

**City of West St. Paul  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2020**

**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  
City Attorney Peter Mikhail  
Lt. Matt Swenke  
Finance Director Char Stark  
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith  
Community Development Director Jim Hartshorn  
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 adopt the agenda, as presented.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

**5. OCWS Briefing**

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

- A. NeighborWorks Presentation
- B. North Gateway Project Discussion
- C. Appointments to Environmental and Parks & Recreation Committees
- D. School/Training Centers in R4 Residential Districts
- E. Ranked Choice Voting

**6. Citizen Comments**

No one wished to speak.

## 7. Council Comments

Councilmember Berry thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne said that she and Councilmember Berry attended the 2020 Elected Leaders Institute Advanced Program January 24 and 25.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne thanked the City's snow plow drivers and the Public Works Department for keeping our roads safe.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne said this evening's Consent Agenda includes the 2019 Annual Report which outlines 250 actions taken by Council in 2019. Mayor Napier noted that additional items will be added by Staff.

Councilmember Vitelli said Council wants to hear from the community at this year's Town Hall Meetings which are scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020  
Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Location: Harmon Park, 230 Bernard Street West, West St. Paul

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020  
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Location: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 1575 Charlton Street, West St. Paul

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020  
Time: 10:00 am to Noon  
Location: Wentworth Library, 119 Wentworth Avenue East, West St. Paul

Mayor Napier said Mr. Hugh Guscetti, a very influential member of the West St. Paul community for 60 years, passed away on January 23, 2020.

### Services:

Mass of Christian Burial  
10:30 am Tuesday, January 28, 2020  
Church of St. Joseph  
1154 Seminole Avenue  
West St. Paul

Visitation  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Monday, January 27, 2020  
Klecatsky & Sons West Chapel  
1051 South Robert Street  
West St. Paul  
Also one hour prior to the Mass at the Church

Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Mayor Napier said the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual West St. Paul Winter Fun Fest is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Dodge Nature Center, 1701 Charlton Street, West St. Paul. This is a great event for kids and families and is sponsored by the South Robert Street Business Association.

**8. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions**

There were no proclamations, presentations or recognitions.

**9. Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Justen to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented:

**A.** List of Claims for January 27, 2020 in the amount of \$6,698,316.17

**B.** City Licensing to Include:

2020 Liquor Licenses

FoodSmith, 937 Smith Avenue South

On-Sale Liquor License with Sunday Sales and Outside Sales

El Nuevo Morelos Mexican Restaurant

360 Bernard Street West

On-Sale Liquor License with Sunday Sales

2020 Business Licenses – Background Required

Church of St. Joseph, 1154 Seminole Avenue

Resolution No. 20-012 Concurring with the Issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Exemption for Church of St. Joseph on March 21, 2020

Robert St Chiropractic, 1633 Robert Street South

Business and Personal Massage License

Endris Chiropractic, 1560 Livingston Avenue

Business and Personal Massage License

**C.** Rental Licensing to Include:

1520 Charlton Street (Apartment – Renewal)

1550 Charlton Street (Apartment – Renewal)

1552 Charlton Street (Apartment – Renewal)

1525 Allen Avenue (Apartment – Renewal)

845 Dodd Road (Apartment – Renewal)

848 Dodd Road (Apartment – Renewal)

97 Orme Street East (Apartment – Renewal)

996 Charlton Street (Apartment – Renewal)

785 Dodd Road (Apartment – Renewal)

958 Robert Street (Apartment – Renewal)

56/58 Logan Avenue West (Apartment – Renewal)

260 Emerson Avenue East (Single Family – Renewal)

- D. December 2019 Financial Reports
- E. 2019 Budget Rollover to 2020 Budget
- F. 2019 Annual Report
- G. Change Orders for Watermain – 2019 Street Improvements Project 19-1
- H. City Hall Change Order No. 1
- I. Closing of Robert Street Capital Project Fund and Transfer
  - Resolution No. 20-013 Closing Robert Street Construction Fund and Transferring Excess Cash to the Last Issued Debt Service Fund
- J. Consultant Contract for 2021 Street Improvements Project 21-1
- K. Geotechnical Evaluation Contract for 2021 Street Improvements Project 21-1
- L. Joint Powers Agreement for Thompson Avenue Traffic Study, CP 20-8
- M. Plans and Specifications and Order Bid for Dome Exit Stairs Project
- N. Salt Shed Roof Replacement Contract
- O. South Metro Fire Department Services Agreement for 2020
- P. Resolution Endorsing Carbon Pricing

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **10. Public Hearings**

### **A. Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit, Site Plan, and Preliminary Plat Review for the Construction of a New Medical Office at 1140 Robert Street – Dan Saad**

Applicant Dan Saad and Attorney Rich Gabriel answered questions from Council.

Councilmembers Justen, Berry and Eng-Sarne recused themselves and left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

The following people addressed the Council during the Public Hearing:  
(some names may have been misspelled for anyone who did not sign in)

1. Lori Niesen, 9401 Parkside Circle, Champlin - spoke in favor
2. Chris Gevara, Ward 3 - spoke against
3. Tim Hernandez, St. Paul and Volunteer Physician - spoke in favor
4. Katie Dohman, Ward 3 - spoke against
5. Ann Schiffer, 2032 Charlton Ridge – spoke in favor
6. Laura Zanmiller, Ward 1 – spoke against
7. Mikaela Gaworski, Ward 1 – spoke in favor
8. Karen Dosh, Ward 3 and RN/Nurse Manager – spoke in favor
9. Abigail Hendricks, Ward 3 – spoke against
10. Leah Jacobson, Founder & CEO of Guiding Star Project, Brainerd – spoke in favor
11. Emily Larson, 117 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and Client – spoke in favor
12. Judy Riley, Ward 3 – spoke against
13. Jennifer Gansler, 4753 Burr Oak St, Eagan – spoke in favor
14. Jamie Huberty, Ward 2 and Doula/Midwife – spoke against
15. Christine Bailey, Licensed Minister, Richfield – spoke in favor
16. Lisa Martinez, West St. Paul resident – spoke in favor

17. Julie Eastman, Ward 1 – spoke against
18. Rev. Jennifer McNally, Saint Anne’s Episcopal Church, Mendota Heights – spoke against
19. Andrew Kirsch, South St. Paul resident – spoke in favor
20. Amanda Davis, Ward 3 and Nurse – spoke against
21. St. Paul Resident – spoke in favor
22. Jay DeLaRosby, 386 Schletty Lane – spoke against
23. Dr. Connye LaCombe, Ward 3 – spoke against
24. Lauren Rose, Client – spoke in favor
25. Margaret Dahl, 1486 Oakdale Avenue – spoke in favor
26. Name and residence not provided – spoke against
27. Theresa Kowalski – spoke in favor
28. Karen Groppe, Eagan resident – spoke in favor
29. John Churnholm, Richfield – spoke in favor
30. Ken Paulman, Ward 3
31. Mary McCauley, Ward 3 – spoke against
32. Denise Muskey, Ward 1 – spoke in favor
33. West St. Paul resident – spoke in favor
34. Carol Keys-Ferrier, Ward 2 – spoke against
35. Edgar Herrera, Ward 1 – spoke against
36. Architect of project – spoke in favor
37. Andrea Friesen, Ward 3 – spoke against
38. Theresa Collette, St. Paul resident and Law Professor – spoke in favor

Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 9:29 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming and speaking tonight.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Pace to adopt Resolution No. 20-015 Approving a Conditional Use Permit to Allow a Medical Office Building at 1140 Robert Street – Dan Saad, on the condition that they meet all parking requirements.

Vote: 3 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fernandez and seconded by Councilmember Vitelli to adopt Resolution No. 20-014 Approving a Site Plan for the Construction of a New Building at 1140 Robert Street – Dan Saad.

Vote: 3 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Pace to adopt Resolution No. 20-016 Approving the Preliminary Plat for 1140 Robert Street – Dan Saad.

Vote: 3 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Councilmembers Justen, Berry and Eng-Sarne returned to the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Councilmember Fernandez left the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

## **11. New Business**

### **A. Appointments to Environmental and Parks & Recreation Committees**

Mayor Napier stated that Council voted on applicants during tonight's OCWS and brought forward the following applicants for approval:

Laura Zanmiller, Environmental Committee – new member  
Jay DeLaRosby, Parks & Recreation Committee – reappointment  
Kirsten Mulraney, Parks & Recreation Committee – new member  
Michael Petrasek, Parks & Recreation Committee – reappointment

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to appoint Laura Zanmiller to the Environmental Committee, and Jay DeLaRosby, Kirsten Mulraney, and Michael Petrasek to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays / 1 absent-Councilmember Fernandez. Motion carried.

Councilmember Fernandez returned to the meeting after the vote.

Mayor Napier said appointments to the Planning Commission have been moved to the February 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

## **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 9:40 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

David J. Napier  
Mayor  
City of West St. Paul