

City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive Monday, January 13, 2020

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Willmus, Groff, Laliberte and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Mark Gaughan were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

Willmus moved, Laliberte seconded, approval of the agenda as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Laliberte and Roe.

Navs: None.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Roe called for public comment by members of the audience on any non-agenda items. No one appeared to speak.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Approve Public Works 2020 Work Plan

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jesse Freihammer briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 13, 2020.

Councilmember Willmus thanked Mr. Freihammer for the presentation and stated he was glad to see the city doing a little less street work in 2020. He asked how many lift stations there were citywide and how many of those lift stations have generators.

Mr. Freihammer explained there are three large storm water lift stations and two or three others that only run every once in a while. Two of the large lift stations are on generators. There are twelve or thirteen sanitary lift stations and only a handful have had generators but most of the new ones have had generators added with the exception of Wagner.

Councilmember Groff asked if the storm water installation at St. Rose of Lima similar to the one installed at Fairview and County Road B.

Mr. Freihammer indicated the one being proposed is actually going to be a pretty simple system with underground pipes to hold water temporarily and then relieve that, no reuse is being proposed for that station.

Councilmember Laliberte asked about the traffic signal at Snelling and Roselawn, would the signal be a flashing yellow for turning.

Mr. Freihammer explained the signal will be flashing yellow for the east west crossing on Roselawn, but he did not know if the signal will be flashing yellow on the Snelling leg.

Mayor Roe asked about the restoration of the sledding hill at Parkview. He noted that is a concern to many neighbors.

Mr. Freihammer indicated there will be a sledding hill there but will be different.

Mayor Roe commented that the development replacing Dunn Bros. on Fairview Avenue may put in a sidewalk and potentially the area of the old Fire Station may put in a sidewalk. He noted the city may want to look at filling in some of the sidewalk gaps in front of businesses along that stretch of Fairview where there are no sidewalks.

Groff moved, Laliberte seconded, approving the Public Works 2020 Work Plan for street and utility improvements.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff thanked staff for a great report. He thought this was really good information.

Mayor Roe appreciated the outreach to neighbors on some of the street projects related to things like looking at the private sewer connections and similar things.

Councilmember Willmus indicated he had some contact over the course of the last week from a family on Galtier near the lift station and wanted to convey that family's appreciation for Public Works staff and responsiveness to some questions and concerns the family has had.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Laliberte and Roe.

Navs: None.

b. Receive Update on Rosedale Center EAW and Land Use Requests

Community Development Director Janice Gundlach briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated January 13, 2020. She noted the city did receive a revised site plan.

Ms. Gundlach noted Ms. Lisa Crain, Rosedale, and Andy Burk, Kinley Horn, were at the meeting.

Councilmember Willmus indicated he was very excited with this project. He thought one of the biggest concerns he has heard is about the ring road and how that will work if a portion of it is now two lanes, where does that truncate, where does that revert back and how.

Councilmember Groff asked what EQB stood for.

Ms. Gundlach indicated EQB meant Environmental Quality Board.

Councilmember Groff echoed Councilmember Willmus' comment and also concern with traffic. He was glad to hear the city is holding up the Conditional Use Permits because he thought that would be another wrench in the works if there were drive-ups.

Councilmember Laliberte thanked staff for including a lot of helpful information. She indicated all of the feedback she has heard so far has been very positive and questions she has received have also been about traffic, traffic patterns, and concern about the entire Hwy. 36 and Fairview area because cars do que up in that area.

Councilmember Groff noted in general the residents are very excited about this.

Mayor Roe echoed the pedestrian part of this plan which staff brought up. He thought that people who are looking to live in these places will be very interested in the ability to walk or otherwise be a pedestrian onsite as well as connecting off the site to the surrounding neighborhood. He indicated that will be key to the project.

Councilmember Laliberte asked if there has already been some thinking and talk about addressing the Metro Transit hub.

Mr. Trudgeon explained there is an active ongoing conversation about keeping the hub there, it is contractually obligated for a few more years. There has been a lot of discussion with JLL and Metro Transit which he has been a part of and there has been some additional follow-up discussions. There has been talk about how

to secure an arrangement that makes sense for both the mall and Metro Transit and have some more long-term sustainability there to provide the service.

Mr. Trudgeon noted the city has also talked with Metro Transit about making sure that security is paramount for that level of activity and in cooperation with the city's Police Department, Rosedale Management, and Metro Transit Police. Conversations are ongoing working with Metro Transit to step up to help out that situation.

Councilmember Willmus asked if there has been any conversation with the Met Council regarding the park and ride that is just off Cleveland Avenue and perhaps taking on more of a role as a transit center.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that would not necessarily be related to Rosedale because it is still an important transfer point. He indicated every time the city meets with Metro Transit, staff asks for more services in the city and there are always limitations Metro Transit has. His observation is that this could be utilized more in making connections.

- 8. Approve Minutes
- 9. Approve Consent Agenda
- 10. Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements Council and City Manager

Mr. Trudgeon reviewed the January 27th Council meeting, February 10th Council meeting and February 24th Council meeting.

11. Adjourn

Willmus moved, Laliberte seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:37 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Willmus, Groff, Laliberte and Roe.

Nays: None.

Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager