

**City of West St. Paul  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
June 22, 2020**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 6:33 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  
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon  
Finance Director Char Stark  
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith  
Community Development Director Jim Hartshorn  
City Clerk Shirley Buecksler

Beginning with this meeting, anyone wishing to speak during Citizen Comments and Public Hearings are asked to sign in at the table outside the Council Chambers prior to the start of the meeting or by emailing the City Clerk by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting to be added to the list.

The City Clerk delivered the list to the Mayor five minutes prior to start of the meeting.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Adopt the Agenda**

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

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

**5. OCWS Briefing**

The following topics were discussed during the Open Council Work Session prior to the Regular Council meeting:

- A. License Fees for Those Affected by the COVID Shutdown
- B. On-Sale Liquor License Limit
- C. Report from the Public Safety Committee
- D. Ice Arena Lease
- E. Art Park Project Review
- F. 1010 Dodd Temporary Alternative Use

## G. Food Truck Ordinance Amendment Discussion

Due to lack of time, the Open Council Work Session will resume following the Regular Council meeting to discuss the following items:

## H. Housing Improvement Area (HIA) Discussion

## I. Consideration of 2021 and 2022 Council Salaries

## 6. Citizen Comments

- Karen Vavreck, Ward 2, regarding:
  - Bringing back call-in comments for citizens
  - Getting creative for restaurants and businesses, the Police Department, and elections
  - Restrooms at Harmon Park
  - Graffiti and garbage at Harmon Park
  - Harmon Park and making it a priority and the jewel of the city
  - Solutions such as designated staff, volunteers, temporary workers, school programs and businesses that may want to get involved; move the port-a-potties closer to the splash pad
  - Being a city that leads by example
- Robyn Gulley, 1045 Gorman Avenue, regarding:
  - Dominion and prevailing wage
- Woodrow Piner, on behalf of the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, regarding:
  - Signal Hills redevelopment, prevailing wage, and Dominion
- Lucas Franco, Regional Manager for the Laborers Construction Union, regarding:
  - Dominion and prevailing wage
- Terri McNeil, 170 East Emerson Avenue, regarding:
  - COVID-19 and the business community
- Mary Ellen DeCuffa, 972 Bidwell Street, regarding:
  - West St. Paul pool

## 7. Council Comments

Councilmember Justen suggested that Staff work on a way to bring back a call-in option for residents to provide comment.

Councilmember Berry thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.

Councilmember Pace echoed and said it's great to be back in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne said it is easier to dig into items in person.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne wished everyone a Happy Pride Month, Father's Day, and Juneteenth.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne said she will be attending the League of Minnesota Cities Policy Committee meeting.

Councilmember Vitelli said it's good to be at the Council table.

Councilmember Fernandez said it is nice to be back and to also have an Open Council Work Session tonight.

Councilmember Fernandez said the recent Public Safety Committee meeting answered a lot of questions.

Mayor Napier thanked everyone for coming and said we will make sure there is better access for citizens to be involved in future meetings.

Mayor Napier agreed that the restrooms at the splash pad need to be opened. He said it would be nice to have some normalcy for the kids and asked Staff to look at trying to open the pool. He added that it was great to see everyone at the Sports Complex yesterday, getting out and being safe.

## **8. Consent Agenda**

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

- A.** Minutes of May 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
- B.** Minutes of June 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
- C.** Claims for June 22, 2020 in the Amount of \$1,708,527.33
- D.** Change Order No. 4 for Marie/Oakdale Trail Project 18-4 for \$1,740.88 with Rosti Construction
- E.** Change Order No. 1 for Marie/Oakdale Trail Project 20-1 for \$22,415.00 with McNamara Contracting, Inc.
- F.** Change Order No. 1 for Dome Exit Stairs Project 20-5 for \$59,031.15 with TMG Construction
- G.** Call Final Assessment Hearing for 2019-2020 Robert Street Sidewalk Snow Removal for July 13, 2020
- H.** Resolution No. 20-058 Directing Flying of the Rainbow Flag

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **9. New Business**

### **A. Audit Presentation for Year Ending December 31, 2019**

Finance Director Char Stark presented the results of the audit and the financial standings of the City, and Bonnie Schwieger of Abdo, Eick & Meyers provided a summary of the 2019 audit for Council.

**10. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**10. Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Meeting adjourned.

David J. Napier  
Mayor  
City of West St. Paul