

NEW YORK MILLS CITY COUNCIL

March 4, 2024

4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The special meeting of the New York Mills City Council was held at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Center Building located at 118 North Main Avenue, New York Mills, Minnesota, all members of the Council having been notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

Members Present Maki, Nesland, Grotheer, Hetland , Hammond

Members Absent None

Staff Present City Clerk Julie Roberts, Public Works Director Kyle Mattson, Police Chief Bobby Berndt,

Guests Present Robert Kempenich, Heather Lehmann

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maki at 4:31 pm. A quorum was present.

Mayor Maki stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss lifting the enforcement of Ordinance 139 – Calendar Parking and Other Safety Measures for the remainder of the 2023/2024 enforcement period. Resolution No. 03-04-2024. There is no significant snow in the forecast for the remainder of the month of March and issues with the ordinance have been brought to the attention of the city that need to be addressed for future enforcement of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Hetland to approve Resolution No. 03-04-2024- Resolution in Support of Lifting Enforcement of Ordinance No 139 – Calendar Parking and Other Safety Measures for the remainder of the 2023/2024 enforcement period. The motion was seconded by Nesland. Grotheer called for a roll call vote. Discussion ensued as follows:

Nesland felt there needed to be more education done and a longer learning period before enforcement began in the next season. Grotheer felt that the ordinance should stand and be enforced until the April 1st date. He felt that the ordinance does not only have to do with snow and pointed out the word snow is not mentioned in the ordinance. Maki felt that there needed to be more signage to educate people and that we needed to discuss the issues that have been brought to the city on the enforcement of the ordinance. Clerk Roberts added that there are areas that the city needs to figure out a solution for before issuing additional tickets. There are issues with

areas that have odd or even house numbers on both sides of the street and cul-de-sac streets that the city needs to educate people on the parking requirements within this ordinance.

After discussion was finished, Nesland called for the roll call vote: Grother-No, Hetland- Yes, Maki – Yes, Hammond – No, and Nesland – Yes. With a majority of three, the Resolution No. 03-04-2024 passed.

A motion was made by Grother to have the City Administration staff return all proceeds collected for Ordinance 139, the motion was seconded by Hammond. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**CITY OF NEW YORK MILLS,
MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 03-04-2024

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE LIFTING OF ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 139 CALENDAR
PARKING AND OTHER SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2023/2024
ENFORCEMENT PERIOD**

WHEREAS, the City of New York Mills is currently enforcing Ordinance No. 139 Calendar Parking and Other Public Safety Measures adopted August 8, 2023,

WHEREAS, the City of New York Mills acknowledges this was the first year of enforcement and there have not been any significant snow falls this 2023/2024 Winter Season,

WHEREAS, the City of New York Mills is working through the issues that have become apparent in the new ordinance that was adopted August 8, 2023,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW YORK MILLS, MINNESOTA THAT: the City Council of New York Mills is in support of lifting the enforcement of the Ordinance 139 – Calendar Parking and Other Public Safety Measures for the remainder of the 2023/2024 Winter Season.

Adopted this 4th day of March, 2024, by the City Council of the City of New York Mills.

Marsha Maki, Mayor

Julie Roberts, City Clerk

Next Regular Meeting will be March 12, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Center Building located at 118 North Main Ave, New York Mills, MN.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Nesland to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. Motion was seconded by Hammond and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Julie A. Roberts
City Clerk