

City of Marine on St. Croix Special City Council Meeting

Monday, September 23, 2024

Council members Present: Nyenhuis, Miller, Anderson, Ward, Pardun (zoom)

Citizens present: Dorothy Deetz, David Snyder, Lisa White, Marine library, Sara Rottunda, Gerry Mroska, Scott Spisak, Joshua Rutherford.

Mayor Nyenhuis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm for the purpose of discussing a Resolution relating to the Brookside.

Anderson recognized Councilmember Ward with her collaborative work with himself and City Attorney on this proposed resolution. He stated that he believes this Resolution reflects the process that got the City to where it is. This decision was based off of the service area that the Brookside had offered during the CUP pre-application process. He believes that the four anchored tables with dedicated wait service and supplied additional chairs and umbrellas that were purchased for the lawn areas are over and above what was submitted into the record with their seating capacity chart of 150. He believes the increase in service area should trigger a public review and process for any business. He believes this resolution accurately describes the issue that legal Counsel has advised the Council on and also concerns of all Council members.

Miller believes he believes Council has been and continues to be transparent with this issue and believes the resolution is on point and that the statement at the end of the resolution is accurate and important. He also stated that it is important to note that the City has never restricted the parking or music at the Brookside. Miller stated he is willing to discuss whatever ideas and/or resolutions going forward, however it needs to be within the City's process and needs to benefit the citizens.

Ward thanked Council member Anderson and League Attorney Paul Reuvers for their help drafting this resolution. She believes this proposed resolution clearly shows that the City wishes resolution. She would also like to be reasonable as a City. She does not like that a private business cannot allow patrons to drink or have a beverage on the grass. She would like to see an amended liquor license allow for consumption on the grass, but not allow sales or furniture on the grass. She would like to see a compromise between the Brookside and City and would like to re-engage the Brookside in those discussions. Anderson agreed with Ward on those discussions.

Pardun believes the resolution is well crafted and agrees with the language. He believes honesty is very important in how this process has unfolded. He thinks the Brookside has publicly put out their viewpoint using social media without all of the facts and believes it is important to have the City's viewpoint shown. He also believes the City should follow legal Counsel on how to move forward.

Nyenhuis thanked the group for bringing forth a document that is succinct and clear. He stated that the City does not have the ability to use social media tools to get their voice out to the public, and this resolution is the way the City has state their position. He clarified that what the

Brookside has filed is a lawsuit by definition and that will continue to be the language used by the City.

*Ward moved and Anderson seconded to adopt Resolution 092324-01 concerning the Brookside Bar and Grill as drafted.*

*Nyenhuis yes*

*Ward yes*

*Miller yes*

*Pardun yes*

*Anderson yes*

*All in favor, motion passed.*

*Nyenhuis moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 6:49pm.*

*Ward yes*

*Miller yes*

*Pardun yes*

*Anderson yes*

*All in favor, motion passed.*