

City of North Saint Paul
April 17, 2018
Adopted City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuehn called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Terry Furlong
Council Member Candy Petersen
Council Member Tom Sonnek
Council Member Jan Walczak
Mayor Mike Kuehn

Staff: City Manager Dr. Craig Waldron, Deputy Clerk Mary Mills, Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker, Fire Chief Scott Duddeck, City Attorney Soren Mattick, City Engineer Morgan Dawley.

Guest: Taylor Just, freshman at Hamline University

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Kuehn recommended that the two topics of discussion be reversed. All present were in agreement.

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 amended.

IV. TOPIC(S)

Sanitary Sewer Lining and Pavement Overlay/Rehabilitation Project Locations.

Morgan Dawley, City Engineer, presented a review of the sanitary sewer lining and pavement overlay/rehabilitation project locations. The City has approximately \$200,000 dedicated sanitary sewer lining budget unused at this time that can be applied toward a 2018 project. Staff has identified sewer lining locations. Current total project cost estimates for the proposed locations are approximately \$230,000 including construction, contingency, and indirect costs.

Approximately 40 percent of the identified lining areas correspond to the proposed 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project area and if completed ahead of time, would reduce the utility work and costs currently planned to be included in that project.

It was agreed to move forward with sanitary sewer lining in multiple locations as recommended by staff. Next steps would be authorization for advertisement for bids, which would be at a future City Council meeting.

Council also had discussion and feedback regarding moving forward with a pavement project for 2018 to include the area of 11th and Helen from 17th Avenue to the High School. This will require authorization of a feasibility study, to be considered by resolution at a future regular City Council meeting. A plan for 2019 will be discussed at a future workshop.

Alternatives for Lake Boulevard for the 2018 S&U Project.

Morgan Dawley recapped the timeline of the 2018 S&U Project. The Council held an additional Public Improvement Hearing on February 20th, 2018 related to this project. No public improvements were ordered at that meeting, as a supermajority is required, and two resolutions were considered and voted on that did not pass, one including a sidewalk with barrier curb on Lake Boulevard, and another with no sidewalk on Lake Boulevard.

At this workshop Dawley presented three additional alternatives that were different from the two previously considered for Council consideration and discussion. There are no additional impacts to trees, power lines, etc. with any of the options.

In order to be considered to hold another public hearing there needed to be considerations that are substantively different from what was voted on previously (sidewalk off back of standard barrier curb, and no sidewalk at all).

Three options are:

1. Visually Separated Facility – Pedestrian Lane
2. Visually Separated Facility – Ped Lane Utilizing Different Pavement
3. Physically Separated Facility – Ped Walkway w/ Gutter Transition

All three provide:

- Dedicated space for exclusive use of pedestrians
- Bikes continue to share the road as they do today
- On-street parking on one side of the roadway
- Detectable warnings at intersections/crosswalks for pedestrians with disabilities
- Fully snow plowable by city in winter
- No worsening of impacts from anything previously considered
- Reduces risk of “walk along roadway” crashes
- All driveways have been checked for grades and constructability, no issues identified above normal driveway apron reconstruction

Visually Separated Facilities (1 and 2) include:

- 5 foot pedestrian lane with 1 foot buffer area
- Additional signage for motorists regarding pedestrians “on roadway”
- Enhanced lane markings and symbols
- Drainage runs from roadway across pedestrian lane,
- Guidance is that these facilities an interim facility (period of interim installation at Council’s discretion). Documentation should be made in the ADA Transition Plan for future consideration.

Ped Walkway w/Gutter Transition (3) includes:

- 6 foot walkway with surmountable gutter edge

- Gutter/surmountable gutter provides separation and keeps road drainage away from walking areas. Better drainage management for walkers especially at intersections.
- Closest to regular sidewalk, but surmountable gutter allows walkway snow removal.
- Similar to what some may be familiar with locally at White Bear Lake, Lake Avenue (one way street)

There was a consensus that Option 3 for Lake Boulevard was acceptable to include as part of the 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project. Attorney Mattick indicated that in order to approve the improvements and the project there needed to be four votes. Council agreed to move forward with setting a public hearing as an action item at the April 17 regular council meeting:

1. A public hearing shall be held on such proposed improvement on the 15th day of May, 2018, at North St. Paul City Hall, 2400 Margaret Street at 6:30 p.m.
2. The City Manager shall give mailed and published notice of such hearing and improvement as required by law.

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 6:32 p.m.

/s/ Michael R. Kuehn, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Mary Mills, Deputy Clerk