

City of North Saint Paul
January 16, 2018
Adopted City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuehn called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Terry Furlong
Council Member Candy Petersen
Council Member Tom Sonnek
Council Member Jan Walczak (arrived at 5:04 p.m.)
Mayor Mike Kuehn

Staff: Strategic Operations Director Debra Gustafson, Fire Chief Scott Duddeck, Deputy Clerk Mary Mills, City Attorney Soren Mattick, City Engineer Morgan Dawley (via Skype).

III. ADOPT AGENDA

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

IV. TOPIC(S)

A. Council will provide clear direction to WSB & Associates, Inc. defining the improvements on Lake Boulevard from 19th Avenue to Lydia Avenue/Joy Road as part of the 2018 Street and Utility Improvements Project.

Council discussion continued regarding the improvements on Lake Boulevard that stem from the desire to look at other legitimate on-street trail options for consideration following the determination to remove the off-street trail option on Lake Boulevard listed in the reconstruction plans that were presented at the public hearing on October 17, 2017. Council agreed to have further discussion at a workshop about feasible alternatives for an on-street walkway on Lake Boulevard.

Since that public hearing new options have been introduced for consideration that include both on-street and off-street possibilities, all with varying impacts to the residents. A neighborhood open house to receive public comment was held on December 20, 2017. When the results of that meeting were brought to Council for review, WSB presented one additional option for an off-street walk. This option would have minimal impact and offers a compromise to the on-street option. Council determined that all of these options should be presented to the public at a new public hearing, so that all affected by the project have the opportunity to express their preferences and opinions. Thus, council agreed to the following:

1. Council desires to move forward with a public hearing to finalize the clarification of public improvements on Lake Boulevard from 19th Avenue to Lydia Avenue/Joy Road.

2. Council is in agreement to move forward with bidding the project, but not awarding the project until after the public hearing is held, such that two alternatives will be contemplated. Alternative No. 1 being reconstruction of the road with a 30 foot width consistent with existing roadway configuration as it is today, and Alternative No. 2 being a 27 foot width roadway with a 6 foot walk.

Morgan Dawley did note that by holding an additional public hearing there would be a slight adjustment to the project schedule. At the public hearing the two alternatives will include the updated costs and impacts.

City Attorney Mattick noted that as a rule the ordering of improvements covers the broad strokes of a project. Having the plans and specifications drawn goes into more detail. Because new options have been introduced for consideration it is advised to hold an additional public hearing for the project.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Kuehn reminded council that the Tuesday, February 6, 2018 council workshop and meeting times have changed due to the State Caucuses. The workshop will be held at 4:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. and must conclude by 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Kuehn reminded council that February 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. is the work session for beginning discussions on the hiring of a permanent replacement for the city manager position.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Walczak, seconded by Council Member Sonnek, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Kuehn adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:01 p.m.

/s/ Michael R. Kuehn, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Mary Mills, Deputy Clerk