

**Brainerd, MN  
February 10, 2020**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Workshop of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Johnson.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted present: Pritschet, Bevans, Badeaux, Erickson, Lambert and Johnson. Member Stunek was noted as absent. Mayor Menk was also noted as present.

#### **Discussion on the Region 5 Children's Museum**

City Administrator Bergman updated the council on the history of the Children's Museum progress to date. Mike Angland provided an update on the proposal for the Lum Park masterplan. The discussion was about the next steps in entering into a letter of intent (LOI) with the children's museum which will help to determine what we will get out of the master plan. The masterplan is step one in this process.

The city council discussed the task force structure, representatives on the task force, parameters of the masterplan and a timeline. The city council suggested a task force that would include members from the park board, planning commission, city council, economic development authority, children's museum and community members.

The takeaways from the discussion was to move ahead with the LOI with the Region 5 Children's Museum for the masterplan and the contract with WSN to be on a future agenda and to finalize the number of committee members and representatives.

#### **Discussion on the Economic Development Authority (EDA)**

City Administrator Bergman provided the city council with an overview of EDA's, the Brainerd EDA and program and projects in other Minnesota EDA's. The purpose of the discussion was to get direction from the City Council on what they would like to see the EDA working on. After some discussion, council members suggested that we hold a joint meeting between the EDA Board and City Council. This would give both bodies the opportunity to discuss the economic development goals of the city and discuss next steps.

#### **Adjourn**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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Jennifer Bergman  
City Administrator