

City Council Initiatives

2020 Mid-Year Update

July 13, 2020

The City Council adopted its Goals for 2019-2020 at the Regular City Council meeting of April 22, 2019. These Goals were stated within eight “Initiative” areas. Council directed that periodic reporting occur to provide status updates on progress on these initiatives. Progress updates were provided on July 22, 2019 and February 10, 2020. Council received the 2019 Annual Report, as amended, at the Council meeting of January 27, 2020. The annual report addresses topics and achievements including and outside of the specific Council Initiatives.

To date, 2020 has been a year unlike any I have experienced, in the almost forty I have been associated with public sector governance, due to economic and social impacts of a worldwide pandemic. The first confirmed US COVID-19 pandemic case was on January 21, 2020. A National Public Health Emergency was declared on January 31 and, in Minnesota, Governor Walz declared a peacetime emergency on March 13.

Dakota County began countywide COVID prep meetings on March 3 and a City prep team began specific response-planning meetings on March 16. On March 20, Mayor Napier declared a State of Emergency in West St. Paul and on March 23, the City Council confirmed that action. On March 30, City Hall was closed to the public and a number of administrative staff began teleworking in response to the Governor’s orders to do so. All non-essential meetings, events, and programs were cancelled and the Council began holding their twice-monthly meetings virtually beginning on April 12.

More recently, on June 5, Staff schedules were adjusted so that City Hall could reopen to the public through a soft re-opening on June 8. This re-opening, however, was complicated by an ongoing window and door replacement project and Police Department remodel, which had been expected to be complete ahead of this opening, and was not. The City Council returned to in-person meetings with spatial adjustments in City Hall on June 22.

During this first six months of 2020, a portion of City Hall was in the last phase of a four-year remodel project. In 2017-2018, the City replaced all of the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) units on general government and Police Department portions of City Hall and the entire roof of this facility. All of the parking lots were reconstructed and the overhead garage doors replaced. A solar array was placed on the roof. In total, the City addressed deferred maintenance for this building at an investment of \$1,054,887 through 2018.

In 2019, Council awarded contracts to replace all of the windows in City Hall. That \$173,763 project began in 2020 with completion in June. The reason for the delay was the award of the \$1.1 million remodel of the Police portion of the City Hall for which the window project needed to coordinate. The Police remodel included creation of an enclosed Police Department related office and an elections storeroom taking space from within the Council Chambers. The balance of the Chambers was re-carpeted. The project began in December 2019 and was complete at the end of June 2020. In total, a bit over \$2.3 million was spent within the City Hall/Police/Fire campus over the past four years

(including all of the amounts noted above). While a significant expense, the cost pales in comparison to a new build or relocation option cost that had been considered in the past. We also addressed maintenance needs that had been deferred a bit too long. The upgrade to the Police Department has improved working conditions in a manner that should suffice for the next several years. Funding for similar updating in the general government and South Metro portions of the building is proposed in the future through the Capital Improvement Plan.

On May 25, 2020 George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, died in Minneapolis, Minnesota after Derek Chauvin, a white Police Officer, knelt on Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes while Floyd was handcuffed face down in the street. Protests began in Minneapolis the following day. Minneapolis unrest quickly became a nationalized issue. West St. Paul became a protest site with some individuals taking situational advantage to create further disruption including impacts to an estimated 42 commercial buildings within the community. An emergency meeting of the City Council was held on May 30. By the second week in June, continuing damage concerns had abated. The need to address issues that have grown in recognition and come to the forefront of the national and local conversation has become center stage.

Through establishment of the 2019-2020 initiatives, the West St. Paul City Council had previously identified the desire to enhance past efforts on issues such as those brought to the fore by the Minneapolis protests and associated unrest. Members of the community, the Police Department, and Staff throughout the organization had further reinforced Council direction through forum, survey and related submittals precedent to the development of the 2020 Police Department work plan. The COVID-19 pandemic had sidetracked our efforts in this area somewhat. On the other hand, the local and national events of late May and June have provided a platform from which renewed commitment can take place.

The Council adopted Strategic Initiatives are in the areas of accessibility, addressing blighting influences, branding and identity, fiscal concerns, improving housing stock, updating infrastructure and public facilities, parks, and recreation. A compendium of advancements in each of these areas during the first half of 2020 follows.

- **Accessibility**

Accessibility projects are provided guidance from previously adopted plans. These are:

1. Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan adopted 12/12/11
2. County R2R Master Plan, received 7/13/15
3. ADA Transition Plan adopted 4/23/18
4. Pavement Management Plan adopted 7/23/18

The compendium of these plans provides relative project priority and cost estimating for many of the projects the City has pursued since. In accordance with the adopted Capital Improvements Plan, priorities are influenced by the ability to gain third party funding for recommended projects.

The year-end report for 2019 iterated that during that year advances had occurred on this initiative likely beyond any year in recent memory. Some of these projects are being wrapped up or moving into a second phase in 2020. The most notable of these is the \$4.6 million River-to-River (R2R)

underpass of Robert Street, which is scheduled to be awarded by the County Board on July 14. In this year, the City adopted a plat amendment on March 23 with Hy-Vee to provide a portion of the required trail corridor (purchase authorized on April 27; parcel will ultimately be sold to the County) and on May 11 approved a stipulation with Auto Zone, confirmed by the Court on June 23 for another piece. The City also closed on sales of real estate to the County at the former Blockbuster site and Wentworth Townhome site for additional trail segments and finalized an amended Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the County on these various transactions.

In 2020, the County overlaid portions of Wentworth outside of the 2019 reconstruction project. Included is a pedestrian walkway island constructed at Marthaler Lane that was negotiated with Real Estate Equities as part of the Winslow housing project (cost split between REE and Dakota County), which opened at that location in June. This walkway will provide a connection to the R2R trailway.

On January 13, Council approved a contract for the Thompson Oakdale Feasibility Study. On March 23, Council received an update of study progress and concurrently authorized a Federal TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant request to fund the project. On June 8, Council accepted the final feasibility study report.

The 2019 Marie/Oakdale trail project was completed in June 2020. A change order for that project was approved May 26. This change was necessitated due to project delays created by utility infrastructure delays in the prior year. The City has also submitted a Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) Safe Routes to School request again for 2020.

• **Blighted Properties**

The metro wide unrest in late May and June has affected the commercial portion of the community with an estimated 42 structures impacted at least to some extent. The City will need to work with these property owners and business operators in restoring business operations, not all of which will likely occur. Absent this setback, 2020 has been trending upward. Following is a compendium of positive development advances year to date in West St. Paul.

1. January 6 permit approval for remodel of Arby's
2. January 13 EDA approval to sell 30 feet to County from Wentworth parcel
3. January 13 Council approval of B2 overlay district
4. January 27 Council approval of 9,985SF clinic by Wakota Life Care Center
5. February 3 opening of Sola Salon
6. February 10 EDA approval for agreement with Neighborworks housing rehab program
7. February 19 construction complete of 2026 Robert Street Dance Studio
8. February 24 Council approval of Robert Street Marketplace outbuildings
9. February 24 Council sells Thompson Oaks to EDA
10. March 9 OCWS consensus to allocate \$20,000 toward SSD startup costs
11. March 9 Auto Zone Building Permit approved (picked up June 10)
12. March 17 St. Croix Lutheran 12,600 SF expansion building permit approval/construction start
13. March 23 Council approval of Hy-Vee replat; demolition of former Y building

14. March 23 construction complete for Sports Clips remodel
15. March 23 Council approves Body Art and Tattoo Ordinance amendments
16. April 13 Council approval of 54 unit CDA workforce housing
17. April 13 Council approval of 12,000 SF Net Ministries expansion
18. April 13 EDA approval of agreement with CRF for housing rehab loan processing
19. April 13 EDA extension of 153 unit housing project to September 2020
20. April 25 Permit approval of Boulevard Bar and Grill Remodel
21. April 27 EDA approval of KTJ339 townhome development
22. April 27 DEED Grant approval for Thompson Oaks project
23. April 27 Council authorized purchase of Outlot B from Hy-Vee
24. May 11 Council approval of DA for KTJ339 townhome development
25. May 11 Council approval of Auto Zone stipulation
26. May 11 EDA approval of FoodSmith exterior grant
27. May 11 Council approves Dakota Broadband IRU agreement
28. May 15 Opening of Winslow Senior Housing
29. May 26 Council approval of 1665 Oakdale Storage Facility
30. May 26 Council approval of outdoor patio and business expansion
31. June 8 Council approved a temporary easement for Robert St. Marketplace construction
32. June 19 Closed on Hy-Vee Outlot B
33. June 22 EDA authorized DA on KMART site
34. June 23 Auto Zone Purchase settlement agreement passes objection deadline
35. Suite Living Senior Housing: plan review complete

To date we have \$14,905,139 in commercial remodel permit values. Some of the above projects have yet to start construction.

The City has allocated entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars to the Dakota County Community Development Authority (CDA) to operate a housing rehab program for households below 80% AMI (area median income) for a number of years. This year, the City expanded this effort by allocation of EDA funds toward a pilot housing rehab program for household incomes up to 120% AMI. The Pilot designates a specific neighborhood focus area east of Robert Street and north of Butler. The EDA approved a contract with Neighborworks to administer the program on February 10 and with Community Reinvestment Fund for loan servicing on April 13.

With the pandemic gubernatorial directives, the City has suspended most rental inspections. However, we continue to perform the back office portion of that program with 304 license applications received to date.

Code Enforcement Cases to June 19, 2020

- Nuisance: 225
- Property Maintenance: 37
- Vehicle: 32
- Administrative Citation: 24
- Unlicensed Rental: 13
- Zoning Violation: 4

- Animals: 4
- Hazardous or Vacant Building: 2
- Notices: 1

Grand Total of Cases: 342; of these, 19 citation cases (5.6% of total) were opened

Council has received information regarding the 1455 Bidwell proposal to request City adoption of a Housing Improvement Area (HIA) to conduct HOA repairs on the exterior of their structure. If the project goes forward, it will be in the second half of 2020 most likely.

• **Branding and Identity**

The first half of 2020 required a significant change in day-to-day identity through direct communications. The public expectations of City communications during the pandemic and civil unrest affecting West St. Paul was that of emergency managers. Staff have been working daily between departments and with agencies across Dakota County, the State and Country to ensure the public is receiving relevant and timely information from their local emergency management team. We have received overwhelmingly positive responses from the public regarding communications over the last few months and will continue to serve as a source of emergency information moving forward.

Contributing to our organizational identity is community events and programming. Included are Town Hall forums typically held in February/March. Only the first of four planned events was held this year due to pandemic necessitated cancellations. Similarly, all public safety and recreation programmed events since March have been cancelled, as has the WSP Days Open House, and planned attendance at the west side St. Paul Cinco de Mayo Parade. In absence of in-person events, Staff has gravitated towards virtual interaction, recreation and live meetings and talks as a way to keep the public informed and involved.

Often when one thinks of West St. Paul, Robert Street is part of the vision. In a March 9 workshop discussion, Council consensus included allocating \$20,000 from a contingency budget toward administrative costs of creating a Special Services District for this important commercial area. Further efforts on this project have been delayed due to the strain on the area of the pandemic Gubernatorial ordered closures. Maintenance of Robert Street landscaped islands, on the other hand, have received increased attention with three itinerant staff allocated exclusively to aesthetics of the plantings throughout the summer.

Over the past few years, City Council meetings have been very well attended by interested citizenry. These meetings became virtual for April, May and the first half of June due to the pandemic. However, the City has received accolades for the quality and transparency and interactivity of these meetings. In addition to City Council and Planning Commission Meetings, City Staff has worked with Northern Dakota County Cable Communications Commission (NDC4) to expand the cablecasting as well as live and on demand streaming of West St. Paul meetings to include Environmental Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Public Safety Committee

meetings. These additional broadcasts will help the public better understand the processes that take place to reach important decisions and allow those that can't make it to or don't feel safe attending in-person meetings.

In addition to improvements in the functionality of City Hall, aesthetic improvements in public facing areas have been made to create a more inviting and accommodating public building. Additional improvements to the Council Chambers and lobby area are planned for the second half of 2020.

• Diversity and Inclusion

In 2019, the City Council, for the first time, recognized June as LGBTQIA month as part of its inclusion initiative. In 2020, the Council added recognition of February as African American History month and again adopted a resolution recognizing the LGBTQIA community.

Over the past few years, we have had an increased focus on growing applicant diversity for open positions. Diversity within both the applicant pool and in hired positions has improved. In the past eighteen months we hired 16 persons identifying as follows:

Male Caucasian:	44%
Female Caucasian:	19%
Male Asian:	13%
Female Asian:	6%
Female Black:	6%
Male Hispanic:	6%
Female Hispanic:	6%

These hires were from a total applicant pool of 712 persons from which 210 (29%) identified as non-white. At present, our total workforce has 12% of employees identifying as non-white and 29% as female.

To put the above data in perspective, diversity of the West St. Paul community per the American Community Survey, published by the Metropolitan Council for 2018 is as follows:

White:	64.18%
Hispanic:	22.83%
Black:	4.85%
Asian:	4.23%
Multi-Race:	3.47%
American Indian:	0.31%
Other:	0.13%
Total non-white:	35.82%

Through the 2019 Police Chief replacement effort, much was learned from community citizenry and internal Staff on perceived emphasis deficits within the Police Department. The result was approval of a Police Chief/Police Department work plan for 2020, which, among other priorities, emphasizes diversity recruitment efforts, implicit bias and cultural competency capacity building and ensuring that all populations are served.

- **Fiscal Constraints**

2017-18 Council Initiatives included direction to “broadly focus on sustainability, partnerships, and collaboratives” in an effort to leverage scarce resources. This direction was refined for 2019-2020 to “actively pursue all resources to facilitate initiatives in recognition of current fiscal constraints.” Objectives included integration of financial policies, position and plan into budgeting, the CIP/CEP, audit, and decision metrics. Further, to prioritize projects and programs using metrics for leveraged revenue inputs with ongoing focus on legislative funding efforts.

Since adoption of the 2019-20 initiatives, we have gained legislative authorization for a local option sales tax, which was implemented on January 1, 2020. We have re-focused the CIP/CEP (Capital Improvement Plan/Capital Equipment Plan) to take advantage of expected sales tax revenue but also, as noted above, have targeted capital projects first on having funds in hand and/or having approval of leveraged funds before the project is authorized.

At year-end 2016, the City held \$13,662,855 in cash of which \$9,509,818 was outside debt funds (unrestricted) in all governmental and enterprise funds. Total debt at that time was just over \$40 million; projected to grow due to the need for additional Robert Street debt issuance in both 2017 and 2018 plus projects in queue such as Livingston reconstruction and the City portion of County projects such as Wentworth reconstruction.

By year-end 2019, unrestricted cash and debt reserves have grown but so too has outstanding debt, as was anticipated. At year-end 2019, all fund cash is at \$25,212,134 of which \$18,428,665 is unrestricted. Debt at year-end 2019 was at \$57,170,000. With no debt issuance projected in 2020, this outstanding balance will decline to just over \$53 million by year-end 2020. If the City stays on plan, by year-end 2022 outstanding debt should be reduced to about \$47 million. Council will recall that in 2019, S&P guidance included the statement that while financial management plans were acknowledged it was important to demonstrate positive movement toward accomplishment of those plans. 2019YE results with projected 2020 improvements should result in a positive debt rating review when the City enters the market again in 2021.

Expected continued improvements in fiscal condition is challenged in 2020 by expenditure increases and revenue losses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. However, current projections, while significant, appear manageable. The most significant impacts have resulted from revenue losses at Park facilities being ordered closed by the Governor. Operating costs continue for these facilities absent the coverage from customer receipts. These lost revenues could reach \$200,000 but staff has been working with customers on health and safety plans to allow managed use of the Ice Arena (which has re-opened) and Dome (which is moving toward opening at this time). Additional operating impacts have resulted from demonstrations related to the Minneapolis generated unrest through overtime expenses currently estimated at \$80,000. In response, we have left positions unfilled to reduce operating expenses.

We are closing monitoring sales tax receipts, which are allocated toward roadway construction in 2021. At present, it appears deficits in this revenue could range up to \$200,000. Alternatively, the County is considering changes in their project cost-sharing formula to the benefit of Cities with County roadway projects, including West St. Paul. There likely will be two or three such projects

within West St. Paul within the next five years where this formula change will lessen project costs for our project budgets.

There are a few smaller positive financial impacts occurring in 2020. as well. On February 24, Council approved a contract to provide I&I services to the City of Newport. COVID-19 delayed implementation of this contract, which ultimately will result in revenue offsetting some internal wage expense. On May 11, Council approved a lease amendment with Cingular for antennae at the water tower site, which will net the City about \$6,000 additional annual revenue. In 2020, we have implemented to Solar Gardens and Solar rooftop projects, which will provide revenue to offset a portion of the city's electric bill. To date we have also brought in \$251,826 in building permit and related fees, which is above the pace of the prior year.

On June 30, we submitted the required Department of Revenue document qualifying West St. Paul to allocate up to \$1,586,138 against the Coronavirus Relief Fund created by the State of Minnesota from Federal funding the State had received for State and local COVID expenses.

The 2021 draft CIP/CEP has been updated for Council review during the budget process in August.

• **Housing Stock**

In addition to housing rehab programs noted above, the City has been working on development of new housing units within the community. The Winslow, a 174 unit affordable senior housing project approved in 2019 opened for occupancy in May 2020 on Marthaler Lane. The Suite Living senior assisted living facility at Robert and Butler is expected to start construction during 2020. The KTJ339 154 unit market rate project is due to close on the real estate by September 2020 with completion in 2021. The EDA has received a concept for a 393 unit senior (247 units) and workforce (146 units) housing project at Butler and Robert. The project is proposed as affordable to household income levels of 60% of area median income with rents at 30% of income. Council has also approved a 54-unit CDA affordable housing project at 895 Robert Street. The EDA has granted concept approval of a mixed-use development at Wentworth and Robert with approximately 110 units of market rate housing.

To date we have permitted three new homes with a total permit value of \$894,237. There has also been \$1,905,401 in residential remodel permits.

• **Infrastructure and Public Facilities**

On January 27, 2020, the City closed out the 2014 Robert Street project fund under 2018 adopted Council policy allowing the City to transfer \$763,425 to the 2018A debt fund increasing capitalization of reserves within this Robert Street debt issuance.

On January 13, Council approved plans and specs for the 2020 Street project (which is an overlay of Marie Avenue and reconstruction of an alley). Bids were awarded on March 9, 2020. The Marie Avenue portion of this project has been completed. 2020 has been scheduled as a modest construction year in preparation for the larger 2021-2025 pavement program enhanced by sales tax funding.

Additionally, over 3 miles of streets were seal coated and 14,153 feet of cracks were sealed this year under a multi-city contract administered by Burnsville.

The Public Safety Committee had reviewed a citizen request to amend parking areas on Kathleen Drive. Council approved recommended changes on February 10.

A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) was approved with Dakota County on March 9 for an overlay project on Mendota Road. This project has been completed. The County is currently constructing an overlay of Delaware Avenue (also as a County project) with an overlay of Wentworth east of Humboldt already completed this year. Other than structure/casting repairs the County provides for all other project costs of these road improvements.

Planning for the 2021 street construction project, which is projected as a \$4.5 million reconstruction of Moreland Avenue started on January 27, 2020 with award of both the engineering and geo technical contracts for the project. On March 9, the appraisals contract for this project was also approved.

In addition to the City Hall remodel project noted above, the City has also needed to make repairs to other City facilities during 2020. The repair of underground piping at the Harmon Park Splash Pad was awarded on January 13 and replacement of the Salt Shed roof at Public Works was awarded on January 27. Both have been completed. Also on January 27, Council approved plans and specs on replacement of emergency exits at the Sports Dome. Bids were awarded on February 24 with the project due to be complete by Labor Day.

Under 2019 adopted Council policy, the lone exception to the “pay-go” approach to infrastructure projects is for replacement of sanitary lift stations and force mains, which are considered critical infrastructure. During 2019 Force Main 1 was replaced. The plan is to replace or rebuild between 2021 and 2024 Lift Stations 1, 2, and 4 and Force Mains 2, 3, 4, and 6. At that point, all of our non-gravity sanitary infrastructure will have been reconstructed within a recent period. On May 26, a consultant contract was approved to design Forcemain and Lift Station #2. The intent is to bid these and Lift Station 1 in December or January 2021.

• **Parks**

On February 24, 2020, the City Council advanced a recommendation from the Environmental Committee, through resolution, to give West St. Paul the Bird City USA designation. This was the first step in the process, which has tentatively been put on hold due to COVID-19. Public meetings will resume when possible to complete the designation process. Similarly, Arbor Day is usually celebrated in early May to maintain the City’s Tree City USA designation, but was canceled. The National Arbor Day Foundation is allowing alternate options this year due to COVID-19. COVID-19 has not stopped the emerald ash borer (EAB) from continuing to attack ash trees in West St. Paul. On May 11, the Council approved a contract with Rainbow Tree Care to continue treatment of public ash trees. This action satisfies the City’s EAB Action Plan.

On April 27, action was taken to follow the Governor’s Executive Order, which included temporarily closing basketball & volleyball courts and playgrounds, and promoting social distancing while using trails and greenspace. By early June, all park amenities were reopened with warnings to play at own risk and reminders to socially distance. Permits have been issued to youth groups to use softball,

baseball and soccer fields. These groups submitted strict “return to play” guidelines, which follow all MDH and CDC requirements. Harmon Park reopened on June 19, with modified hours, to use at own risk, similar to the playgrounds.

On one positive note, the new playground at Marthaler Park was installed in May, nearly completed the complete facelift on the north end of the park. Park improvements also included a new parking lot, storm water treatment ponds, and off-road trails. The basketball and volleyball courts will be resurfaced later in 2020.

With COVID-19 causing so many closures this year, a smaller seasonal maintenance staff was hired for 2020. This crew will keep parks mowed and trimmed, groom ball fields, pick up trash, and work on miscellaneous projects as time permits. The reduced staffing should not affect the quality of care in the parks, it will just decrease the time it takes to complete and will reduce the number of special projects completed this summer.

• **Recreation**

In early March, the City hired a new Recreation Programmer to fill a vacancy from 2019. Later that same month, the pandemic caused the cancellation of virtually all scheduled recreation programs. The incumbent was transferred to Building Inspections to cover the vacant Permit Technician position. With cancellation of all “in person” programs, Staff has provided a number of virtual classes and activities and will be offering modified sports camps, art programs and other classes through independent contractors starting in July. Planned is a virtual Safety Camp for this summer to replace the popular camp usually held in early August.

The Recreation Department planned to expand collaborative programming in 2020. In 2019, the joint program with Mendota Heights called “Tour de Rec” traveled to different parks throughout West St. Paul and Mendota Heights every 2 weeks where youth 6-12 years old were welcomed at a designated park for 1.5 hours of free recreation programming. Staff led the group games, sports, crafts, art and more. This is a free drop-in program with no registration needed. It was a very well received program and Staff planned to run it weekly in 2020, until COVID sidelined those plans. Recreation Staff also planned to expand collaboration with the YMCA to offer free “Fitness in the Park” classes this summer, until COVID. All these collaborations are planned to return in 2021. If allowed at the time, West St. Paul will again collaborate with Mendota Heights and South St. Paul to hold the second annual light up the night “Glow Dash” in September.

The City has recently begun re-opening the Ice Arena and the Sports Dome. Both these facilities were closed on March 17 due to COVID. Both facilities began reopening in June, but only to private groups that submitted and followed strict CDC/MDH guidelines. The West St. Paul pool was supposed to be in its last contract year with the YMCA as the operator in 2020. At this time, it seems the pool may be closed for the summer. Staff will be working with the YMCA on a new contract for future years.

A number of grants and donations have been received in 2020 to help offset costs within the department. These include a \$10,000 art park grant to introduce public art in West St. Paul, donations from the Dakota Electric for youth safety camps, and many volunteer hours to help programs and community events run smoothly.

2020 Council/EDA Actions

January 13

- Contracted for Thompson Oaks Trail Feasibility Study
- Splash Pad Repair Contract
- Approve P&S and order 20-1 Street bids
- B2 overlay District approval
- EDA sale approval of 30 feet of Wentworth Townhome property to County

January 27

- City Hall Change order #1
- Closed out Robert Street Capital Fund
- Consultant contract for 21-1 street project
- Geo Tech contract for 21-1
- JPA for Thompson Traffic Study
- Approve P&S and order Dome Bid
- Salt Shed Roof replacement contract
- Approve 1140 Robert –Wakota Care project

February 10

- African American History Month
- Parking restrictions on Kathleen Drive
- 1st Rdng of Sale of Thompson Oaks to EDA
- EDA approval of Neighborworks contract

February 24

- Bird City Resolution
- I&I Agreement with Newport
- Mental Health Response Pilot MOU with County
- 2nd Rdng Thompson Oaks sale to EDA
- Dome Bid Award

March 9

- Bid Award for Street 20-1
- JPA for Mendota Road with County
- Appraisals for 21-1 project
- 1st Rdng Pawnbrokers and Body Art Ordinances

March 23

- Affirming State of Emergency
- City Hall Change Order #2

- Housing Rehab Loan Servicing Agreement with CRF
- Authorized TAP Grant
- Thompson Oakdale Feasibility Report update (trails)
- 895 Robert CUP site plan and rezone for 54 units
- Net Ministries expansion approval 1st reading
- Final reading Body Art and Tattoo
- Hy-Vee Plat amendment for outlot B

April 13

- Materials testing for 20-1
- Final reading for 895 Robert
- EDA approval of CRF Loan processing

April 27

- COVID Park Modifications
- Authorize Thompson Oaks DEED grant
- Authorize purchase of Outlot B from Hy-Vee
- Final Plat Net Ministries
- EDA approval of Thompson Oaks Phase II agreement

May 11

- Auto Zone Condemnation Stipulation (ends on 6/23)
- Thompson Oaks phase 2 agreement with Oppidan
- Contract for EAB
- Materials testing for Dome
- DBB agreement
- Wireless lease renewal on water tower
- Art Park Agreement
- 1st reading vacation of ROW for Net Ministries
- FoodSmith Exterior Grant EDA approval

May 26

- LGBTQIA Resolution
- City Hall Change Order #3
- Renew Driver Diversion Program
- Consultant contract for forcemain and lift station #2
- Contract revision for Marie/Oakdale Trail project
- Site Plan for 1665 Oakdale
- Final Rdng Vacation of ROW for Net Ministries
- Outdoor Business Expansion COVID

June 8

- Temp Easement for CUB parcel construction
- Accept Thompson Oakdale Trail Study report/options/cost estimates
- Direct PS Comm. On Use of Force policy

June 22

- Change Orders for Marie/Oakdale Trail, 2020 Street Project, and Dome Stairs project
- Directed LGBTQIA Flag flying for 10 days
- Accepted 2019 Audit