

**City of West St. Paul
Open Council Work Session Minutes
July 26, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dave Napier
Councilmembers Wendy Berry, Julie Eastman, Lisa Eng-Sarne,
Robyn Gulley, John Justen, and Dick Vitelli

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Nate Burkett
City Attorney Kori Land
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
City Planner Melissa Sonnek
Public Works & Parks Director / City Engineer Ross Beckwith
Finance Director Char Stark
Marketing & Communications Manager / Interim City Clerk Dan Nowicki
City Clerk Nicole Tillander

3. Review and Approve the OCWS Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Gulley and seconded by Councilmember Berry to approve the OCWS agenda, as presented.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

4. Review the Regular Meeting Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Berry to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. Agenda Item(s)

A. Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3(b) for Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Regarding the MDHR Litigation

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Gulley to close the OCWS meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to re-open the OCWS meeting at 6:14 pm.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

B. South Metro Fire Department - EMS Levy Increase for 2022 Budget

Fire Chief Mark Juelfs presented information regarding the EMS levy increase and 2022 budget request to allow three additional staff in 2022.

Mayor Napier wished a happy 50th birthday to Chief Juelfs.

C. Review of Recommendations for Renaissance Plan Ordinance Amendments

Motion was made by Councilmember Justen and seconded by Councilmember Gulley to revisit item 5C. immediately following the regular Council meeting due to time constraints.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

6. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Justen to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting

5.

- C.** Motion to re-open OCWS was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen at 7:56 p.m. to revisit item 5C.

City Planner Melissa Sonnek presented a review of progress, accomplishments and upcoming priorities. Discussion of set-backs, parking minimums, pedestrian flow and accessibility. City Attorney Land advised B4 changes will create an enormous amount of legal non-conformities. City Attorney Land will prepare a memo for Council and

Planning Commission members outlining this issue per Councilmember Vitelli's request.

City Planner and Planning Commission will return to council with redlined version of ordinance for approval.

Second Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Gulley to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul