

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dave Napier
Councilmembers Wendy Berry, Lisa Eng-Sarne, Anthony Fernandez,
John Justen, Bob Pace and Dick Vitelli

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ryan Schroeder
City Attorney Kori Land
Assistant City Manager/HR Director Sherrie Le
Interim Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
Finance Director Char Stark
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith
Assistant Community Development Director Ben Boike
City Clerk Shirley Buecksler

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to add Item F, Resolutions of Support for Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Bonding Bills, to the Consent Agenda and adopt the agenda, as amended.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

Mayor Napier said the Council held a work session prior to the regular meeting to discuss the following:

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 Subd. 3(b) for Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Regarding AutoZone
- B. Discussion on Harmon Park Vandalism
- C. Capital Equipment Plan/Capital Improvement Plan (CEP/CIP) Revisions with Local Sales Tax Discussion
- D. Discussion Regarding Police Chief Hiring Process
- E. Review of Administrative Citation Assessments

F. Discussion Regarding Possible Zoning Code Amendment Related to Microblading (Semi-Permanent Eyebrows)

6. Citizen Comments

The following citizens addressed the City Council:

- Ken Paulman, Ward 3, regarding the Police Chief hiring process
- Tom Edwards, 1386 Charlton Street, regarding the Police Chief hiring process and a thank you to some of the Councilmembers
- Andi Morris, 942 Bellow Street, regarding the Police Chief hiring process, publishing notices in other languages, and training for the Police Department and increased community engagement
- A resident of Bidwell Street regarding the Police Chief hiring process and publication of applicant survey answers
- Karen Vavreck, Ward 2, regarding the Police Chief hiring process
- Lisa Stevens, Ward 2, regarding the Police Chief hiring process
- Liz Pearson, Ward 3, regarding native gardens and code enforcement citation process
 - Mayor Napier asked Assistant Community Development Director Boike to bring back a code enforcement update on native vegetation

7. Council Comments

Councilmember Eng-Sarne thanked everyone for sharing their opinions on the Police Chief hiring process and for being respectful and thoughtful.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne said the West St. Paul Bike Rodeo is on Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Wentworth Library, 199 Wentworth Avenue.

Councilmember Justen mentioned the State of the City Address scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Dodge Nature Center the Aerie (Farm Entrance #3), 1701 Charlton Street. Registration and networking is at 8:30 a.m. with the State of the City Address beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember Vitelli thanked Mayor Napier and his fellow Councilmembers for all their hard work during this legislative session, as well as Senator Klein and Representative Hansen, to secure the local option sales tax. He also recognized Ryan Schroeder, Char Stark and Staff for all their work in putting together a plan that will help keep our levies at a reasonable level in the future and still get our streets rebuilt, while minimizing the amount of increased debt. Councilmember Vitelli said we have a plan going forward, thanks to the good Staff we have at the City.

Councilmember Pace asked Interim Police Chief Sturgeon to explain the Police Department's training on autism, a part of their State mandated training.

Sturgeon described the training they receive and said the Police Department is dedicated to helping individuals dealing with crisis, mental health, autism and other issues. He said they have been on the forefront in training their Officers and understanding the needs of our community. Sturgeon added that a couple of years ago, they moved Community Engagement Officer Jesse Mettner from a Parks Community Outreach Officer to also include dealing with individuals that the Police Department has a lot of contact with when it comes to mental health and chemical abuse. He said the Police Department realizes that we have a large issue with this in our community and are dedicated to addressing it and helping these individuals.

Mayor Napier said he attended the Movie in the Park at the pool and it was an unbelievable night. He said there were over 250 people attending, and it was a great community gathering. He gave a "Hats Off" to Staff and the YMCA Staff for their work in putting this together. The next Movie in the Park will be "Trolls" at 9:00 p.m. on July 19, 2019 at Harmon Park.

Mayor Napier also said that he attended the dedication at Thompson Park for the renovation and restoration of Thompson Lake. He thanked Dakota County for their leadership on this project and the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization for their assistance in securing funds. Mayor Napier said the City of West St. Paul committed \$400,000 of the \$2M to this project. He complimented past and current Council, who were instrumental in making this project happen. Mayor Napier said the path is complete all around the lake with plantings to attract all kinds of wildlife.

8. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

Mayor Napier thanked and recognized everyone for coming to the meeting this evening.

9. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as amended by Council:

A. List of Claims for June 10, 2019

B. City Licensing, including:

- 1) AMVETS Post 5 - Temporary On-Sale Liquor License
Softball Tournament
West St. Paul Sports Complex
1650 Oakdale Avenue
July 19-21, 2019

C. Rental Licensing - Renewals

D. Amendment of General Services Pay Plans to Add 2020 Wages by:

- 1) Resolution No. 19-057 Amending the General Service Salaried Employee Pay Plan to Add 2020 Salary Ranges
- 2) Resolution No. 19-058 Amending the General Service Hourly Pay Plan to Add One Title and 2020 Rates

E. Consultant Contract for 2019-2020 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project CP 19-8

F. Support for Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Bonding Bill by:

- 1) Resolution No. 19-060 Support for Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) & Sewer Lift Station 1 Bonding Bill
- 2) Resolution No. 19-061 Support for Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) & Sewer Lift Stations and Forcemains Bonding Bill

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Outstanding Abatement Invoices

Finance Director Stark provided Council with the amended assessment roll for \$18,598.63.

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to adopt the amended assessment roll of \$18,598.63.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

11. New Business

A. First Reading of an Ordinance Enacting Section 34.08 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding a Sales & Use Tax

City Manager Schroeder introduced the following proposed ordinance for its first reading:

“An Ordinance Enacting Section 34.08 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding a Sales & Use Tax”

Schroeder said the effective date for this ordinance is January 1, 2020.

Mayor Napier thanked City Manager Schroeder, Finance Director Stark and City Attorney Land for their work on this.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pace and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to approve the first reading and call for a second reading of the ordinance to be held at a Public Hearing at the City Council meeting scheduled for June 24, 2019.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

B. First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 94.18 Regarding Unsheltered Storage, Junk, and Inoperable or Abandoned Motor Vehicles

Assistant Community Development Director Boike introduced the following ordinance for its first reading:

“An Ordinance Amending West St. Paul City Code Section 94.18 Regarding Unsheltered Storage, Junk, and Inoperable or Abandoned Motor Vehicles”

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to approve the first reading and call for a second reading of the ordinance to be held at a Public Hearing at the City Council meeting scheduled for June 24, 2019.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

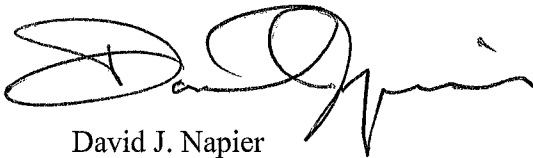
12. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.



David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul