



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

CC: Dave Bennett, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Jeff Schroepfer, Police Chief; Jake Reilly, Community Development Director; Lynette Peterson, City Clerk; Michelle Mahowald, Communications & Human Resources Director; Natalie Draper, Director of Library; Brenda Angelstad, Finance Director; Chris Hood, City Attorney

From: Ben Martig, City Administrator

RE: "Supplemental Agenda Background Memo" for December 3, 2024 No. 2.

Summary Report:

The following is an update on agenda items as supplemental background agenda information made available for Tuesday December 3, 2024:

8. Res. 2024-128 Consider Adopting Schedule for 2025 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meetings

The Northfield Park and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed and approved this item at their meeting on Monday, December 2.

19. Res. 2024-130 Consider Resolution Requesting Minnesota State Capital Investment Bonds for Bridge Square Street and Park Improvements in the City of Northfield

See attached Resolution 2024-130.

20. Res. 2024-131 Consideration of Professional Service Contract with TSP Architects for 5th and Washington Street Redevelopment Project.

See attached Memo and Resolution 2024-131.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2024-130
REQUESTING MINNESOTA STATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT BONDS FOR
REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT NORTHFIELD HISTORIC BRIDGE SQUARE
IMPROVEMENT
FOR THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield's Historic Downtown District comprises some 65 buildings in the commercial center of the city; and

WHEREAS, the District was created by the City Council in 1978 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge Square is a contributing property within the Northfield Commercial Historic District; and

WHEREAS, Bridge Square is an integral park in the heart of downtown Northfield; and

WHEREAS, Bridge Square is a gathering spot for those from near and far, Bridge Square hosts many regionally significant events throughout the year and has been called the living room of the city; and

WHEREAS, Northfield Historical Society's Bank Museum is adjacent to the site and location of the infamous James-Younger Bank Raid, an event historians agree was the beginning of the end of Jesse James' storied outlaw career that draws tourists to Northfield from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Bridge Square is the heart of the annual Defeat of Jesse James Days celebration held the weekend after Labor Day and is among the largest outdoor celebrations in Minnesota and is organized and managed by a true all-volunteer organization that attracts thousands of visitors witness reenactments of the robbery; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield has been planning for park improvement concepts created in 2014 and has completed final designs for improvements to Bridge Square (see attached aerial plan); and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvement incorporates community feedback from past and current years and brings together the ideas behind the larger Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan to protect, enhance and connect with the beautiful Cannon River; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield's Bridge Square project is nearing final construction document approvals for preparedness for construction subject to funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The City of Northfield hereby requests State capital investment bond proceeds for a grant to the City of Northfield in the amount of \$4,000,000 for pre-design, design, acquisition, , improvement, construction and development of Historic Bridge Square in the Hist.
2. The City of Northfield will contribute at least 50% local match fund in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the project.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 3rd day of December, 2024.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ SOKUP ___ HOLMES ___ NESS
 ___ PETERSON WHITE ___ REISTER ___ ZUCCOLOTTO

site plan

