



# City of Northfield

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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Tuesday, January 21, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.*

**Present:** 7 - Council Member David DeLong, Council Member Clarice Grabau, Council Member Suzie Nakasian, Council Member Brad Ness, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, Council Member Erica Zweifel, and Mayor Rhonda Pownell

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Mayor Pownell noted the items in the supplemental memo including removing approval of minutes and noted eComments received.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Nakasian, seconded by Council Member Ness, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, and Mayor Pownell

### CONSENT AGENDA

*City Administrator Martig introduced the consent agenda items.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Nakasian, to approve the consent agenda items. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, and Mayor Pownell

2. [Ord. 1009](#) Consider Ordinance Amending Northfield City Code, Chapter 30 - Health Care and Sanitation, Article II. - Tobacco (Tobacco 21 Ordinance)
3. [20-053](#) Consider Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 1009 Amending Northfield City Code, Chapter 30 - Health and Sanitation, Article II. - Tobacco.
4. [20-054](#) Consider Approving Disbursements totaling \$1,040,739.90
5. [Res. 2020-008](#) Consider Resolution of Support for Job Creation Fund Application.
6. [20-055](#) Consider Motion accepting the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant for 5th Street Lofts.
7. [20-056](#) Consider Approval of Liquor Licenses for Lagom Cafe LLC dba The Ole

Store Restaurant, LLC at 1011 St. Olaf Ave.

8. [20-057](#) Consider Approval of Election Judge Appointments, Pay and Absentee Ballot Boards for the 2020 Elections.

## OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Tracy Ackman-Shaw, Rice County Public Health, noted Northfield is the 59th community to approve Tobacco 21. Spoke in support of Council approving the ordinance amendments. Thanked council for their interest, leadership, and actions taken. Noted it is having an impact on other communities in Rice County.*

*Patty Ciernia, Age Friendly Northfield Steering Committee, thanked the City for supporting Age Friendly Northfield and David DeLong for his work on the committee. Thanked organizations for funds received in 2019 and noted upcoming focus and plans for 2020. Shared news on Age Friendly at the State level. Age Friendly Northfield representatives attended event where Governor Walz approved to make Minnesota an Age Friendly State.*

*Chris Kennelly, 1610 Riverview Lane, stated he was excited to see the sales tax item on the agenda tonight. Noted the Northfield Hockey Association has experienced growing participation over the last year. The association is partnering with St. Olaf to make use of ice time there. Spoke regarding February 2nd hockey day in Northfield and the economic impacts hockey has on the community. Noted our current facility continues to deteriorate. Noted land is still available for a project and that strong collaboration will be needed.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

9. [20-058](#) Update of City's Wastewater Treatment Plant Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/ State Disposal System (SDS) Permit.

*Utilities Manager Wagner provided an update on the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant permit and reviewed the main items in the draft NPDES/SDS draft permit. Noted City can currently meet the limitations proposed, but is also looking to the future to make sure that there is adequate room to grow. Wagner and Public Works Director/City Engineer Bennett answered questions posed by Council.*

10. [Res. 2020-009](#) Consider Approving Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for the 2020 Mill and Overlay Project.

*Public Works Director/City Engineer Bennett presented information on the status of the project to-date and proposed items. Bennett answered questions posed by Council.*

*Deb Hvass, 407 2nd Str E., speaking on behalf of her husband and other neighbors. Thanked Council for considering leaving parking along 2nd Street. Noted high demand in the area for parking and if parking were removed it would require visitors to walk over a block to get to her house. Stated there was very little bike traffic on 2nd Street, but there is a lot of biking on College Street. Noted she is happy with the decision.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Zweifel, seconded by Council Member Peterson White, to approve Resolution 2020-009-Alt 1 - Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids 2020 Mill and Overlay Project Strt 2020-A45.**

A motion was made by C. DeLong, seconded by C. Ness, to amend the resolution item c. by striking "including bumpouts at Washington Street." The motion failed by the following vote: Yes: 2 - C. DeLong, C. Ness. No: 5 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, Mayor Pownell.

A motion was made by C. Nakasian, seconded by C. DeLong, to amend the resolution to include in the bid an option for a planted buffer where we have indicated a painted buffer. The motion failed by the following vote: Yes: 1- C. Nakasian. No: 6 – C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel and Mayor Pownell.

A motion was made by C. DeLong, seconded by C. Ness, to amend the resolution Item p. trees to be replaced at a 1:1 ratio. The motion failed by the following vote: Yes: 2- C. DeLong , C. Ness. No: 5 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, Mayor Pownell.

A motion was made by C. Nakasian, seconded by C. DeLong, to amend the resolution to remove Item p. and will be bringing a motion to bid tree replacement separately. The motion failed by the following vote. Yes: 2 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian. No: 5- C. DeLong, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel and Mayor Pownell.

The motion to approve Resolution 2020-009-Alt 1 carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, and Mayor Pownell

No: 2 - C. DeLong, and C. Ness

## Recess

*The Council took a short break at 7:27 pm. The meeting resumed at 7:34 pm.*

11. [Res. 2020-010](#) Consider Approving Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for the Trunk Highway (TH) 246 and Jefferson Parkway Roundabout Project.

*Public Works Director/City Engineer Bennett introduced this item. Karl Weissenborn, SEH, reviewed the proposed landscaping. Bennett reviewed the project process, timeline, and financial impacts. Noted most of the increased costs will be covered by State Aid and Utility Funds. Bennett and Weissenborn answered questions posed by Council.*

*Kari Gross, 1716 Archibald Circle, stated a stop light can be installed even if warrants are not met. Displayed a copy of the official plat for the land on Jefferson Parkway & Division (Rock Addition #1), read the instrument of dedication and stated she doesn't think the City can use this land because of the dedication and MN Statute 505.01.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Zweifel, seconded by Council Member Peterson White, to approve Resolution 2020-010 -Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids Trunk Highway 246 and Jefferson Parkway Roundabout Project STRT2019-A43. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, and Mayor Pownell

**No:** 1 - C. DeLong

- 12. [Res. 2020-011](#)** Consideration of Resolution Supporting the Authority to Impose a Local Sales Tax to Fund Specific Capital Improvements Providing Regional Benefit, to Establish the Duration of the Tax and the Revenue to be Raised by the Tax, and to Authorize the City to Issue Bonds Supported by the Tax Revenue.

*City Administrator Martig introduced this item, provided an overview of the survey results, reviewed potential interest areas, and answered questions posed by Council.*

*At 8:40 pm, Mayor Pownell asked for an extension of the meeting time. A motion was made by C. Nakasian, seconded by C. Zweifel, to extend the meeting to 9:20 pm. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 6 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, and Mayor Pownell. No: 1 - C. DeLong.*

*Patrick Tomczik, 1203 Woodland Trail, spoke regarding the survey and noted many people he talked to either didn't get the survey or threw it away because they thought it was junk mail. He asked who paid for the survey and the amount of money being spent. Stated people cannot afford the project and noted it was turned down in 2018.*

*Richard Goerwitz, 203 Woodley Str., asked Council to consider facilities that are multi use and reach as many demographic groups as possible.*

*Paul Reiland, 308 Nevada, spoke regarding greenbelts in Northfield deeded as part of platting process that have never been constructed. It could be useful to use funds for completion of projects started years ago.*

*Kari Gross, 1716 Archibald Circle, spoke regarding concerns regarding the amount of money being spent and being able to pay for what we already have. Asked to keep residents informed and involved. Spoke regarding being a one income family and the increase in property taxes. Stated she is confused by term of traffic calming and bumpouts taking away parking and making snow removal difficult.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Peterson White, to approve Resolution 2020-011 - Option A - Supporting The Authority To Impose A Local Sales Tax To Fund Specific Capital Improvements Providing Regional Benefit, To Establish The Duration Of The Tax And The Revenue To Be Raised By The Tax, And To Authorize The City To Issue Bonds Supported By The Sales Tax Revenue. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, and Mayor Pownell

**No:** 1 - C. DeLong

- 13. [20-059](#)** Review of Proposed Amendments to Strategic Plan Targets.

*The Council agreed by consensus to move this item to the February 4, 2020 agenda.*

## ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

*City Administrator Martig provided an update on the following: Governors bonding bill has*

*the transit hub included. Received McKnight grant of \$50,000 for climate action goals and staffing.*

14. [20-060](#) City Administrator's Update.

## REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

*C. DeLong - Noted upcoming Beyond the Yellow Ribbon omelet breakfast February 16, 2020. Noted this is the groups only fundraiser. Advance tickets support Northfield Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Noted he has tickets. Tickets are also available at the Chamber of Commerce, Professional Pride Realty, Edina Realty, and KYMN Radio.*

## ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Council Member Ness, seconded by Council Member Zweifel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - C. DeLong, C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, and Mayor Pownell