

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
LITTLE CANADA, MINNESOTA**

MARCH 13, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a workshop meeting of the City Council of Little Canada, Minnesota was convened on the 13th day of March, 2019 in the Conference Room of the City Center located at 515 Little Canada Road in said City.

Mayor John Keis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following members of the City Council were present at roll call:

CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor	Mr. John Keis
Council Member	Mr. Tom Fischer
Council Member	Mr. Rick Montour
Council Member	Mr. Christian Torkelson
Council Member	Mr. Mike McGraw

ALSO PRESENT:

City Administrator	Mr. Chris Heineman
City Clerk	Ms. Heidi Heller
Parks & Rec/Comm. Services Mgr.	Mr. Bryce Shearen
Finance Director	Ms. Brenda Malinowski

Mayor Keis stated that the purpose of this evening's workshop is to discuss the partnership between the City and CTV, and discuss Tobacco 21 in Little Canada.

**CTV
PRESENTATION**

CTV Executive Director, Dana Healey, and Jared Weidmeyer, Government and Public Coordinator, stated they are here to provide a presentation about ways to maximize the Little Canada and CTV relationship. She noted the updated CTV website will be showcased and staff will talk about how Little Canada residents can utilize this resource, along with provide feedback on an audit that was done on our video and production equipment.

Mr. Weidmeyer reported that CTV now televises Little Canada's city meetings. He explained that they are tracking analytics and seeing what people are watching and looking at on their website. A video produced by CTV for St. Anthony was shown as an example of what they can do for cities. Ms. Healey stated that these videos can be linked to the city's websites. She noted that they would prefer to keep the video on their website in order to capture the analytics.

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Mr. Weidmeyer stated that it takes him a few days after shooting the video to complete the post-production work.

Ms. Healey discussed webcasting and explained that an event could be filmed and shown live on their website or social media. Mr. Weidmeyer stated that they can do larger scale production services on a for-hire basis. The new CTV website was reviewed.

**TOBACCO 21
DISCUSSION**

The City Clerk stated that cities are adopting ordinances raising the legal age to buy tobacco from 18 to 21 years old. She reported that Shoreview and Roseville adopted the Tobacco 21 ordinances in 2018, and a bill is before the Legislature this session to raise the age in Minnesota. She stated that the Council has not yet had a formal discussion about this and since it has become an issue that many cities are moving ahead with, Staff is looking for direction from the Council. She stated that Katie Engman, the Program Director of the Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota is here to provide an overview of the Tobacco 21 efforts, along with an update of the status of the bill that is at the Legislature this session.

Ms Engman stated adoption of the Tobacco 21 ordinances have been fairly non-controversial in the cities they have worked with. She noted that Minneapolis has already raised the age limit to 21 along with other restrictions on flavored tobacco products, and St. Paul will likely have completed adopting a Tobacco 21 ordinance by July 2019.

Ms. Engman stated that cities should also remove language in their city codes about penalties for people ages 18-20 that possess tobacco since they may have legally purchased it in another city. Jeanne Weigum, Board President of the Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota, reported that the Tobacco 21 bill that is in front of the Legislature this session will likely not pass. She noted that there does not appear to be support from the Senate and may not even get a Senate hearing.

There was Council consensus to move forward with an ordinance raising the age limit to 21 to buy tobacco and tobacco products in Little Canada.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

John T. Keis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Christopher Heineman, City Administrator