

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 6:30 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
Interim Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
Finance Director Char Stark
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith
City Clerk Shirley Buecksler

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to pull Item 9H, Legal Services Agreement Proposal 2020-2024 and add Item 8A, Pride Month Proclamation to the Consent Agenda.

Council adopted 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. 2018 Audit Review of Annual Financial Report
- B. Review of Infiltration and Inflow Memorandum of Understanding Amendments with Met Council
- C. Rubbish Hauler Pilot Program
- D. LGBTQIA Pride Month

6. Citizen Comments

For future City Council meetings, Mayor Napier stated that Citizen Comments will follow Old Business on the meeting agenda.

The following citizens addressed the City Council:

- Julie Eastman, Ward 1, and Kati Dolman, Ward 3, along with the Women of West St. Paul (WoW) presented a Pride flag to the City of West St. Paul. They also mentioned Pride in the Park, an event planned from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm on June 30, 2019 at Southview Park.
- Chris Gevara regarding moving Citizen Comments to the end of the agenda.

7. Council Comments

Councilmember Eng-Sarne thanked all of the volunteers who give of their time and talents to the City. She said she attended the Volunteer Appreciation Event on June 19. She expressed our sincere thank you for everyone who helps to keep our city beautiful and vibrant.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne said she attended the Bike Rodeo on June 15 and there was presence from over six community groups, as well as the West St. Paul Police Department. Councilmember Eng-Sarne thanked everyone for a fun and information-filled event.

This week, Councilmember Eng-Sarne said she is looking forward to participating in the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in Duluth.

Councilmember Justen mentioned the next COPS in the Park event, which will be at Weschcke Park on Wednesday, June 26, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Additional events are scheduled for July and August.

Councilmember Vitelli said the West St. Paul Police and Parks Departments are inviting residents to a discussion regarding recent vandalism at Harmon Park. Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Harmon Park, 230 Bernard Street West at both 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Councilmember Berry thanked everyone for coming and mentioned the Pride in the Park event on June 30 at Southview Park from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Councilmember Berry said the Park and Recreation Staff are great and recommended that everyone check out the fun activities they have for kids, their parents and everyone in the community.

Councilmember Berry said that a proclamation for Pride Month will be coming forward tonight. She said she is happy that the Council was able to have a great healthy conversation about it and happy to know that everyone was on board with it. Councilmember Berry said this is important and it makes her proud to live in West St. Paul.

Mayor Napier thanked everyone for their involvement with the Bike Rodeo, as well as the leadership to put on this event. He said it was wonderful to see everyone there and that this is a great event in our community for our kids to help keep them safe when they are out riding their bikes.

Mayor Napier said the State of the City Address will be at Dodge Nature Center on Thursday, June 27, at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is requested through the Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce's website at www.dcrchamber.com/events.

8. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

Mayor Napier and members of the City Council each read a portion of a proclamation recognizing and proclaiming June 2019 as LGBTQIA Pride Month and calling upon the people of West St. Paul to turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists.

9. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Pace to pull Item 9H, Legal Services Agreement Proposal 2020-2024, for OCWS discussion on July 8, 2019 and approved the following items on the Consent Agenda, as amended by Council:

- A. OCWS Minutes of May 13, 2019
- B. OCWS and Regular Council Minutes of May 28, 2019
- C. List of Claims for June 24, 2019
- D. Rental Licensing
- E. April 2019 Financial Report
- F. 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- G. 2020-2029 Capital Equipment Plan (CEP)/Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Debt Management Policy
- ~~H. Legal Services Agreement Proposal 2020-2024~~
- I. Bid Award for Window/Door Replacement Project
- J. Change Order for Forcemain 1 Replacement Project CP 18-6
- K. Stipulation of Settlement for Parcel 24
- L. Resolution No. 19-062 Approving a No Parking Zone on Haskell Street West

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Outstanding Administrative Citations

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

The following people addressed the City Council:

- Patrice Blaeser and James Butenhoff, 914 Stryker Avenue
- Laurel Umstott, 1113/1115 Humboldt Avenue

Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Pace to remove 914 Stryker Avenue and 1113/1115 Humboldt Avenue from the assessment roll and to adopt the assessment roll, as amended.

All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Preliminary Plat Review for the Two Parcels Located at the Southeast Corner of Delaware Avenue and Marie Avenue – Josh Kirchert

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fernandez and seconded by Councilmember Pace to approve the preliminary plat for the two parcels located at the southeast corner of Delaware Avenue and Marie Avenue.

Vote: 2 ayes / 4 nays – Councilmembers Berry, Eng-Sarne, Justen and Vitelli voted against. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to reconsider approval of the preliminary plat for the two parcels located at the southeast corner of Delaware Avenue and Marie Avenue.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to continue and refer the preliminary plat for the two parcels located at the southeast corner of Delaware Avenue and Marie Avenue back to the Planning Commission.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Final Reading – Ordinance Enacting Section 34.08 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding a Sales & Use Tax

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to adopt Resolution No. 19-059 Approving the West St. Paul Local Sales & Use Tax.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to approve the final reading of Ordinance No. 19-10 Enacting Section 34.08 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding a Sales & Use Tax.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Final Reading – Ordinance to Amend Section 94.18 Regarding Unsheltered Storage, Junk, and Inoperable or Abandoned Motor Vehicles

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

The following people addressed the City Council:

- David Zehavi, 945 Cherokee

Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to approve the final reading of Ordinance No. 19-09 Amending West St. Paul City Code Section 94.18 Regarding Unsheltered Storage, Junk, and Inoperable or Abandoned Motor Vehicles.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

11. New Business

A. First Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to the Animal License Term

Interim Police Chief Sturgeon introduced the following proposed ordinance for its first reading:

“An Ordinance Amending Section 110.07 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding License Term for Dog(s) and Cat(s)”

Motion was made by Councilmember Justen and seconded by Councilmember Berry 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 July 8, 2019.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

12. Old Business

A. Mobile Pro Systems Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) Contract

Applicants Rob and Linda Wernick, owners of Mobile Pro Systems, answered questions from the Council. Mayor Napier thanked them for coming to and investing in West St. Paul.

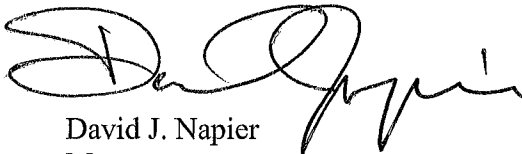
Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to adopt Resolution No. 19-063 In Support of a Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) Program Application for Mobile Pro Systems Expansion at 250 Lothenbach Avenue.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.



David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul



**PROCLAMATION HONORING
LGBTQIA PRIDE MONTH
JUNE 1 - 30, 2019**

WHEREAS, June 2019 is Pride Month. Whereas, Pride Month is the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual (LGBTQIA) and to promote their self-affirmation, dignity, equal rights, increase their visibility as a social group, build community, and celebrate sexual identity diversity and gender variance; and

WHEREAS, the West St. Paul City Council includes diversity and inclusion as one of its strategic initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the month of June was chosen for LGBTQIA Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred 50 years ago at the end of June 1969 and became a catalyst for the gay rights movement that spread worldwide; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA people have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA rights movement has achieved great progress, but there is more work to be done. Youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment, and families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, during LGBTQIA Pride Month, the City of West St. Paul calls upon the community to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Mayor David Napier and members of the City Council of the City of West St. Paul do recognize and hereby proclaim June 2019 as LGBTQIA Pride Month and call upon the people of West St. Paul to turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 24th day of June 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J. Napier', is written over a horizontal line.

David J. Napier, Mayor

Local Option Sales Tax in Minnesota

Source: Department of Revenue

Current Imposed Tax	Imposed now Expired	Authorized Never Imposed	Authorized Not Yet Imposed	2018 Referendum Approvals	2019 Legislative Approval	Prior Approval
Albert Lea	Cook County	Bemidji	Bloomington	Avon	yes	
Anoka County	Fergus Falls	Bloomington		Blue Earth	yes	
Austin	Owatonna	Central MN Cities		Cambridge	yes	
Baxter	<i>Willmar</i>	<i>Detroit Lakes</i>		<i>Detroit Lakes</i>	yes	yes
Bemidji	<i>Winona</i>	Ely		Elk River	yes	
Brainerd		Fergus Falls		Glenwood	yes	
Carver County		Garrison		International Falls	yes	
Clay County		Hutchinson		Perham	yes	
Clearwater		Luverne		Rogers	yes	
Cloquet		Nobles County		Sauk Centre	yes	
Cook County		Owatonna		Scanlon	yes	
Dakota County		Rock County		<i>Two Harbors</i>	yes	yes
Duluth		Thief River Falls		Virginia	yes	
East Grand Forks		<i>Winona</i>		West St. Paul	yes	
Fairmont				<i>Willmar</i>	yes	yes
Fergus Falls				Worthington	yes	
Garrison Sewer Dist.				16 total 13 new		
Hennepin County						
Hermantown						
Hutchinson						
Kandiyohi County						
Lanesboro						
Mankato						
Marshall						
Medford						
Minneapolis						
Moose Lake						
Mower County						
New London						
New Ulm						
Nicollet County						
North Mankato						
Olmsted County						
Polk County						
Proctor						
Ramsey County						
Rochester						
Saint Augusta						
Saint Cloud						
Saint Joseph						
Saint Paul						
Sartell						
Sauk Rapids						
Spicer						
Stearns County						
Two Harbors						
Waite Park						
Walker						
Washington County						
Worthington						
Wright County						

70 Authorized

50 currently in place

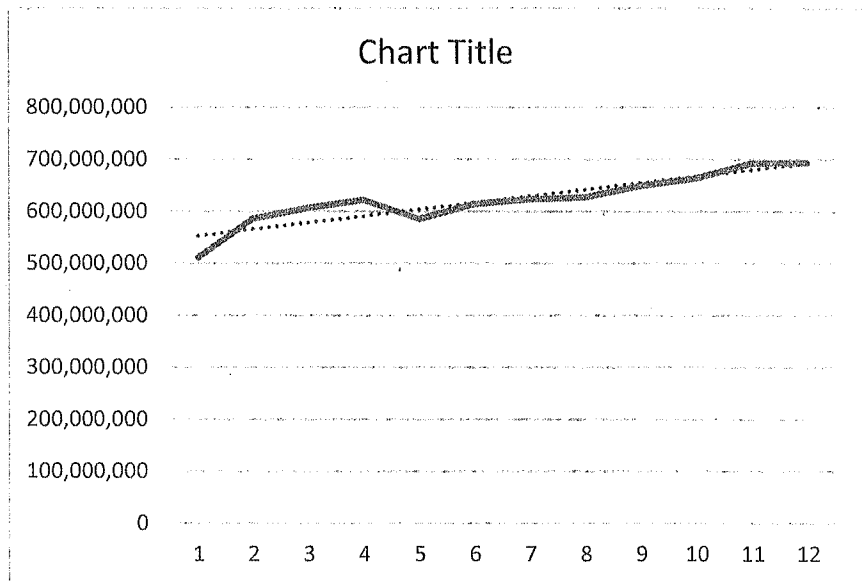
16 to be requested

Current Jurisdiction Sales Tax Rates

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Cost of \$100 <u>Purchase</u>	Difference From <u>WSP</u>
Minneapolis	8.025	\$108.03	\$0.40
St. Paul	7.875	\$107.88	\$0.25
Proposed West St. Paul	7.63	\$107.63	NA
Other Hennepin County	7.53	\$107.53	(\$0.10)
Other Ramsey County	7.38	\$107.38	(\$0.25)
Dakota County	7.13	\$107.13	(\$0.50)

West St. Paul Gross Sales Data
 MN Department of Revenue
 May, 2018

Year	Gross Sales
2005	511,350,143
2006	585,767,369
2007	606,601,174
2008	622,054,961
2009	585,178,291
2010	614,096,583
2011	623,350,276
2012	626,913,579
2013	648,964,282
2014	663,045,888
2015	693,054,693
2016	693,808,496



Note: Increase of 36% from 2005 to 2016
 Inflation adjusted increase of 13% 2005 to 2016