

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2023**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dave Napier
Councilmembers Pat Armon, Wendy Berry, Julie Eastman, Lisa Eng-Sarne, Robyn Gulley and John Justen

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Nate Burkett
City Attorney Pam Whitmore
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
Assistant City Manager Dan Nowicki
Community Development Director Ben Boike
Public Works Director / City Engineer Ross Beckwith
City Clerk Nicole Tillander

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Justen to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

Council discussed the following items during the Open Council Work Session of May 8th:

- A. Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance
- B. Legalized Cannabis Interim Ordinance Discussion
- C. Naming Unnamed Parks Discussion
- D. Informational Presentation on Property Tax
- E. 2022-25 Strategic Plan – Initiatives
- F. Translation Update

6. Community Comments – In Person

- Relay For Life of IGH SSP WSP August Event – Teresa Joens and Khristine Reed.
Event will be held at Lincoln Center Elementary, Saturday, August 5th from 4-10p.m.
 - www.relayforlife.org/ssp

7. Community Comments – Phone Line

- Mike Misukanis – calling regarding sidewalks on Lothenbach; topic is on the agenda this evening

8. Council Comments

Mayor and Councilmembers addressed the public on various topics.

9. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

- A. Proclamation Honoring Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month

10. Consent Agenda

With Item F Consultant Contract for Lothenbach Reconstruction Project 27-1 given further discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Justen and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented:

- A. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2023
- B. List of Claims for May 8, 2023
- C. City Business Licensing
- D. City Rental Licensing
 - 1166 Smith Ave S. (Single Family-Renewal)
 - 153 Emerson Ave E. (Apartment-Renewal)
 - 141 Stanley St. E (Single Family-Renewal)
 - 84/86 Logan Ave W. (Duplex-Renewal)
 - 999 Smith Ave S. (Apartment-Renewal)
 - 1328 Livingston Ave. (Duplex-Renewal)
 - 1021 Christensen Ave. (Single Family-Renewal)
 - 170 Wentworth Ave W. Unit E (Townhouse-Renewal)
 - 57/59 Logan Ave. (Duplex-Renewal)
 - 67 Imperial Dr. E (Duplex-Renewal)
 - 922 Smith Ave. S (Duplex-Renewal)
 - 220 Butler Ave. W (Single Family-Renewal)
 - 1272/1274 Kruse St. (Duplex-Renewal)
 - Total Amount – \$1,691.50
- E. Donations to the City
 - South Robert Street Business \$100.00 for donuts on Clean-up Day, Saturday April 22, 2023.
 - Steve and Tom Stremski - State Farm Agency, \$1,500 for Explore West St. Paul Days.
 - Oakdale Apartments of West St. Paul, \$300 for Explore West St. Paul Days.
- F. Consultant Contract for Lothenbach Reconstruction Project 27-1
 - Reconstruction sidewalk/trail on the schedule for 2027
- G. Grant Acceptance - Walmart Community Grant
- H. Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for Marthaler Project

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

11. Public Hearings

12. General Business

A. Consultant Contract for the Smith/Dodd Intersection Improvement Project 25-2

City Engineer Ross Beckwith presented. The city received 3.1 million grant for Smith/Dodd realignment, including 20% match; staff created an improvement project including redevelopment. Road construction scheduled for 2025. Staff and council will work to determine and facilitate Smith/Dodd Realignment Committee membership; City Manager clarified development is separate from construction in terms of funding, the City will attempt to coordinate the projects, but one is not dependent on the other.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Justen to approve agreement with Kimley Horn in an amount not to exceed \$297,920 for the purposes of planning, design and community engagement for the Smith/Dodd intersection improvement project 25-2.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

B. First Reading – Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance

City Manager Nate Burkett presented. Topic was discussed in detail at OCWS earlier this evening and moved to regular council agenda. Ordinance allows for reasonable accommodation requests but does not guarantee requests will be honored.

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Armon to approve the first reading of an ordinance enacting section 33.05 of the West St. Paul City Code regarding reasonable accommodation.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Eastman and seconded by Councilmember Gulley to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul