

City of North Saint Paul
March 6, 2018
Adopted Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuehn called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Council Member Petersen participated in the meeting remotely from Orange Beach City Hall, 4099 Orange Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, Alabama 36561. She was located in a public conference room next to the council chambers. The conditions per State Statute 13D.02 have been met.

Present: Council Member Furlong
Council Member Petersen
Council Member Walczak
Council Member Sonnek
Mayor Kuehn

Staff: Interim City Manager Dr. Craig Waldron, Community Development Director Paul Ammerman, Fire Chief Scott Duddeck, Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker, Deputy Clerk Mary Mills.

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Kuehn requested that Morgan Dawley of WSB make a brief presentation related to item L. of the Consent Agenda, Corridors of Commerce.

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

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Tim Finnerty, Suburban Cable Commission (SCCTV).

Tim Finnerty of SCCTV addressed the council related to the failure to record the entire council meeting of February 20, 2018. Finnerty stated that when council went into recess the technician believed the meeting had ended and thus ended the recording. This was not a city error. It is very unfortunate. Going forward there will be a special recess sign posted so that Master Control knows if the council is in recess or has actually finished its meeting. In addition, the local backup version did not get recorded. Thus, the second half of the meeting is not available. The recording on the City Website comes from the recording at Master Control at SCCTV. Deputy Clerk Mills

noted that an audio only version of the meeting does exist temporarily. Finnerty stated that Master Control could copy that and upload the audio version to the website.

Mayor Kuehn indicated he would like to have a formal motion made:

On motion by Council Member Petersen, seconded by Council Member Walczak, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to require that there will always be a local backup recording of all regular city council meetings and that it be clearly designated in the City Council cable recording room.

Mayor Kuehn apologized to the community for the cable error, and they will work to restore the audio portion. Bob Zick and John Schmahl both commented on the February 20 meeting not being fully recorded and available for public viewing.

B. Design Review Commission Property Improvement Awards.

Joe Stahlmann, Chair of the Design Review Commission (DRC), and Vice-Chair Patrick Brees were present to hand out the Property Improvement Awards. This program was established in 2013 to recognize projects that highlight exteriors of property that add value community improvements. Anne McComb, 2813 Division Street N and Susanna Gorodisher, Luv Ice Cream and Chocolates, 2587 7th Avenue E. received their stone awards. A special thanks goes out to Jim Henneck and the city for all their assistance through the permitting and inspection process.

C. Viewing of the EDA Video.

Paul Ammerman played the new EDA video that showcases not only the business community of North St. Paul, but the North St. Paul community as a whole. It was produced by local business owner Joel Schnell. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiAf2_1luO8

D. Morgan Dawley, Corridors of Commerce.

City Engineer Morgan Dawley stated that recently the City of North St. Paul was notified by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) that recommendations from stakeholders were received for projects to be considered for its 2018 Corridors of Commerce funding program. \$400 million is anticipated to be awarded to selected projects across the State as a part of this program. Two of the recommended projects impact North St. Paul. The first project concept is the conversion of the Trunk Highway (TH) 36/TH 120 (Century Avenue) intersection to a grade-separated interchange. The second submitted project concept is the conversion of TH 36 to a freeway from North St. Paul to the St. Croix River. Both project submittals would include the previously studied concept of an interchange conversion on TH 36 at Century Avenue.

While a resolution of support for project concepts from cities where the projects are proposed is not required, the project concepts will not receive 45 points out of a total of 700 points used for scoring projects to determine which will receive funding. For the corridor concept, it is unknown if all communities affected will support. However, for the project concept submitted that includes the standalone interchange at 36/120, anticipated support has been communicated from MnDOT that includes the City of Oakdale, Ramsey County, and Washington County. The resolution of support is required to be submitted to MnDOT by April 16, 2018.

The existing intersection is consistently among the highest crash rate intersections in the region and will be the only remaining at-grade intersection on TH 36 west of I-694 after Washington County completes the Hadley Avenue Interchange. The intersection conversion to an interchange is included in the North St. Paul 2030 Comprehensive Plan, and is also prioritized in the MnDOT/Metropolitan Council Intersection Conversion Study.

This action does not replace any needed future municipal consent requirements, should the project be selected for the program. It is only support for Corridors of Commerce funding for the submitted project concepts.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Sonnek requested an amendment to the minutes of the February 20, 2018 regular city council meeting. The minutes were pulled for review and will be brought back to the March 20, 2018 meeting for approval.

On motion by Council Member Sonnek, seconded by Council Member Furlong, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda, Resolution No. 2018-022, as amended consisting of:

- A. February 20, 2018 workshop meeting minutes.
- ~~B. February 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes.~~ (This item was pulled for review).
- C. General accounts payable: \$676,096.98.
- D. EDA accounts payable: \$0.
- E. HRA accounts payable: \$11,619.61.
- F. League of Minnesota Cities Liability Waiver insurance renewal. Resolution No. 2018-023.
- G. Appointment of Stephen Milton as alternate to MMPA.
- H. JPA Court Services renewal agreement. Resolution No. 2018-024.
- I. Special Event Permit St. Mark's Lenten Walk. Resolution No. 2018-025.
- J. Special Event Permit Veteran's POW/MIA March. Resolution No. 2018-026.
- K. Special Event Permit Susan G. Komen 3-day Walk for the Cure. Resolution No. 2018-027.
- L. Corridors of Commerce. Resolution No. 2018-028.
- M. Public Works purchase of 2019 Mack dump truck and declaring the 2000 Ford dump truck as surplus property. Resolution No. 2018-029.
- N. Fire Department request for position job description update.

VII. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

John Schmahl commented in relation to the Corridors of Commerce that the money available gets allocated based on the importance of the project.

John Schmahl noted that the City website agenda notification process still needs some work. When an item gets modified the notice email does not appear to go out immediately. If an item was removed for any reason and never changed, it still lists it as having been modified. This is misleading.

Kevin Berglund shared his comments related to the city council video issue. Bob Zick recommended that when the audio portion of that meeting gets uploaded that it include photographs of the persons speaking.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no scheduled hearings.

IX. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. City Manager Waldron stated that White Bear Township is moving forward with an appeal related to the DNR-WBL permit limitation issue. City Attorney Mattick and City Engineer Morgan Dawley will review this and give their recommendations on whether the City of North St. Paul should appeal as well.

X. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

There were no reports.

XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Petersen noted that the Ramsey County League of Local Governments will be hosting a Women in Leadership conference on April 12.

Council Member Furlong stated that the last call for ordering paver bricks for the Veteran's Memorial Park for this year is April 1. The dedication will take place on September 6 in conjunction with the POW/MIA march.

XII. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Walczak, Seconded by Council Member Petersen, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Kuehn adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

/s/ Michael R. Kuehn, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Mary Mills, Deputy Clerk