



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

6:00 PM

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Work Session

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:03PM

Present: 7 - Council Member Clarice Grabau, Council Member Suzie Nakasian, Council Member Brad Ness, Council Member Jessica Peterson White, Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Council Member Jami Reister, and Council Member George Zuccolotto

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. [21-026](#) Information on How to Provide Public Input and Watch the Meeting During the Pandemic.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [21-027](#) Presentation on supporting climate action items at state and federal level.

Program Coordinator Beth Kallestad introduced the item and presented on state level topics. Noted Xcel Energy 2020-2034 integrated resource plan which was started in 2019 with a supplemental preferred plan added in June of 2020. Kallestad outlined the plan and timeline. Discussed why Northfield should engage in the IRP. Kallestad answered questions posed by Council. Janet Petri, Environmental Quality Commission member, presented a Resolution supporting federal legislation. The EQC passed this Resolution unanimously. Noted our climate is already changing. Many countries price carbon. Growing support for carbon price in U.S. Discussed their recommendations. Noted health co-benefits of CF&D. Councilors provided their feed back on all topics. Kallestad answered questions regarding timing of the upcoming actions on these items. This item will be brought forward on February 2, 2021 for approval of a coalition agreement.

3. [21-028](#) Review of City Hall Building Preliminary Improvement Concepts for Safety and Customer Interaction Changes.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Bennett introduced Facilities Manager Dwelle. Dwelle presented on city hall modifications. Noted current and recent projects at city hall which included the remodel of the St Olaf room and the Carleton room and the addition of Information Technology manager's office and remodel of the mail room. Discussed the current status of security and separation and proposed modifications. Bennett and Dwelle answered questions posed by Council. City Administrator Martig also provided some additional feedback on budgeting and answered questions posed by Council.

4. [21-029](#) Review of Council Rules of Business.

City Council took a 5 minute break at 7:30PM and resumed the meeting at 7:37PM. City Administrator Martig presented review of Council Rules of Business which is done annually. Discussed remote council meetings, process prior to Covid-19 and general practices. Discussed looking into changes to omit, update and add which include options for post Covid-19, such as a phone coordinating platform. Martig answered questions posed by Council. Martig presented on Rules of Order and reviewed each Appendix. Deputy City Clerk Kavitz answered questions posed by Council. Councilors had an opportunity to note what they may like to see added or deleted.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilor Member Peterson White, seconded by Councilor Member Ness, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43PM. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7- C. Grabau, C. Nakasian, C. Ness, C. Peterson White, Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, and C. Zuccolotto.