple of lines to extend the funds. Representative Hanson has said that he would like to see a fast deadline so that it shows there was more of a need for the project.

Councilmember Murphy said that he would like to see the option of public-private partners explored further. Murphy wouldn't want to hand over the funds without the City having more control over it. The boat launch would also need to be a more permanent fixture for the residents or visitors of Inver Grove Heights. The marinas seem like a logical place as there are too many residents along River Rd to involve and potentially upset their property. Also, he stated that maybe Dakota County has more staff time to devote to this project.

Councilmember Scales said he likes the idea of the public-private partnership, but he would also like to explore partnership with the DNR since this is what they do. Scales would like to see the boat launch at least stay in Inver Grove Heights and handing the project back to the county might move it from the city.

Councilmember Gliva asked if any of the marina owners have been talked to about the possibility of the partnership. Administrator Wilson has had a meeting with one of the marina owners and how funds would be used for the boat launch to accommodate use from the public. There have been discussions with the DNR and the County about options for the boat launch. Typically, the project is already being researched and planned and then funds are found, this project happened the other way.

Councilmember T'Kach asked what the demand for a public boat launch is. Administrator Wilson said she does not have the data for the demand, but the owner of the marina sells season passes to use their launch. The marina owner has to decide if it is the right business to move to partner with the city or keep their season pass structure.

Councilmember T'Kach asked if there could be other improvements around the boat launch that are connected to the park to create more of a draw. Administrator Wilson said that the hope would be to bring in private investors to build business and attraction to the area. The Swing Bridge proposal includes language to improve the surrounding area also, but the boat launch proposal does not. South St. Paul has a boat launch, but it is a bare stand-alone boat launch that does not even have a bathroom. Wilson said that launch might even be able to be a non-motorized boat launch.

Councilmember T'Kach maybe an option could be tied in with the park that is already owned by the city.

Administrator Wilson proposed that staff draft a letter to the DNR suggesting a public-private partnership and if it would work along the area or a potential partnership with the DNR as they have land that could be used for the boat launch.

Mayor Dietrich suggested that if there are marina owners interested and if they wanted to draft up what the project could look like.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Dietrich would like to have an email comment placed into public record about the Truth in Taxation

Motion by Murphy, second by Scales, to approve an email comment regarding Truth in Taxation

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Councilmember Scales comments that the tree lighting this year and, although the weather was not ideal, was a very good time and the cookies were delicious.

Mayor Dietrich thanks staff and councilmembers for their work on the State of the City event.

9. ADJOURN:

Motion by Scales, second by Gliva, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy City Clerk Katie Malott