

45 owned phones. Mayor Krachmer inquired on advantage of direct income vs untaxed stipend.
46 Administrator Watson responded if someone filed their own taxes – with paycheck makes it
47 easier for tax and staff purposes though it would be less than face value due to taxes. Mayor
48 Krachmer confirmed cost variation between department heads and other staff with
49 Administrator Watson. Administrator Watson explained this would be an update of personnel
50 policy to be approved by council and implemented in 2024. Council Member Rogers
51 confirmed claim for PW employees. On the topic of vehicle allowance Council Member
52 Jozwowski supportive.

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54 **PARK, TRAIL MASTER PLAN SOLICITATION**

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56 Assistant Administrator Clement led this discussion with Parks Commission. If an RFP is
57 created for this the commission there are topics the commissioners would like included in the
58 proposals. Council Member Doll Kanne asked for clarification of the language for adding
59 green space with general agreement. Discussion of financing proposal including grant
60 possibilities. Council Member Rogers noted in the past commissioners were to solicit
61 feedback and asked for what was learned relevant to creating a master plan. Administrator
62 Watson and Assistant Administrator Clement indicated how much detail was included in the
63 RFP. Administrator Watson described the balance between being prescriptive and open-
64 ended. Agreement on the commission proceeding with an RFP for a Parks Master Plan.
65 Mayor Krachmer clarified expectation of an open-ended RFP with general suggestions for
66 what the City would like. Agreement for Parks Commission to proceed.

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68 **COMMISSION FEEDBACK**

69 Administrator Watson reviewed process and purpose for getting feedback on commissions.
70 Assistant Administrator Clement recapped commission discussion and feedback provided to
71 workshop. Discussion was focused on balancing prescriptive and broad language to allow
72 commissions to complete their work. Administrator Watson suggested creating a year-long
73 calendar with the commissions and Council approves/refines to give the commissions their
74 scope and commissions can then come back to Council with proposals. Other suggestions
75 included a commissioner orientation and paths of communication to Council. Council's
76 direction to staff is to bring these changes to Council Meeting and requesting a goal-setting
77 session with the committees. Administrator Watson suggested starting with Parks and
78 evaluating after that. Mayor Krachmer added commission rotations. Council Member
79 Jozwowski noted that other commissions have not met very frequently and Council Member
80 Rogers added that in a four-year term there is opportunity to be a part of other/all
81 commissions.

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83 **STAFF ITEMS**

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85 Budget Workshop May 23rd would go 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Lakes Room.

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87 Future Council Suggestions – Council Member Doll Kanne would like a future discussion on an
88 update the lawn weed section of code and if future discussion is warranted it may be a part of a
89 Parks Commission task-list.

90 Council Member Goebel asked about lawn replacement with other items, and Council Member
91 Doll Kanne added VLAWMO has options.

92 Mayor Krachmer added Northeast Youth and Family Services invited him to be part of their
93 board of directors to which he has declined but offered to advise. Mayor Krachmer asked if any
94 council members would like to be a part of it. NYFS would like representation from Vadnais
95 Heights. Council Member Jozwowski and Doll Kanne were interested.

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97 Mayor Krachmer asked Assistant Administrator Clement to include council when the call goes
98 out for newsletter items. Council members will receive calls for items.

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100 **Adjourn**

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