City of Northfield

Meeting Minutes - Final
City Council

Tuesday, February 14, 2017	7:00 PM	Council Chambers

Work Session

7:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA
CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

1. [17-657](#)   TH 246 and Jefferson Parkway Intersection Control Initial Findings.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bennett introduced this item and representatives from the Northfield School District, Matt Hilllmann, District Superintendent and Jim Kulseth, Director of Building & Grounds, and MnDOT District 6 Traffic Engineer Michael Schweyen, District 6 Assistant Traffic Engineer David Tsang, and District 6 Transportation Planner Rhonda Allis. Thomas Sohrweide, SEH presented the TH 246 and Jefferson Parkway intersection control initial findings and answered questions posed by Council.

2. [17-658](#)   Review of Spring Creek Flood Mitigation.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bennett presented information and answered questions posed by Council.

3. [17-659](#)   Discussion of City Council Rules of Business.

City Administrator Martig introduced this item and answered questions posed by Council. City Clerk Little answered questions posed by Council. The City Council discussed the Rules of Business and Rules of Order. Straw polls were conducted on the following items (additional details on the attached straw poll summary sheet):

Proposed meeting time 6-9 pm: 6 in favor (C. Colby, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White; C. Zweifel & Mayor Pownell); 1 against (C. DeLong)

Simple or super majority to extend meeting: Simple - 5 (C. DeLong, C. Nakasian, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel and Mayor Graham); Super - 1 (C. Ness); Neutral - 1 (C. Colby)

Public Input Round 1: C. Colby - a; C. DeLong - Modified C with pre-registration; C. Nakasian - a; C. Ness - a + eComment; C. Peterson White - b, maybe c; C. Zweifel - b, open to c; Mayor Pownell - c, with exception of location of open public comment

Public Input Round 2: C. Colby - a (with eComment); C. DeLong - a (with public comment before staff report); C. Nakasian - a (with eComment); C. Ness - a (with eComment); C. Peterson White - a; C. Zweifel - a (with eComment and public comment

before staff report); Mayor Pownell - a

Open Public Comment after Consent Agenda and strike comments on consent agenda: General consensus by Council. Did not complete straw poll.

Seating: C. Colby - d; C. DeLong - c; C. Nakasian - d; C. Ness - no preference; C. Peterson White - no preference; C. Zweifel - a; Mayor Pownell. No consensus. Options will be left in for vote on March 7.

Predetermined timeframe before calling the question: General consensus to remove the predetermined timeframe before a member can call the question on an item.

Call the question, super or simple majority vote: Super-6 (C. DeLong, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, C. Zweifel, Mayor Pownell); Simple -1 (C. Colby)

Establish time limits for debate on an item, super or simple majority vote: Consensus for a super majority vote.

Suspend the rules, super or simple majority vote: Consensus for a super majority vote.

C. Colby raised an objection to Rules of Decorum item 2 h regarding rhetorical questions. This item will be clarified to note that it pertains to the Council question period following the staff report.

4.   [17-660](#)   Review and Discussion of Strategic Planning Process.

City Administrator Martig introduced this item and answered questions posed by Council. Council provided general input on the process. City Administrator Martig asked Council to e-mail scheduling preferences.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm.