**City of North Saint Paul**
**March 5, 2019**
**Adopted City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Furlong called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

## II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Scott Thorsen
Council Member Candy Petersen
Council Member Tom Sonnek
Council Member Jan Walczak
Mayor Terry Furlong

Staff: Interim City Manager Scott Duddeck, Deputy Clerk Mary Mills, City Engineer Morgan Dawley, Forester Josh Bond.

Guests: MN Department of Agriculture Health Plant Specialist Jennifer Burington.

## III. ADOPT AGENDA

***On motion by Council Member Petersen, seconded by Council Member Sonnek, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as presented.***

## IV. TOPIC(S)

A. Council Members had their professional photographs taken at 5:00 p.m.

B. Presentation and update on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Josh Bond, City Forester, introduced MN Department of Agriculture Health Plant Specialist Jennifer Burington. Burington reviewed the life cycle of the EAB, how it attacks the trees, how to recognize the early signs, the different options available for treatment and preparing for the loss of trees.

There are two confirmed EAB cases in North St. Paul. There are several areas of concern in the city. The City has options on how to deal with the problem. Monitoring all ash trees and doing an annual survey in the winter was recommended. There was discussion related to the current road construction project and the affected ash trees in that location. Staff will review the data and determine the budget ramifications as well as the best course of action for the project location.

C. Recap of meeting with Tim Finnerty of the Ramsey/Washington Suburban Cable Commission

This item was tabled to the March 19th workshop.

## V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

***There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Sonnek, seconded by Council Member Thorsen, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Furlong adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:26 p.m.***

/s/ Terrence J. Furlong, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Scott A. Duddeck, Interim City Manager