

City of North St. Paul
March 1, 2022
Approved City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Furlong called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted at City Hall in the Council Chambers, and also via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Thorsen
Council Member Wong
Council Member Cole
Acting Mayor Candy Petersen

Absent: Mayor Furlong

Staff: City Manager John Stark, Deputy Clerk Jennie Kloos, City Engineer Morgan Dawley, Communications Consultant Kari Erpenbach

III. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Wong, seconded by Council Member Thorsen, with all present voting aye (4-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as presented.

IV. TOPIC(S)

A. Met Council Representative – Sue Vento

Met Council Representative, Sue Vento stated that she represents 14 communities which include a portion of Anoka, Washington and Ramsey Counties. She updated the council on upcoming grant information becoming available through application to the City of North St. Paul. These include the Water Efficiency Grant available through the Environmental Services Division and the Regional Solicitation Grant Funding Cycle, which occurs every two years. The Met Council works with the Transportation Advisory Board in distributing the dollars.

Currently the Legislature is seeking \$5 million for I/I (reduce inflow and infiltration) programs and possible grants to reduce the amount of surface and ground water that ends up in our waste treatment system.

B. League of MN Cities Representatives

Representatives from the League of Minnesota Cities, including League President D. Love, current Mayor of Centerville, Dave Unmacht, League Executive Director, Brad Wiersum, past President and Mayor of Minnetonka, and Luke Fischer, League's Deputy Director attended the workshop. The members gave an overview of the League's services which include numerous resources, networking and leadership support for local governments, property/casualty insurance and worker's compensation programs. Membership includes 827 cities in the property/casualty program and 782 cities in the workers' compensation program. The City of North St. Paul is a long-time member.

A special thank you was given to Council Member Candy Petersen from all League members present for her long time services on the League's boards and committees. Each League member also recognized Council Member Petersen and spoke about her incredible spirit, kindness and contributions she brings to the League of Minnesota Cities.

C. Public Parking Lot – Pedestrian Walkway and Parking Stall Impacts Review

As a follow up to the January 18th council meeting, City Engineer Morgan Dawley provided information to the council regarding the city's surface lot which is scheduled for pavement and utility improvements the summer of 2022. Council had asked staff to look at opportunities to enhance pedestrian access through the parking lot as a potential item that could be included in the 2022 improvement project.

Discussion was held regarding the two different designs presented, in addition to raising the walkway and adding trees/landscaping to the islands and focusing on keeping the design pedestrian friendly.

Council Member Thorsen commented on the public parking lot area with residents seeking permission to park in the lot due to personal limited space. City Manager Stark stated he has been in contact with the Police Department and Public Works on this topic.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Thorsen, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (4-0), Acting Mayor Petersen adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:07 p.m.

/s/ Candy Petersen, Acting Mayor

Attest:

/s/ John Stark, City Manager/ Clerk