

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dave Napier
Councilmembers Wendy Berry, Lisa Eng-Sarne,
John Justen, Bob Pace and Dick Vitelli

Absent: Anthony Fernandez (excused absence)

Others Present: City Manager Ryan Schroeder
Interim Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
City Attorney Kori Land
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith
Community Development Director Jim Hartshorn
Assistant Park & Recreation Director Dave Schletty
City Clerk Shirley Buecksler

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Justen and seconded by Councilmember Berry to pull the OCWS Minutes of May 13, 2019 from Item 9A for editing and adopt the agenda, as amended.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

Mayor Napier said the Council held a work session prior to the regular meeting to discuss the following:

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 Subd. 3(b) for Attorney-Client Privileged Communication to Discuss the Fulton Investigation
- B. Infiltration and Inflow Program

Mayor Napier said West St. Paul is recognized as a leader for I & I in the Metro Area.

- C. City Code – Proposed Changes to Animal License Term
- D. Tree Carvings at Harmon Park

6. Citizen Comments

The following citizens addressed the City Council:

- Julie Eastman, Ward 1, regarding the Police Chief hiring process
- Jules Edwards, Ward 2, regarding her son and Police Department response and autism training
- Mary McCauley, Ward 3, on behalf of Ms. Edwards and her son
- Emily Christoffersen, 1022 Oakdale Avenue, regarding autism training for the Police Department
- Karen Vavreck, Ward 2, regarding West St. Paul Days, the April Fool's water tower photo and tree carvings
- Laura Zanmiller, Ward 1, regarding the June 9th Take a Kid Fishing Event at Thompson Lake Park
- Joan Hutter, Ward 1, regarding the 474 volunteers in the West St. Paul Green Thumbs group and naming the art park as Tessie's Memorial Art Garden for former Mayor Jenny Halverson's sister, Tessie Sylvester

7. Council Comments

Councilmember Pace provided an update on the West St. Paul Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. The Cities of Mendota Heights, Mendota and Lilydale will be joining West St. Paul to form a stronger coalition to serve our area veterans. Councilmember listed some of the community providers and service providers. His business also provides donations and, recently, they had a family come in that both were in the war in Iraq and were on hard times. Pace Auto provided gas for their cars and they were very thankful. Councilmember Pace wants everyone to know that this program works very well.

Any businesses wanting to join or learn more may contact Ed Iago, Business Liaison Officer, through the City's website under Yellow Ribbon.

Volunteers wishing to join the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee, contact Sherrie Le at sle@wspmn.gov.

Councilmember Berry said it was a great opportunity for fourth grade students from Garlough Elementary to come for a tour at City Hall on May 23rd. She said it was great to see the diversity of students who were part of the Mock Council Meeting.

Councilmember Berry thanked everyone who put together the West St. Paul Days event on May 18th but specifically the South Metro Firefighters who drove the fire truck and the fireboat. She said, *"It was kind of a big deal for the 4 year old in my house to be able to ride in a fire boat. So thanks to Matt Dinneen and Nate Rank for taking some time on a Saturday to drive us down Charlton, looking pretty cool in that boat."*

Councilmember Eng-Sarne said she received emails and wants them to know that their concerns were heard regarding the Southview Square parking lot. The lines were covered and repairs made.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne thanked everyone for a great event at West St. Paul Days.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne thanked Julie Eastman for her research on the Police Chief hiring process.

Councilmember Eng-Sarne spoke to Jules Edwards and told her that she also has a sibling who is a vulnerable adult. She said balancing her freedom and her safety can be difficult and that she understands how it may feel for them to have their freedom but you also want them to be safe. Councilmember Eng-Sarne said that City Council, the Police Department and Staff all want her family to be safe and that we will continue to work towards that. She added that autism training would be great for everyone.

Councilmember Justen thanked everyone for coming to West St. Paul Days on May 18th. He said he also had his children on the fireboat and that it was awesome. He also thanked everyone for figuring out how to get to City Hall for the meeting tonight and provided some directions for people to get here. He said there is a lot of construction but access is still available.

Mayor Napier said there is road construction in several areas but in the end, we will have roads that will be more easily travelled and safer for pedestrians.

Mayor Napier said this was his second year with the Garlough Elementary tour. He said former Mayor Halverson did a tremendous job with the children last year and he was fortunate to be able to train the student Council this year on what the Council does, the decisions we need to make, and how those decisions can have an impact the community. He thanked Staff for putting together such a great project. Mayor Napier said we could learn a lot from these fourth graders. Almost all of the four classes ended up investing \$250,000 into our parks and cutting a street sweeper in order to do that. He said that was very creative and it was interesting for them to learn that in order to invest in one area, another area may need to be cut when you already have your budget laid out. He said he learned that our parks are worth investing in for young children. Mayor Napier thanked Garlough Elementary Staff and City Staff for putting this together so we could spend half a day with fourth graders.

Mayor Napier said Memorial Day is a great day to honor the men and women who have fought for our country. He said his dad is buried at Ft. Snelling and it was such a tremendous tribute to our military to see all of the flags put up by volunteers at the cemetery. For all of the families who have lost loved ones in the military, Mayor Napier thanked them for their service to our country.

Mayor Napier said that the Farmer's Market will be open on Fridays starting June 14 through October 25 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon in the Signal Hills Mall parking lot.

Mayor Napier mentioned some upcoming summer events, including:

- June 2 – deadline to register for summer programs
- June 7 - Movie in the Park at West St. Paul pool
- June 9 – Thompson Park dedication - Mayor Napier thanked the volunteers who worked hard to add plantings and put up park signs at Thompson Park

8. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

A. Donation to the City

Mayor Napier thanked South Robert Street Business Association for their generous donation of \$4,775.00 to support the Winterfest event held earlier this year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Berry to adopt Resolution No. 19-052 Accepting Donation to the City from South Robert Street Business Association, in the amount of \$4,775.00.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Justen and seconded by Councilmember Vitelli to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as amended by Council:

- A. Regular Council Minutes of May 13, 2019 – (OCWS Minutes pulled for editing)**
- B. Financial Reports for March 2019**
- C. List of Claims for May 28, 2019**
- D. Resolution No. 19-053 Amending the Temporary and Seasonal Pay Plan with the Addition of Two Positions**
- E. City Licensing, Including:**
 - Farmers Registration for Mary Helen Sperl to sell produce at 1254 Charlton Street from May 12, 2019 to November 1, 2019
- F. Rental Licensing**
- G. Services Contract with Wold Architects**
- H. Consultant Alley Contract for 2020 Street Improvements Project 20-1**
- I. Resolution No. 19-054 Renewing the Cooperative Agreement Between the State of Minnesota, Diversion Solutions, LLC and the City of West St. Paul**
- J. Resolution No. 19-055 Approving the Agreement Between the Metro Area Repeater Association and the City of West St. Paul**

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearings

A. Site Plan Review for a New Retail Building at 1720 Livingston Avenue – Patrick Elgin

Community Development Director Hartshorn provided information for Council on the site plan review for a new retail building at 1720 Livingston Avenue.

Patrick Elgin, Owner – Sola Salon Studios, addressed the Council and said this will be his seventh location. Mayor Napier thanked him for investing in West St. Paul and bringing his business here.

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pace and seconded by Councilmember Berry to adopt Resolution No. 19-056 Approving the Site Plan for 1720 Livingston Avenue (Sola Salon Studios).

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

11. New Business

A. Consider Installing Basketball Hoops in Haskell and Oakdale Parks

Assistant Park & Recreation Director Schletty presented information for Council's consideration on installing basketball hoops in Haskell and Oakdale parks.

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Name	Address or Ward	For	Against
Dwane Melville	1040 Oakdale Ave		X
Mark Rainey	Ward 2 near Harmon Park	X	
Cori Ellsmore	Ward 1 near Oakdale Park	X	
Jade Pennig	Ward 3 near Weschke Park	X	
Emily Christoffersen	1022 Oakdale Ave	X	
Katie Dolman	Ward 3 (used to live near Harmon Park)	X	
Lance LaRue	199 Congress St, Ward 1	X	
Ann Enright	199 E Arion St		X
Edgar (last name not given)	Ward 1, Stanley near Oakdale Park	X	
Karen Vavreck	Ward 2	X	
Joan Hutter	Ward 1	X	
Jay DeLaRosby	386 Schletty Ln, Ward 1	X	
Jim Englin (former Councilmember)	352 Haskell St E, Ward 1		X
Judy Rangel	Ward 2	X	
Edmund Enright	199 E Arion St		X

Name	Address or Ward	For	Against
Dave Dyrhaug	360 Haskell St E		X
Abigail Hendricks	Ward 3	X	
Laura Zanmiller	Ward 1	X	

Councilmember Pace requested an amendment that includes an absolute plan as to when, where and how the hoops will be pulled if there is any trouble. Mayor Napier said we will move quickly if there are any problems.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Berry to install basketball hoops at Oakdale and Haskell Parks.

Vote: 4 ayes / 1 nay – Councilmember Vitelli voted against. Motion carried.

B. Outdoor Entertainment

Interim Police Chief Sturgeon provided information for Council on the Outdoor Entertainment License for St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1250 Oakdale Avenue. The event is scheduled for July 19-21, 2019.

Craig Michaels, St. George Subcommittee, addressed the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pace and seconded by Councilmember Justen to approve the application for Outdoor Entertainment License for St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, July 19-21, 2019.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

12. Old Business

A. Fee Changes for 2020 – Alcohol Licensing

Interim Police Chief Sturgeon provided information on alcohol licensing increases for 2020. Current license holders were sent notice and invited to the meeting.

Mayor Napier invited any business owners in attendance to come up and speak on this item. No one addressed the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Pace to approve the fee changes for alcohol licensing for 2020.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Berry to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J. Napier', written in a cursive style.

David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul