

Joint City Council Work Session and Hospital Board Meeting

November 28, 2017

6:00 PM

Northfield Hospital Conference Center

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Council Members Present: 5 - Council Member David Delong, Council Member Brad Ness, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, Council Member Erica Zweifel, and Mayor Rhonda Pownell

Council Members Absent: 2 - Council Member Suzie Nakasian, Council Member Greg Colby

Hospital Board Members Present: 6 - Patricia Christianson, Lynn Clayton, Vice Chair Virginia Kaczmarek, Charlie Kyte, Chair Charlie Mandile, Steve O'Neill

Hospital Board Members Absent: 2 - CC Linstroth, Michelle Muench

Councilor Peterson White arrived at 6:10 PM.

1. 17-1132 Update on Pending Lease Amendment Review with St. Olaf Regarding Senior Housing Project Adjacent to Northfield Hospital and Clinics.

Steve Underdahl, Northfield Hospital and Clinics President and CEO, provided a PowerPoint presentation describing the history of the project and an overview of the proposal.

Chester Yanik, Chairman of Yanik Companies, presented an overview of what the proposed senior living center would look like. There would be 70 apartments in Phase 1; 30% of them are predicted to be double-occupancy and the rest single occupancy. Jeri Zuber, Vice President of Senior Care & Health Planning at Yanik Companies, spoke regarding healthcare planning, infrastructure of the site, and the benefits of a partnership between Yanik, the City, St. Olaf, and Benedictine Health System. Also showed examples of hospitals and senior housing partnerships in Minnesota that they have completed. Answered questions posed by Council and Hospital Board members.

Andy Opsahl, Benedictine Health System Vice President, described the potential for aging in place rather than long-term care/nursing homes. He discussed the mission of Benedictine Health System and answered questions posed by Council and Hospital Board members.

City Administrator Martig discussed the broader community aspect of the project. Gave an overview of where the current senior housing developments in Northfield are located as well as the areas currently zoned for this type of development. Gave an overview of infrastructure of the area and details of the lease. Provided tentative timelines.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.