



CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
1616 HUMBOLDT AVENUE, WEST ST. PAUL, MN 55118

OPEN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

July 25, 2016

5:45 p.m.

(Note the meeting start time)

**MUNICIPAL CENTER
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Review The Regular Meeting Consent Agenda
4. Agenda Item(S)
 - 4.A. Robert Street Median Landscape Design Discussion
(Requested by Councilperson Bellows) Estimated time required: 20 minutes
Documents:

[COUNCIL REPORT-ROBERT STREET MEDIAN DESIGN.PDF](#)
[STREETSCAPE GRAPHICS 110413.PDF](#)
 - 4.B. Informational Item - False Alarm Response Data
Estimated Time Required: 10 minutes
Documents:

[COUNCIL REPORT - FALSE ALARM RESPONSE.PDF](#)
 - 4.C. Staff Updates:
Estimated Time required: 10 minutes
 - 4.C.1. Status Of Harmon Park Grass And Trees
 - 4.C.2. Status Of Robert Street Tree Installation
5. Discuss Special Council Meeting To Canvas Primary Election Results And Hold Open Council Work Session To Review Proposed 2017 General Fund Budget
Estimated Time Required: 10 minutes

6. Adjourn

Future Topics for Discussion & Consideration

- North Gateway Development
- Solid Waste Management Discussion (90 min.)
- Renaissance Plan (90 min.)
- Comp Plan (15 min.) Two applications received 7/8
- Redevelopment Financing Tools (JC/Bellows)

*If you need an accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator at
651-552-4102, TDD 651-322-2323 at least 5 business days prior to the meeting
www.wspmn.gov EOE/AA*

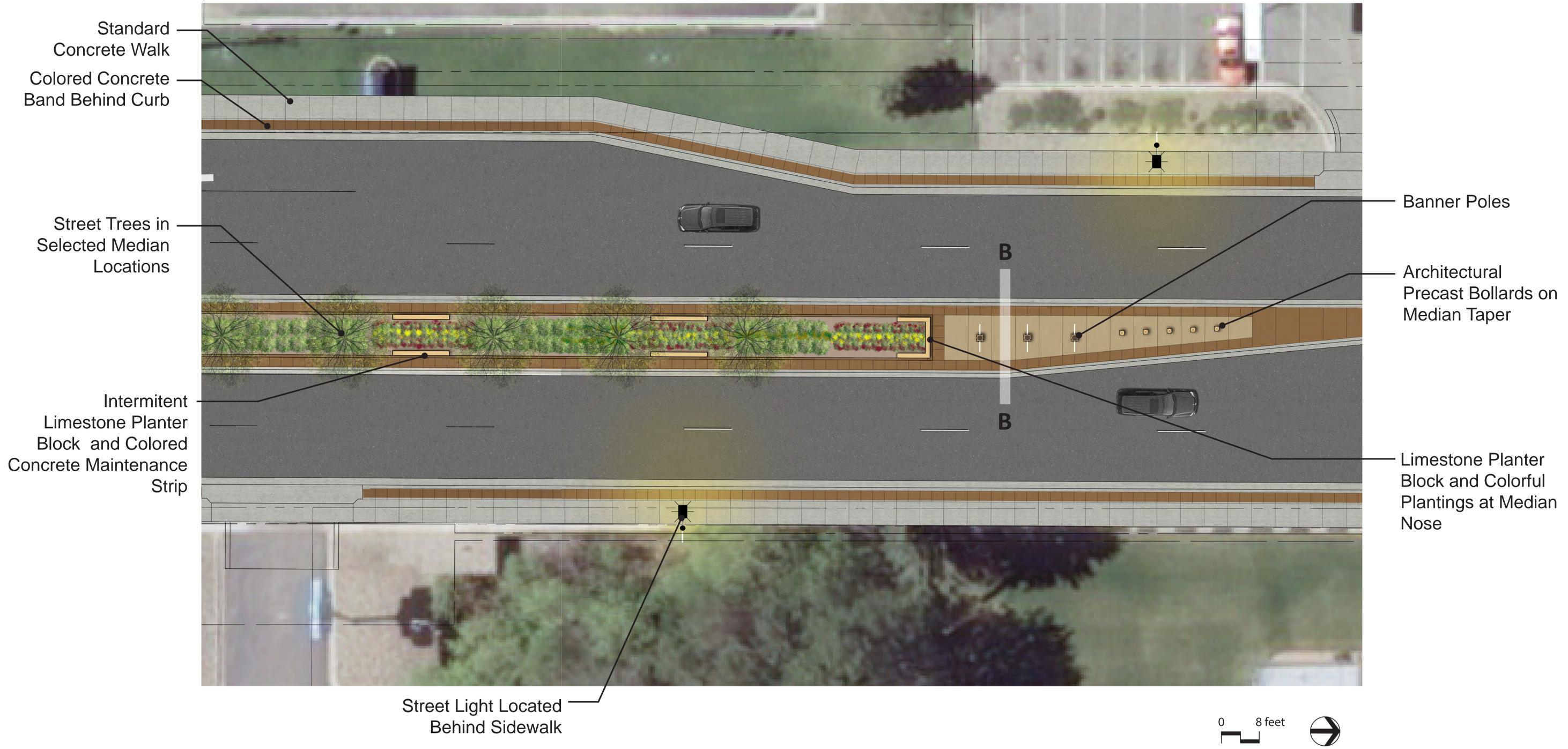
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Matt Fulton, City Manager
DATE: July 25, 2016
SUBJECT: Robert Street Median Design



BACKGROUND INFORMATION : Council member Bellows has requested a discussion regarding the design of the medians on Robert Street. Specifically, the concerns relate to the limestone blocks that are set at various points in the medians.

DISCUSSION : The design of the medians were discussed and decided prior to the project. Attached is a design sheet from SRF that illustrates the approved design for the medians.

STAFF REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION Council person Bellows desires an opportunity to discuss the issue.



Streetscape Concept Plan - Typical Median Treatment

November 4, 2013

TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Matt Fulton, City Manager
FROM: Manila Shaver, Chief of Police
DATE: July 25, 2016
SUBJECT: Requested Data – False Alarm Response



City of West St. Paul

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the Council July 11, 2016 Open Council Work Session (OCWS) the Council was discussing the City’s fee schedule and had inquired how many false alarms has the police responded to. Specifically, the Council was concerned about an excessive number of false alarms and the unnecessary consumption of police services. A few Council members thought the false alarm fees for an excessive number of false alarms should be increased to help offset this expense and encourage those individuals to better manage their alarm systems.

The below chart depicts false alarm response data for the last three years. The majority of false alarms occur in the 0-3 alarm category, which by City Code have no fee. Fees start in the 4-6 false alarm range and continue to the 10+ category.

False Alarms

	0-3 Alarms		4-6 Alarms		7-10 Alarms		>10 Alarms	
	Residential	Business	Residential	Business	Residential	Business	Residential	Business
2015	119	90	2	18	1	8	0	2
2014	87	95	2	17	0	6	0	2
2013	98	88	2	15	0	8	0	1

Excessive alarms are caused by a number or combination of factors to include:

- New systems;
- Over sensitive or faulty systems;
- Changes in the alarm monitoring environment such as balloons on display setting off a motion sensor when the HVAC system turns on and the balloons move about;
- Employees not understanding how the alarm systems functions. This occurs most frequently in those establishments where there is a turnover in employees

FISCAL IMPACT:

Some of the estimated cost associated with responding to a false alarm include: (\$28) dispatching the officer; (\$75) officer response, building check, waiting for a key holder and documenting the incident; (\$10) police staff time to collect and monitor false alarm data; and (\$10) for finance time to invoice, collect and record false alarm fees. These estimated cost include staff time, software and computer systems and other costs associated in municipal operations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Council may set and reasonable fee to recover expenses for a specific activity. While the number of individuals having an excessive number of false alarms significantly decreases as the number of false alarms increases, the police department may also use the Public Nuisance Code to help deal with specific situations.