

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. - 8150 BARBARA AVENUE**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The City Council of Inver Grove Heights met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2025, in person. Council Member Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present In-Person: Council Members: Murphy, Gliva, T’Kach, Scales. Mayor Dietrich joined remotely. Administrator Wilson, Finance Director Hove, Public Works Director Connolly, Community Development Director Ziemer, Commander Otis, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dorshak, City Engineer Merchlewicz, Deput Clerk Malott

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve by Gliva, second by Scales.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Dietrich removed Item 5E from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

- A.** Approval of Disbursements
- B.** Personnel Actions
- C.** Authorization to Enter into 2025-26 Labor Agreement with AFSCME, Local No. 1065
- D.** Approval of Funding for Yield Restriction Liability Payment Due to the IRS on 2020A Bonds
- E.** Resolution Approving 2024 Year-End Community Center Operating Transfer **Resolution 2025-047**
- F.** Resolution Approving 2024 Water, Sewer & Stormwater Cash Reserve Transfers **Resolution 2025-048**
- G.** Resolution Approving Minimum Cash Reserve Policy for the Golf Course Operating Fund and Transferring Excess Balances into a new Golf Course Capital Fund **Resolution 2025-049**
- H.** Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the 2025 Budget of the Inver Wood Golf Course **Resolution 2025-050**
- I.** Resolution to Amend Final Project Budget for City Park Project No. 2212 - Overlook Ridge Park **Resolution 2025-051**
- J.** Resolution Approving Final Plans & Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for City Project No. 2023-08 - Babcock Trail Multi-Use Trail **Resolution 2025-052**
- K.** Approve Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for Unity Trail Elements along the

- Mississippi Greenway
- L.** Resolution Approving an Extension to the Final Plat Submittal Deadline for the Property Located at 1845 77th Street **Resolution 2025-053**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A - D and F-L, by Scales, second by T’Kach.

Ayes: 5

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Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor Dietrich expressed strong support for 5E the Resolution Approving the 2024 Year-End Community Center Operating Transfer. She congratulated Director Lares and his team, noting that the transfer amount of \$348,115 from the host community fund is the lowest she has seen during her tenure, highlighting past transfers exceeding \$1 million. She emphasized that this achievement is a significant accomplishment and worthy of celebration.

Interim Mayor Murphy also offered his congratulations.

Motion to approve Item 5E by Dietrich, second by T’Kach.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A.** Therapeutic Massage Business License Violations - Healing Arts Massage

Motion to Accept the Email Sent by Massage Business Attorney into Record by Scales, second by Gliva.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Commander Otis reported that under City Code Title 4, Chapter 8, the Police Department is authorized to conduct compliance inspections for massage therapy businesses. On July 10, 2024, a compliance inspection was conducted at Healing Arts Massage, where four code violations were identified. A follow-up inspection on July 25, 2024, confirmed that all four violations had been corrected. A review of the violations included the failure to post the therapist license and photo in a visible location, the presence of a mattress on the floor, evidence of habitation in the kitchen, and non-compliant window coverings.

In July 2024, the City became aware of potentially illegal and erotic conduct occurring at Healing Arts Massage. As a result, a concurrent investigation was launched and remains ongoing. During the course of the investigation, evidence was found suggesting after-hours habitation at the business, including photos showing a female in nightclothes and slippers. In both images, the open/close sign was flipped to indicate that the business was closed. The investigation also revealed that Ms. Moo is operating under Pine Enterprises LLC and doing business as two separate massage establishments,

one in Bloomington and the other in Inver Grove Heights. The Bloomington license was issued in August 2023 and ran through August 2024. The Inver Grove Heights license for Healing Arts Massage was issued in September 2023 and expired in April 2024. Ms. Moo submitted a renewal application for the Inver Grove Heights license, where she acknowledged prior ownership of a therapeutic massage business, listing only Healing Arts Massage in Inver Grove Heights and omitting the Bloomington location.

The investigation also revealed that an employee of Healing Arts Massage in Bloomington, Yanping Lu, listed the business address at 5836 Blaine Avenue in Inver Grove Heights as her home address. This is the same address as the Healing Arts Massage location in Inver Grove Heights. Her resume further confirms this, indicating that she has been living at that address from July 2024 to the present. This supports the conclusion that habitation is occurring within the business.

The investigation found evidence of unlicensed massages taking place in November 2024. In response, a compliance check was conducted on July 21, 2025, during which an officer received an unlicensed massage from an employee, Fengxia Liu. This violation was presented to the City Council on February 24, 2025, resulting in a hearing adopting a Resolution revoking the Massage Therapist License for Fengxia Liu for violating City Code requirements related to massage licenses and the provision of massage services.

Commander Otis summarized the violations, which included findings from a compliance check conducted in July 2024, suspected habitation within the business premises, and concerns regarding the conduct of Healing Arts Massage and its owner, Ms. Moo. According to City ordinance, no license may be suspended or revoked until after a hearing is granted to the licensee. Staff recommended that the Council proceed with two separate hearings. The first hearing would consider revoking the Therapeutic Massage Business License for Pine Enterprises LLC, doing business as Healing Arts Massage for violating various provisions of Inver Grove Heights Licensing Procedures, City Code Title 3, Chapter 2 and Massage Therapy, City Code Title 4, Chapter 8; the second hearing would be Revoking the Massage Therapist license for Ms. Moo for violating various provisions of Inver Grove Heights Licensing Procedures, City Code Title 3, Chapter 2 and Massage Therapy, City Code Title 4, Chapter 8.

Mayor Dietrich expressed gratitude to Commander Otis and his team for their efforts and dedication to the work they have completed.

Interim Mayor Murphy opened the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Dietrich, second by Scales

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Motion to Accept All Supporting Documents into Record (emails, document from Healing Arts Attorney, presentation, and documents in packet for items 6a and b) by Scales, second by T’Kach.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-056 Revoking a Therapeutic Massage Business license issued to Pine enterprises LLC dba Healing Arts Massage with All of the Findings of Fact Included by Murphy, second by Scales.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

B. Massage Therapist License Violations – Jangyeong Moo

Interim Mayor Murphy opened the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Gliva, second by Scales.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-057 Revoking a Massage Therapist License issued to Jangyeong Moo with All of the Findings of Fact by Scales, second by T’Kach.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Rental Housing Licenses

Director Ziemer presented 17 rental housing licenses that have been reviewed by Staff and found to be eligible for licenses. Staff recommends approval.

Director T’Kach asked whether the City is moving closer or planning this year to begin inspecting rental units as part of the licensing process, in addition to the current background checks for owners and managers.

Director Ziemer responded that, as discussed at the Council retreat, the initial focus is on reviewing the rental licensing component. He noted that broader conversations about the future of the program, including potential inspections, will follow, with ongoing dialogue expected as the process evolves.

Motion to Approve 17 Rental Licenses Listed in Item 7A by Dietrich, second by Gliva.**Ayes: 5****Nays: 0 Motion carried.****8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Sandy Horner Brink, a resident of 2318 75th Street East in Inver Grove Heights, returned to follow up on her previous remarks. She referenced President Trump's comments at the Governors' meeting, where he advocated for election security measures such as watermarked paper ballots, hand-counted votes, single-day voting, voter ID with proof of citizenship, and the elimination of mail-in ballots. She noted the plan would cost only 8% of the current election machine expenses for cities and counties.

Ms. Brink stated that she previously spoke at the February 24 Council meeting and followed up by contacting City Clerk Kiernan, who referred her to Director Blue. Director Blue then advised her to contact Representative Clardy, Senator Klein, and Congresswoman Craig. Ms. Brink noted that she sent letters to each but has not received any responses.

She mentioned being informed that the City Council had been notified about a new election system and that the Council has some role in decision-making. She asked whether Inver Grove Heights is considering President Trump's plan and if Dakota County is aware of it to avoid overlapping efforts.

Ms. Brink expressed a desire to meet with Council members to further discuss the proposal and asked to be contacted by email with possible meeting dates. She stressed the importance of acting promptly, especially with the upcoming 2026 auto-renewal of poll pads, and encouraged a coordinated, citywide approach.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Dietrich expressed her appreciation to Council Member Murphy for leading the meeting.

Interim Mayor Murphy shared that the Parks and Recreation Department is looking to hire lifeguards and encouraged anyone interested or who knows someone who might be, to contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

10. ADJOURN:**Motion to Adjourn at 6:24 p.m. by Scales, second by Gliva.****Ayes: 5****Nays: 0 Motion carried.**

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Tammy Greenlee