

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 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, June 9, 2025, 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: Gliva, Murphy, T’Kach, and Scales.

Staff In Attendance: City Administrator Wilson, City Clerk Kiernan, City Attorney Nason, Community Development Director Ziemer, City Engineer Merchlewicz, Finance Director Hove, Assistant Finance Director Ellison, Parks and Recreation Director Lares, and Communications Manager Looze.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to and approve as published by T’Kach; second by Gliva.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- A.** Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Mayor Dietrich announced that the Government Finance Officers Association awarded the Finance Team the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Director Hove accepted the award on behalf of the City and introduced the new Assistant Finance Director, Roberta Ellison.

Assistant Finance Director Ellison expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve and praised the Finance Team's strength under Director Hove's leadership. Mayor Dietrich recognized the behind-the-scenes work since January and warmly welcomed Assistant Finance Director Ellison.

Director Hove noted the City has received the award annually since 1986, with the 2023 award accepted that evening. She shared that the 2024 audit is upcoming and hopes for continued recognition due to the team's dedication. Mayor Dietrich formally presented the award and congratulated the Finance Team.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.** Approval of Minutes of the April 7, 2025, City Council Work Session
- B.** Approval of Minutes of the April 14, 2025, City Council Meeting
- C.** Approval of Disbursements, **Resolution 2025-131**
- D.** Personnel Actions
- E.** Resolution Establishing Change Fund and Petty Cash Fund Balances, **Resolution 2025-132**
- F.** Cost Sharing Agreement with Dakota County for New Voting Equipment
- G.** Resolution Approving a New City Seal, **Resolution 2025-133**
- H.** Resolutions Awarding Contract and Approving Budget for City Project No. 2025-08 - 2025 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, **Resolution 2025-134 and 2025-135**
- I.** Resolution Approving Joint Powers Agreement for City Project No. 2023-19 - 80th Street

- Safe Routes to School, **Resolution 2025-136**
- J.** Resolutions Approving Joint Powers Agreement, Contract Award, and Budget for City Project No. 2023-15 - 80th Street Lane Reduction Improvement, **Resolution 2025-137, 138 and 139**
 - K.** Resolution Awarding a Contract to SEH for Final Design and Bidding Services for City Projects Nos. 2026-0D through 2026-09L, **Resolution 2025-140**
 - L.** Resolution Approving Joint Powers Agreement for Final Design of City Project No. 2026-09H - Upper 55th & 57th Street, **Resolution 2025-141**
 - M.** Resolution Approving Contracts with Wold Architects & Engineers for Architectural Services and Kraus-Anderson Construction Company for Construction Manager as Adviser Services for a New Central Maintenance Facility (City Project No. 2017-01), **Resolution 2025-142**
 - N.** Authorization to Enter into 2025-26 Labor Agreement with IUOE, Local No. 70
 - O.** Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2024-88, Approving Modified Utility Connection Fees for the Yellow Tree Apartment Development, **Resolution 2025-143**
 - P.** Resolution Approving Improvement Agreement and SWFMA for Yellow Tree Apartment Development, **Resolution 2025-144**
 - Q.** Approval of Resolution Regarding Inver Wood Golf Course Addition Plat Fees, **Resolution 2025-145**
 - R.** Resolution Amending Purchase Agreement for Sale of Excess Golf Course Property to the EDA, **Resolution 2025-146**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A - R by Scales; second by Gliva.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Temporary Expansion of Premise Authorization for Mississippi Pub

Clerk Kiernan explained that the City has received an application from Mississippi Pub, located at 4455 66th Street East, requesting a temporary expansion of premises for the 2025 calendar year. The on-sale liquor license is held by Mississippi Pub, and under recently revised City Code, the Council may authorize such an expansion. If granted, this would allow the license holder to temporarily expand the boundaries of their licensed premises for up to 10 calendar days in 2025. Each expansion date would require review and approval by the Police Department. Following the public hearing, staff recommended that the Council approve the temporary expansion request.

Mayor Dietrich opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by T’Kach, second by Scales.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Council Member Gliva stated that she would be abstaining from the vote due to her relationship with Mississippi Pub.

Motion to approve Temporary Expansion of Premise Authorization for Mississippi Pub by Scales, second by T’Kach.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 (Abstain Gliva) Motion carried.

B. Approval of Massage Business and Therapist Licenses

Clerk Kiernan stated that the Council is being asked to consider two separate license approvals. First, Sunny Feng has applied for a new massage therapist license and a new massage business license for Golden Spa, located at 5836 Blaine Avenue. The application was submitted with the required license fee and a certificate of liability insurance. A background investigation conducted by the Police Department found no basis for denial.

Second, Lone Furreness has applied for a new massage therapist license with the intent to work at OyeSpa LLC, located at 7741 Amana Trail. A background investigation was completed for this application and found no basis for denial.

Following the public hearing, staff recommended approval of both the massage business and therapist licenses.

Mayor Dietrich opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments.

Motion to close the Public Hearing by T’Kach, second by Scales.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion to approve Massage Therapy Businesses and Individual Massage Therapists by Scales, second by Gliva.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Rental Housing Licenses

Director Ziemer presented the following rental housing licenses including 1 renewal and 5 new licenses.

3255 80th Street East #102

7510 Concord Boulevard

7170 Archer Trail

7379 Degrio Way

9689 Cedarwood Court

3418 Cloman Way

All applications have been reviewed by staff and found to meet the necessary requirements. Staff recommends approval of all licenses.

Motion to Approve 6 Rental Licenses by Gliva, second by Scales.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

B. 2024 Annual Audit and Financial Report

Director Hove introduced Bonnie Schwieger, CPA from Abdo and the lead auditor for the City's annual audit.

Ms. Schweiger presented the audit findings and confirmed that three compliance letters were issued as part of the financial statements. The City received an unmodified opinion under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). There were no instances of noncompliance with Minnesota legal requirements or the federal OMB Compliance Supplement.

She reviewed historical financial trends, starting with the General Fund. At the end of 2024, the City held approximately 51.5% of its operating budget in reserves. This is an increase from the prior year and exceeds the City's current policy target. The increase was driven by higher-than-expected revenues, including recognition of ARPA funds used to support police payroll, strong interest earnings, and a notable increase in permit revenue. On the expenditure side, the City spent less than budgeted due to payroll savings in several departments. These favorable results led to an increase of approximately \$4 million dollars in reserves.

Over the past three years, the City's primary General Fund revenue sources were permit fees, interest income, and transfers from other funds. Most expenditures were allocated to major departments, with additional spending categorized under Parks and Recreation and smaller departments.

Ms. Schweiger then discussed the City's special revenue funds, which are used for future projects and needs. Some of these funds are restricted or committed for specific purposes. For example, funds have been accumulated for capital needs at the Community Center, indicating that the City is setting aside resources for future improvements at that facility.

She provided an overview of the City's outstanding debt, most of which is tied to street projects. Debt service is expected to remain stable over the next five years, which is considered favorable. As of 2024, the City has approximately \$23 million in bonds outstanding.

She also reviewed the capital project funds, noting that about \$6 million is restricted by grant resolutions and other legal obligations. The remaining funds are designated for current and future project expenses.

Turning to internal service funds, Ms. Schweiger explained that during the budgeting process, the City allocates funds to these accounts to build reserves for specific purposes. This approach helps minimize fluctuations in the City's operating budget. The central equipment fund has developed strong reserves to support future equipment purchases.

The water fund is designed to be self-sustaining and to support capital improvements for the water utility. A healthy gap between operating receipts and disbursements has allowed the City to accumulate capital reserves. The sewer fund showed a smaller gap due to higher debt payments, but the overall structure remains sound. The stormwater fund was reviewed similarly, with an emphasis on maintaining appropriate operating reserves, which are reviewed annually.

The golf course fund experienced a spike in revenue in 2023 due to the sale of anniversary memberships, which takes place every three years. The revenue generated from these sales is then used over the following years.

A comprehensive summary of the City's cash and investment holdings reflects the distribution of funds across various municipal functions.

A resident asked if the audit summary was available on the City's website. Ms. Schwieger responded that it is not yet online but will be posted once finalized.

Motion to accept the 2024 Annual Audit and Financial Report by Gliva, second by T'Kach.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

C. Ordinance Amending City Code relating to Exterior Building Materials (Hoop Structures)

Community Development Director Ziemer presented proposed amendments to the City Code regarding hoop structures. He explained that on August 26, 2024, the City Council denied two variance requests related to an existing hoop structure on a property zoned I-1. The denials were based on non-conformance with exterior material and setback requirements. Following this, the Council directed staff to research the issue and return with a proposal, as the presence of the hoop structure highlighted conflicts within the current code. Hoop structures are currently prohibited in commercial and industrial districts due to non-conformity with exterior building material standards.

Under current City Code, both permanent and temporary hoop structures are prohibited in R, P, and I zoning districts. However, they are allowed in A, E-1, and E-2 districts on lots of 2.5 acres or more, with standards including a 500 square foot size limit and 50-foot setbacks. An exemption also exists for commercial greenhouses in B districts. The building code distinguishes between temporary hoop structures, which are allowed for up to 180 days without requiring structural engineering, and permanent hoop structures, which do require structural engineering.

The proposed amendment includes no changes in all R districts, where the prohibition would remain. In A, E-1, and E-2 districts, the 2.5-acre threshold would be replaced with a minimum lot size standard. No changes are proposed for business districts, where existing exemptions for commercial greenhouses would remain. The most significant change applies to industrial and institutional districts, where permanent hoop structures would be allowed but restricted to storage of specific outdoor materials such as salt, sand, landscape materials, mulch, and special soils. Storage of machinery, mobile equipment, and other non-material items would be prohibited. Standards would be based on existing zoning regulations for accessory structures, including limits on size, number, and impervious surface percentages.

Mayor Dietrich asked whether a property owner could have a few, provided they did not exceed the allowed limit.

Director Ziemer stated that the number of accessory buildings permitted in an industrial district depends on what the City Code allows. If the code permits one, then only one is allowed; if it permits two, then two may be allowed, if all zoning requirements are satisfied.

Mayor Dietrich asked for clarification, noting that after speaking with Chair Weber, it appears there will not be a direct correlation in the code between accessory structures and parcel size. She questioned whether the code specifies allowable structure size based on the size of the property.

Director Ziemer confirmed that understanding is correct.

The City Council reviewed the proposed revisions during a March 3, 2025 work session. At the June 3, 2025, Planning Commission public hearing, a business owner requested clarification to confirm that machinery and similar items would be prohibited. In response, staff revised the ordinance by adding the word "only" to clarify the list of permitted materials in hoop structures. The Planning

Commission then recommended approval in a 6-1 vote. The Council was asked to approve the ordinance amending City Code Section 10-15-17.

Mayor Dietrich asked for clarification on the specific concern with machinery or mobile equipment, inquiring whether it relates mainly to visual impact or involves other issues.

Director Ziemer explained that concerns about machinery and mobile equipment are mainly environmental, as they are often stored outdoors, raising issues like soil and salt protection. He emphasized the need to balance allowing protective structures in industrial areas with ensuring they meet building standards.

Mayor Dietrich asked for confirmation that the same regulations would also apply to agricultural.

Director Ziemer clarified that farm buildings are subject to a different section of the building code. He explained that if the property is part of an active agricultural operation, the use of these types of structures is permitted. Such uses are allowed under the applicable code and are protected by State statute.

Mayor Dietrich asked for confirmation that housing machinery under a hoop structure is permitted in agricultural settings.

Director Ziemer explained that property owners could apply for and obtain a building permit for structures intended for agriculturally based purposes.

Council Member T'Kach asked whether a marina would be allowed to have hoop structures for boats.

Director Ziemer stated that business districts are unchanged, and marinas likely fall under B zoning, where hoop structures are not allowed. These structures may be permitted in industrial zones, though he was unsure if any marinas are in those areas.

Council Member T'Kach asked if they could request a variance.

Director Ziemer clarified that they would not be able to request a variance because the structures are not permitted under the zoning code.

Council Member Gliva asked whether there had been any feedback from residents, business owners, or anyone currently using a hoop structure.

Director Ziemer said the only feedback received was from a business owner involved in a variance request who attended the Planning Commission meeting. He noted that the Council placed a stay on such structures, which expires at the end of the month, after which property owners would need to be notified and brought into compliance.

Council Member Scales said the Planning Commission had a thorough discussion and did a good job addressing all aspects. He expressed support for the proposal as written, noting it strikes a fair balance by clarifying what is allowed while supporting industrial areas, businesses, and residential agriculture.

Mayor Dietrich stated the Planning Commission discussed material concerns and suggested revisiting those standards before finalizing the ordinance. She mentioned some hoop structures do not last through winter and recommended clearer guidelines on material thickness. She also suggested tying accessory structure size directly into the ordinance and praised Chair Weber for anticipating potential issues.

Director Ziemer agreed that accessory structure size could be tied to the ordinance by referencing existing code but said he would need to review current standards for industrial and institutional districts. He said it would be up to Council to decide if similar size and count standards should apply. Material standards were not included, as most structures must meet building code requirements, but Council could choose to set more specific guidelines if desired.

Mayor Dietrich said she understood the intent but noted the City has previously struggled to address blighted areas effectively. She expressed a desire to ensure this ordinance is proactive in preventing such issues.

Director Ziemer asked Mayor Dietrich whether she was referring to temporary structures, permanent, or both.

Mayor Dietrich expressed concern about the durability of poorly constructed hoop structures and stressed the need for authority to address such issues. She supported adding more parameters if necessary but deferred to the Council's direction.

Council Member T'Kach asked whether materials like thin Kevlar would be acceptable if used in engineered structures that meet building codes and offer long-term durability.

Director Ziemer explained that while he could not give a definitive answer, building code requires structures to meet wind and snow load standards, which influence material and design. He added that permanent structures typically need heavy-duty materials that hold up over time.

Council Member T'Kach asked whether deteriorating hoop structures on industrial property would fall under code compliance and when it would trigger a call to a compliance officer.

Director Ziemer said it would likely require a complaint to initiate action. He added that some issues would fall under code compliance, while others might be handled by building inspectors, depending on the situation.

Council Member T'Kach asked whether there is a mechanism in place to address issues if a permanent structure begins to deteriorate.

Mayor Dietrich said there is a mechanism in place but noted that the follow-through can sometimes vary.

Council Member Scales said his concern is mainly with temporary structures, noting their coverings often wear out after a winter and need frequent replacement. He said permanent structures in industrial areas are usually well-built and maintained, and he has no material concerns with those.

Motion to approve of an Ordinance 1503 amending IGH City Code Title 10, Chapter 15, Section 17, Exterior Building Materials by T'Kach, second by Scales.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 1 (Dietrich) Motion carried.

D. Ordinances Amending City Code Related to Above-Ground Fuel Storage Tanks

Director Ziemer provided information regarding the proposed ordinance amendments related to aboveground storage tanks.

The City approved a variance request related to aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) on July 22, 2024. Following this approval, the Council directed staff to research existing AST regulations and explore possible amendments.

Currently, two separate sections of the City Code govern standards for ASTs. These are the Fire Prevention Code and the Zoning Code. Under the Fire Prevention Code, ASTs are allowed without limitation in I-2 districts, while districts A, B, P, and I-1 are limited to a single 500-gallon tank or a dual 1,000-gallon tank. In the sand and gravel overlay district, ASTs may be permitted as a CUP when associated with an asphalt plant. The Zoning Code separately addresses fuel storage and dispensing as permitted principal uses in B-1, I-1, and I-2 districts. Additionally, storage of fuels such as crude oil, gasoline, natural gas, and propane requires a CUP in the I-2 district.

The proposed changes involve moving AST regulations from the Fire Prevention Code to the Zoning Code to better align with zoning district designations. The allowed zoning districts under the proposed change would include A, B-1, B-2, B-3, P, I-1, and I-2. The current size limitations for tanks would be removed, and instead, standards and limits would be tied directly to the State Fire Code. Another key change would be the reclassification of ASTs from a permitted or conditional principal use to a permitted accessory use. A principal use is defined as a standalone use on a property, whereas an accessory use is one that can only exist in conjunction with a primary use. Under the proposed amendments, a fire permit issued by the Fire Marshal would be required before use, and a site plan would need to be submitted along with the permit application.

These proposed ordinance revisions were reviewed by the City Council during a work session on March 3, 2025. A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on June 3, 2025. There were no public comments during the hearing, and the Commission voted unanimously 7-0 in favor of recommending approval of the proposed amendments.

Amendments to the Fire Prevention Code, which are outside of zoning regulations, require three readings. The City Council has the option to waive the three-reading requirement with a unanimous vote. If the Council chooses to proceed with all three readings, staff recommends waiting to adopt the second ordinance. The first motion is to approve the ordinance amending City Code Section 9-4-2 of the Fire Prevention Code related to aboveground storage tanks as presented, pending the outcome of the ordinance reading requirements. The second motion is to approve the ordinance amending the Use Tables in City Code Sections 10-6-1 and 10-6-2 related to aboveground storage tanks as presented.

Mayor Dietrich asked Attorney Nason to confirm whether the requirements related to the waiver of readings had been changed earlier in 2024.

Attorney Nason confirmed that the requirement was previously a unanimous vote of the Council to waive the three reading requirements. She explained that this was changed as part of the updates to the administrative section and that a unanimous vote is no longer required. The new requirement is a four-fifths vote.

Mayor Dietrich asked if the revised voting requirement would apply in this instance.

Attorney Nason affirmed that the updated requirement is applicable in this instance.

Council Member T'Kach expressed support for proceeding but noted there is no urgency. She emphasized the value of allowing additional time for community input and further consideration of staff's perspective.

Director Ziemer clarified that both proposed changes were reviewed by the Planning Commission, noting that while one involves zoning and the other does not, the full package was presented together.

Mayor Dietrich stated that, to her knowledge, no correspondence had been received from constituents regarding the item. She then asked for guidance on how to proceed with the motions.

Director Ziemer recommended addressing the items one by one, noting that the first is dependent on whether the reading requirements are waived. If the Council chooses to waive the requirements and proceed, they may move forward. Otherwise, he advised treating it as a first reading and postponing action on the second ordinance until both can be considered together.

Council Member Scales recommended waiving the three reading requirements, stating that the item is neither contentious nor controversial and has already had ample opportunity to move through the review process.

Motion to waive 3 reading rule by Scales, second by Gliva.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion to approve reading of an Ordinance 1504 amending IGH City Code Title 9, Chapter 2, Section 4, Limits for Storage of Certain Hazardous Materials by Gliva, second by Scales.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion to approve reading of an Ordinance 1505 amending IGH City Code Title 10, Chapter 6, Section 1, Land Uses in all Residential Districts and Title 10, Chapter 6, Section 2, Land Uses in all Non-Residential Districts by T’Kach, second by Scales.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

E. Removed. ~~Closed Session to Consider the Purchase of Real Property.~~

F. Added. Consideration of Resolution of Support for State Bonding Request Council Majority Decision to not submit for the Governor’s Bonding Request for 2025, **Resolution 2024-147**

Administrator Wilson outlined that the State of Minnesota has traditionally passed a capital budget bill, also referred to as a bonding bill, during even-numbered years, although this has become less predictable. These bills authorize the issuance of State bonds to fund capital investments. Funding supports new construction and significant remodels or repairs on State-owned buildings, including State office buildings, prisons, public college and university buildings, State parks and trails. Bonding bills also provide funding for infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and water and wastewater treatment projects. Local governments may submit requests, but the projects must be of regional significance, publicly owned in perpetuity, and include a 50% local match.

In recent years, the City submitted several bonding requests. In 2023, the City was successful in securing \$5 million for the reconstruction of 117th Street and \$2 million for the inclusive playground and splashpad at Heritage Village Park (HVP Phase 5). These same projects were also requested in 2021 and 2022, but the legislature did not adopt bonding bills in those years. In 2024 and 2025, the City requested \$3 million for Heritage Village Park Phase 6, but those efforts were unsuccessful.

For 2026, the bonding request must be submitted by June 13 to be considered for inclusion in the Governor’s proposed bonding bill. Early submissions also stand a better chance of getting a stop on the House or Senate’s tour of bonding sites. If the City submits a request, staff believe Heritage Village Park Phase 6 is the most viable project. The City previously asked for \$3 million for this phase.

The State is increasingly pushing for a 50% local match. The match would most likely come from the Park Acquisition and Development Fund, although the Host Community Fund is also a possibility.

As of May 30, 2025, the Park Acquisition and Development Fund had a balance of \$5,225,962. Approved allocated expenses include \$951,173 for HVP Phase 5 as the City's allocation and match to the awarded State bond, \$100,000 for the South Valley Archery Range, and \$100,000 for final payments, retainage, and punch list items for HVP Phase 4. This results in a remaining balance of approximately \$4,074,789. Potential revenue from NWA development activity includes \$476,000 from the Nord 61 Development (Townhomes) and \$1,063,300 from the Yellow Tree Development (Apartments), for a total projected balance of \$5,614,089.

Heritage Village Park's Phase 4 is complete except for minor punch list items and includes the Roundhouse Shelter, bench coverings, and a restroom facility. Phase 5, scheduled for construction beginning in summer 2025, includes the inclusive playground and splashpad and an extension of the western parking lot. Phase 6 is yet to be determined and proposes an amphitheater, picnic shelters, a nature play area, educational and historical interpretive nodes, a garden area, a lawn game area, heritage panels, and expansion of the dog park parking lot. The relocation of two City-owned historic buildings is not eligible for inclusion in the bond request and may be considered for a future phase.

The Council may opt not to submit a project by the June 13 deadline for the Governor's 2026 proposed bonding bill. This would allow time to better understand the costs for acquiring and developing a larger NWA park, with the possibility of seeking funding as early as February 2026. Staff recommends this path to preserve funds for future park acquisition.

If the Council chooses to submit Heritage Village Park Phase 6 for consideration, it must determine the amount of local match funding and adopt the required resolution to complete the submittal.

Council Member T'Kach asked whether the relocation of the two City-owned historic buildings, which cannot be included in bond requests and would require separate funding, was accounted for in the estimated \$3 million project cost.

Administrator Wilson clarified that the estimated \$3 million does not include the cost of relocating the two City-owned historic buildings, which would require additional funding beyond that amount.

Council Member Scales stated that although Heritage Village is important to him, now is not the right time to pursue it. With progress in the Northwest area, he believes efforts should be focused there, as that park is a more realistic priority at this time.

Council Member Murphy agreed, stating that if a local match were not required, he would support completing Heritage Village. However, he believes Phase 6 can be delayed, allowing the City to focus on finishing Phase 5 and prioritizing the long-anticipated park in the Northwest area.

Mayor Dietrich recommended not submitting the project for consideration at this time.

Council Member T'Kach asked how long it would take to recover a \$1.5 million match in the Park Fund, based on expected development, to still move forward with Northwest area plans soon after acquisition.

Administrator Wilson said she could not estimate how long it would take to replenish the Park Fund, as it depends on future development. She noted recent projects brought in funds when land was not dedicated, but no similar developments are currently expected.

Council Member T'Kach clarified she was inquiring whether any imminent development projects were known to staff or the development director.

Administrator Wilson said the two presented projects are the only one's staff can confidently project.

Council Member Gliva expressed support for completing Phase 5 at Heritage Village and indicated she is comfortable pausing further phases for now.

Administrator Wilson stated that the City will not submit for the Governor's bonding bill at this time and will focus on progressing with the Northwest area park acquisition. She noted the issue can be revisited in January when the City adopts its legislative priorities.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Ross, 7056 Delaney Avenue, expressed concern about a nearby residence involved in a May 21 arson incident. He explained the property functions as a harm reduction home with unclear oversight, raising safety and maintenance issues in the neighborhood. He requested the City investigate what State guidelines apply to such homes, including identifying any relevant statutes, and asked whether the City Attorney could review the legal structure and oversight of these dwellings.

Mayor Dietrich stated she was unsure if the City Attorney would be the appropriate person to address the matter but would find out who is best suited to determine the oversight authority for harm reduction homes.

Mayor Dietrich requested Administrator Wilson or her staff to follow up and investigate the matter.

Administrator Wilson confirmed that staff has been looking into the matter and will provide an update to the Council.

Sandy Honerbrink, a resident at 2318 75th Street East, thanked the Council for not borrowing additional government funds and expressed support for limiting new park projects, noting that many parks already exist. She encouraged the Council to voice concerns to County Commissioners about electronic poll books, citing a recent County decision to discontinue their use. She also submitted budget questions for review, requesting detailed responses and emphasizing the need for timely communication and a meeting with Council members to discuss her concerns.

Mayor Dietrich asked Clerk Kiernan to scan and distribute the questions to all members of the Council.

Clerk Kiernan confirmed she would complete the scanning and ensure the questions are emailed to all Council members.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member T'Kach announced that the Farmers Market is now open on Sundays at the Community Center.

Mayor Dietrich shared that she and Council Member Scales were approached by a constituent interested in donating to the flags displayed on Cahill for Memorial weekend. In exploring this, she discovered the City's Christmas decorations are in poor condition and suggested discussing their replacement before the holiday season. She proposed exploring whether there was a past

partnership with local businesses and recommended a possible cost-sharing approach among Community Development, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works. She asked for Council support to begin looking into these options.

Council Member Gliva expressed support, stating it was an excellent idea.

10.ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn at 7:13 p.m. by Scales, second by Gliva.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Tammy Greenlee