

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Worksession was held on November 09, 2020 at the Spring Lake Park City Hall, 1301 81st Avenue NE, at 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Councilmembers Wendling, Delfs, Goodboe-Bisschoff, and Dircks
Absent: Mayor Nelson
Others Present: David Elvin, MnDOT Metro Planning (via Zoom)
Tony Wotzka, MnDOT Metro Area North Coordinator (via Zoom)
Jennifer Wiltgen, MnDOT (via Zoom)
David Noe, Anoka County Family Promise
David Frei, Executive Director, Anoka County Family Promise
Doug Ebeltoft, Police Chief
Terry Randall, Public Works Director
Phil Gravel, City Engineer
Kay Okey, Recreation Director
Daniel Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Highway 47 & Highway 65 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study - MnDOT Staff

David Elvin and Tony Wotzka, MnDOT, provided an overview of the University and Central Avenue Vision Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. They noted that the study area begins in Northeast Minneapolis and continues north to Anoka County Road 10. They reported that the study will examine a range of cost-effective roadway alternatives to address capacity, access, mobility and safety issues on these two roadways. They noted that these corridors are dangerous for both vehicles and pedestrians/bicyclists. They encouraged both the City Council and Spring Lake Park residents to share their opinions on the website www.UniversityCentralVision.com.

No action was taken on the item.

B. Zoning Code Amendment Discussion - Family Promise of Anoka County

Administrator Buchholtz noted that Family Promise of Anoka County reached out to the City about the possibility of a zoning code amendment to allow a family homeless shelter to be located at 1628 Highway 10 NE, the site of the former Life Prep Academy.

Family Promise of Anoka County Executive Director David Frei explained what Family Promise is and spoke to the vision of Family Promise for this site. Mr. Frei answered City Council questions about the number of families on site, length of stay, and security.

City Council asked that the item be placed on a future work session agenda to allow Mayor Nelson to share his input on the request.

C. 83rd Avenue/Fillmore Street Pond Update

Engineer Gravel stated that the City had received a small grant from Coon Creek Watershed District to make improvements to the storm water pond at 83rd Avenue/Fillmore Street. He stated that after some due diligence, it was determined that it was not cost effective to complete the project in such a way that would meet the water quality standards required under the grant program. He recommended that the City Council authorize staff to decline the grant award. He stated that he and Director Randall would put together a plan to remove material from the pond to improve its capacity for City Council review.

CONSENSUS of the City Council was to accept the Engineer's recommendation to decline the storm water grant from Coon Creek Watershed District.

D. Manor Drive Sidewalk Discussion Update

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff stated that she had received requests from the residents at the Legends of Spring Lake Park to construct a sidewalk along Manor Drive to connect the Legends of Spring Lake Park to the City's sidewalk system. Significant discussion occurred exploring various routes and alignments. The City Council asked staff to explore an alignment along Manor Drive in Triangle Memorial Park.

3. REPORT

A. Administrator Reports

Administrator Buchholtz reported that Jeff Baker passed his certification test and received his Certified Building Official license. He reported that the election results were nearly tabulated and would be ready for the canvassing meeting on November 12. He inquired about the status of the McKinley Street lots. The City Council requested that this be added to a future work session agenda.

4. ADJOURN

The work session was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer