

City of North Saint Paul

March 6, 2018

Adopted City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuehn called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

II. 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 Terry Furlong
Council Member Candy Petersen – 5:04 p.m.
Council Member Tom Sonnek
Council Member Jan Walczak
Mayor Mike Kuehn

Staff: City Manager Craig Waldron, Deputy Clerk Mary Mills, Community Development Director Paul Ammerman, Fire Chief Scott Duddeck.

Guests: City Engineer Morgan Dawley, Erin Perdu, Bob Slipka and Bailey Krause of WSB.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Furlong, seconded by Council Member Sonnek, with all present voting aye (4-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as presented. (Council Member Petersen was not yet Skyped in for the vote to adopt the agenda).

IV. TOPIC(S)

Downtown Master Plan Update.

City Engineer Morgan Dawley, Erin Perdu, Bob Slipka and Bailey Krause of WSB reviewed the draft of the Downtown Master Plan.

The draft of the Downtown Master Plan has been reviewed by the Design Review Commission.

- The intent of the Plan is to provide a “road map” for phasing and development of future improvements in the public realm of the downtown area.
- The Downtown Plan is a Master Plan for 7th Avenue between Century Avenue and South Avenue that includes vehicular improvements, pedestrian improvements, planting and hardscape improvements, as well as associated improvements including lighting styles, utilities, and traffic circulation routes.
- The Downtown Master Plan design includes the following:

- Corridor improvements from Division to 3rd St. N. including Margaret from 7th Ave. to Centennial Dr.
- 10-foot wide walk/trail along project corridor on both sides of 7th Ave.
- Street trees and new light poles along project corridor
- Bumpouts at main intersections and mid-block crossings
- Formal on-street parallel parking and center planted median from 1st St. N. through 3rd St. N.
- “Pocket Park” improvements at west end of downtown.
- Parallel parking with boulevard from Helen to 1st St. N. to match existing conditions
- Angle parking from Charles to Helen with improved pedestrian zones including decorative pavement, seating, plantings, and other site furnishings.
- Hardscape and landscape improvements at intersection of 7th Ave. and Margaret include “pocket park” at southwest corner
- Formal on-street parallel parking and center planted median from Division to Charles
- Improved sidewalks and plantings along north segment of Margaret from 7th Ave. to Centennial Dr.

Mayor Kuehn requested that the plans include 7th Avenue to continue down to McKnight Road, not stop at South Avenue. In addition to include a concept for Anchor Block. There was also discussion related to a sidewalk on McKnight Road from 7th Avenue to South Avenue.

ADA requirements, snow removal and maintenance are all topics that will be addressed prior to finalizing plans. Maintaining all angle parking is a possible issue if there are going to be medians, as well as qualify for State Aid funding.

Other topics of discussion were moveable amenities, pedestrian access route, outdoor seating space, residential transition from Charles to 120, and how to draw people in with the gateways.

City Manager Waldron inquired about how to implement and finance this project. Perhaps do it in sections, focusing on one area beginning with the area of the “wow” factor. Mr. Slipka indicated that the project would be costed out block by block, and the cost for each section would be itemized within each area.

There will be an open house scheduled and the recommended amendments will be incorporated into the plans. Following the open house WSB will return to the council with a summary and further recommendations.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

At 6:20 p.m. Council Member Petersen was disconnected from the Skype connection.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Sonnek, seconded by Council Member Furlong, with all present voting aye (4-0), Mayor Kuehn adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m. (Council Member Petersen was disconnected from the Skype connection prior to the vote).

/s/ Michael R. Kuehn, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Mary Mills, Deputy Clerk