



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session; following closed meeting

6:00 PM - WORK SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 8:55 p.m.

Present: 5 - Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Council Member Jami Reister, Council Member George Zuccolotto, Council Member Kathleen Holmes, and Council Member Davin Sokup

Absent: 2 - Council Member Brad Ness, and Council Member Jessica Peterson White

Also Present: City Administrator Ben Martig, Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett; City Clerk Lynette Peterson, Facilities Manager Jayson Dwelle; Senior Financial Advisor Nick Anhut from Ehlers and Associates; and Tom Betti, JLG Architects.

A motion was made by Council Member Sokup, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to extend the work session until 9:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, and C. Sokup

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Discuss Ice Arena Partnership and Tax Impacts.

Public Works Director/City Engineer David Bennett introduced Tom Betti from JLG Architects. Betti showed plans for two different options for a new ice arena. Betti answered questions from the Council.

Bennett presented partnership opportunities with the school district and the City of Dundas along with financing options for the facility.

City Administrator Ben Martig added information regarding the sale of the existing arena.

A motion was made by Council Member Sokup, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to extend the meeting until business is complete. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, and C. Sokup

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Discuss Ice Arena Partnership and Tax Impacts.

Martig and Bennett answered questions from the Council.

The Council discussed the due diligence timeline including partnership discussions and economic impact analysis of facilities.

Senior Municipal Advisor Nick Anhut from Ehlers and Associates answered questions from the Council regarding financing of the facility.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Sokup, seconded by Council Member Reister, to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Zuccolotto, C. Holmes, and C. Sokup