

City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 6:00 PM Council Chambers

Work Session

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: 6 - Council Member Greg Colby, Council Member David DeLong, Council Member Brad

Ness, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, Council Member Erica Zweifel, and

Mayor Rhonda Pownell

Absent: 1 - Council Member Suzie Nakasian

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 17-1045 Emerald Ash Borer Policy Discussion

Attachments: 1 - EAB Plan for Council Updated.pdf

2 - Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan Presentation 10-10-17

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bennett introduced this item and introduced summer intern Siri Hoff and City Forester TJ Heinricy. Hoff presented a PowerPoint and gave a background on Emerald Ash Borer, explained management options. Noted the Environmental Quality Commission has voted to use the 50-50-50 approach: Remove 50%, replace 50%, and treat 50%. Streets and Parks Manager Tim Behrendt discussed the budget for using the 50-50-50 approach. Behrendt, Heinricy, and Hoff answered questions posed by Council.

2. 17-1046 Presentation on expanding the Northfield Historic District

<u>Attachments:</u> 1 - NORTHFIELD COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT 2016

2 - National Register v. Local District

3 - 11 Benefits of Designation

4 - Benefits of Historic Districts

5 - Northfield Historical Society Letter re: Armory

6 - Northfield historic district CC pres

City Planner Tempel introduced this item. Tempel was joined by Jason Menard, Chair of the Heritage Preservaton Commission. Gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Historic District. Explained the reason it was created and what purpose it serves. Described rehabilitation standards and protections against demolition. Tempel answered questions posed by Council.

3. <u>17-1047</u> Discussion of 2018-2019 Budget.

Attachments: 1 - Draft 2018-2022 CIP-CEP Utility Funds 10-6-17

2 - Utility Rate proposal 2018

3 - Utility Operator Increase Request

4 - 2018 Budget Update 10.10.17

5 - 10.10.17 FT Communications Position

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bennett introduced this item. Introduced both Finance Manager Angelstad and Utilities Manager Wagner. Gave an overview of the Utilities budget including the storm water, garbage, waste water, and water funds. Finance Director Angelstad discussed the 2014 Rate Study. Angelstad and Bennett answered questions posed by Council.

City Administrator Martig and Communications Manager/Human Resources Director Mahowald discussed benefit rates, proposed full-time communications position, and temporary police department position. Mahowald and Martig answered questions posed by Council.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.