

City of North Saint Paul
January 2, 2018
Adopted City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuehn called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Terry Furlong
Council Member Candy Petersen
Council Member Tom Sonnek (arrived at 5:02)
Council Member Jan Walczak
Mayor Mike Kuehn

Staff: Interim City Manager Dr. Craig Waldron, Electric Utility Director Brian Frandle,
Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker, Deputy Clerk Mary Mills, City
Engineer Morgan Dawley.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Furlong, seconded by Council Member Petersen, with all present voting aye, Council Member Sonnek absent for the vote, motion carried (4-0), to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member Sonnek arrived at 5:02 p.m.

IV. TOPIC(S)

A. Lake Boulevard Alternatives

Morgan Dawley stated that at the December 2, 2017 workshop there were several options presented for Lake Boulevard regarding the walking area of the roadway. This is the one area for the 2018 Street and Utility Project that there is not clear direction from the council. There was a neighborhood meeting held on December 20, 2017 to get resident feedback and input on the various options. The residents were generally unsupportive of an on-street designated walking and/or biking trail, but had mixed support for the off-street trail option or the option to reconstruct the street in its current configuration. A vocal majority seemed to support the road being reconstructed as-is.

At this workshop Dawley shared an additional rendering that was not available at the resident meeting. This rendering showed a 5½ foot sidewalk version that would narrow the roadway to 27 feet and be maintained by the City in the winter. The impacts to trees, mailboxes, electrical, etc. was minimal. There was discussion related to snow removal and policy throughout the city, ADA compliance, city policy on snow removal, etc. Council opinion was mixed. Sonnek and Walczak indicated this is the perfect project and timing to provide a concept of a trail around Lake Boulevard from North St. Paul to Joy Lake, Dorothy Lake and Silver Lake. This offers the opportunity to look at the bigger picture and vision for possible connectivity. Mayor Kuehn was

opposed to the sidewalk but remained in favor of the striping on the roadway. Petersen and Furlong were undecided.

Dawley indicated that at this point in the project, to stay on the bidding schedule, rather than hold another meeting it would be recommended to include the sidewalk option in the plan, but that it could be removed at the final adoption of the plan without adding cost, or do something in preparation for a separate project. Waldron recommended moving forward with the current proposed on-street design and lighting, but have the bids contain an alternate bid that includes the sidewalk. Dawley confirmed that plans would be submitted containing the lesser design with lighting, but would include an alternate bid that incorporates the sidewalk. At the award of the bid council can make its final recommendation and approval.

B. Proposal to provide professional engineering and planning services for North St. Paul ADA Transition Plan

Dawley stated that now is the time to adopt an ADA Transition Plan. Dawley noted that MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council are beginning to enforce rules that require cities to be ADA compliant and have a plan in place when requesting funds. The proposal for services is not all encompassing, but does meet the intent of the law and provides guidelines. Mayor Kuehn also noted that there is a difference between ADA requirement versus reasonable accommodations.

Dawley will connect with Soren Mattick as the plan gets implemented in case he or the League of Minnesota Cities would recommend the final end document needed to be considered/received by City Council, and if there was a need for any other formal action(s) that might be associated as we move through the process. This is something that doesn't affect the scope of WSB's effort.

Council was in agreement to move forward with WSB for the ADA Transition Plan. The official council action can take place at the January 16, 2018 council meeting under the Consent Agenda.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Petersen, seconded by Council Member Sonnek, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Kuehn adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:31 p.m.

/s/ Michael R. Kuehn, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Mary Mills, Deputy Clerk