

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 - 6:00 P.M. - 8150 BARBARA AVENUE

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The City Council of Inver Grove Heights met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2024. 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, T'Kach, and Scales; City Administrator Wilson, City Attorney McCauley Nason, City Clerk Kiernan, City Engineer Merchlewicz, and City Planner Hunting.

Absent: Councilmember Gliva

3. PRESENTATIONS: none

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.** Minutes of the November 27, 2023 City Council Meeting
- B.** Minutes of the December 4, 2023 City Council Special Meeting
- C.** Minutes of the December 11, 2023 City Council Meeting
- D.** Minutes of the January 8, 2024 City Council Meeting
- E.** Approval of Disbursements **Resolution 2024-006**
- F.** Personnel Actions
- G.** Approval of Summary of Conclusions Regarding Performance Evaluation of City Administrator
- H.** Resolution Amending Position Classification Plan **Resolution 2024-007**
- I.** Approval of New Massage Therapist License
- J.** Resolution Approving Lawful Charitable Gambling Premises Permit at Pizza Pub of IGH, LLC
Resolution 2024-008
- K.** Resolution Appointing Deputy City Clerks to Administer Absentee Voting for the 2024 Election Cycle **Resolution 2024-009**
- L.** Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary
Resolution 2024-010
- M.** Resolution Approving Final Plans & Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for 2024 Pavement Management Projects **Resolution 2024-011**
- N.** Resolution Ordering Feasibility Study for Bacardi Avenue Street Improvements **Resolution 2024-012**
- O.** Acceptance of Donations to the Police Department
- P.** Resolution Accepting a Minnesota Department of Public Safety DWI Officer Grant **Resolution 2024-013**
- Q.** Resolution Authorizing Application for Office of Justice Programs 2024 Firearms Storage Grant
Resolution 2024-014
- R.** Resolution Approving Joint Powers Agreement for the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force **Resolution 2024-015**

- S.** Approval of Agreement with Salvation Army for Mobile Canteen Vehicle Storage
- T.** Resolution Approving 2024 CDBG Application to Dakota County Community Development Agency **Resolution 2024-016**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Murphy, second by Scales.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Public Hearing for Additional 2024 Tobacco Sales License Renewal Applications

Clerk Kiernan presented that there was one tobacco license brought forward for approval: Walgreens ##04882, 5825 Cahill Rd

Major Dietrich opened the Public Hearing. No public hearing comments were received.

Motion to close public hearing by T’Kach, second by Scales.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion to approve additional Tobacco Retail Sales for 2024 by Scales, second by Murphy.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Third Reading of Ordinance 1470 to amend Inver Grove Heights City Code, Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 2 adding a definition of shipping container and Addition of Title 10, Chapter 15, Section 37, shipping containers as an accessory use and summary publication

City Planner, Allan Hunting, presented this item that included the background that Council approved the first reading of the ordinance on November 27, 2023. At that meeting, no changes were suggested.

Council reviewed the second reading of the ordinance and instructed staff to focus the amendment to the B-3 district only at this time. The ordinance amendment would then allow for these type of structures without the need for exterior siding variances as was approved for Jerseys Bar.

The third reading version of the ordinance allows shipping containers in the B-3 district with the same performance standards that have been approved with the first and second reading of the ordinance.

Shipping containers are allowed as an accessory use in the B-3, zoning district subject to the following performance standards:

1. A limit of one shipping container shall be allowed per lot.
2. The maximum dimensions of the shipping container shall not exceed twenty feet (20') in length by eight feet (8') in width by eight feet (8') in height.
3. Property owners may be required to obtain a building permit from the city prior to placing or moving the shipping container onto the property. The Building Official shall determine what permits may be needed based on the use of the container.
4. The shipping container shall be placed on a hard surface such as concrete, asphalt or a gravel pad.
5. A shipping container located within the floodplain shall comply with all floodplain requirements.
6. The placement of the shipping container shall comply with all applicable building setbacks for the zoning district in which it is located and all other applicable zoning ordinance requirements, except as modified herein.
7. A shipping container shall not be used as a dwelling unit.
8. A shipping container shall not be used primarily for storage purposes.
9. Notwithstanding to provisions 10-15-17, shipping containers are allowed to retain their vertical ribbed metal siding but must be painted a color that is compatible with the primary structure on the lot or aesthetically appropriate to the intended use and in compliance with signage regulations.
10. The shipping container shall be structurally sound, operated in a safe manner and maintained in good repair.

The action requested is to approve the Third Reading of an Ordinance 1470 to allow Shipping Containers as an accessory use in the B-3, zoning district with the performance standards listed in the ordinance.

Mayor Dietrich asked who would be responsible for making sure color matches the existing building. Planner Hunting said the planning department would make sure they are nice looking.

Motion to Approve Third Reading of Ordinance 1470 Amending IGH City Code, Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 2 adding a definition of shipping container and adding Title 10, Chapter 15, Section 37, Shipping Containers as an accessory use and approve Resolution 2024-017 Summary Publication by Scales, second by T'Kach.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Dietrich mentioned that she, Kris Wilson, Brian Connolly, and Adam Lares met with Legislatures today to discuss our upcoming priorities for the start of session on February 12, 2024.

Mayor Dietrich also wanted to remind residents that the Community Survey is still available for comments through January 31, 2024.

Councilmember T’Kach wanted to mention that she has been attending meetings of Minnesota Cities Climate Coalition, and there are items that the city could benefit from.

9. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. by T’Kach, second by Scales.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Rebecca Kiernan.