

**City of West St. Paul  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Vitelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Councilmembers Wendy Berry, Julie Eastman, Lisa Eng-Sarne, Robyn Gulley, John Justen, and Dick Vitelli (Mayor Pro tem)

Absent: Mayor Dave Napier

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

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Adopt the Agenda**

Motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Berry to adopt the agenda.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

**5. Briefing**

**a. OCWS Briefing**

Mayor Pro tem Vitelli reported there was an EDA workshop tonight and that a new Economic Development Director will be hired. During the OCWS meeting, Chief Sturgeon gave a breakdown of mental health issues, how they are addressed currently, how they were in the past, and how they should be addressed in the future. .

**6. Citizen Comments-in Person**

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Kae Jae Johnson, Eagle Point Apartments
- Ron Josephs, 1080 Felix St.

7. **Citizen Comments-Phone Line**

NA

8. **Council Comments**

9. **Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions**

a. **City Donations**

Mayor pro tem thanked Casey Weimer and the Sibley Area Youth Hockey Association, for their generous donations to the City of West St. Paul.

Resolution to thank the Association publicly and approve the donation

A motion was made by Councilmember Justen to adopt the resolution to accept the donations from the Sibley Area Youth Hockey Association. Councilmember Eng-Sarne seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

b. **Juneteenth Proclamation**

Councilmembers Eastman, Justen, Mayor Pro tem Vitelli, Councilmember Eng-Sarne, and Councilmember Gulley read a proclamation adopting the resolution to acknowledge Juneteenth and fly a Juneteenth flag outside City Hall on June 19, 2021. Vitelli said the resolution has been adopted by City Council (June 14, 2021) and will be signed by Mayor Napier.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to adopt the resolution. Councilmember Justen seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

10. **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember by Gulley to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented.

- A. 6/14/21 List of Claims
- B. Approve Participation with Dakota County on All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- C. City Hall Renovation Schematic Design Agreement
- D. Declare Vehicles Surplus and Authorize Their Sale
- E. Final Payment for the Marie & Oakdale Trail Project CP 18-4
- F. Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for the Wentworth Avenue Median
- G. Rental Licensing
- H. Rescind Joint Powers Agreement for Project 21-5 and Approve Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County and South St. Paul for Preliminary Engineering of the Butler Avenue Trail Project 21-5

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **11. Public Hearing**

### **A. Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 153.171 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding Tattoo, Body Piercing, and Body Art Establishments**

Mayor Pro Tem Vitelli opened the Public Hearing 6:58 pm.

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Paula Overbee, Eagan, MN
- Joan Hunter of Ward I

With no other comments or questions from the public, Mayor Pro Tem Vitelli closed the Public Meeting at 7:06 pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Berry to approve the final reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Justen seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes / 1 nay- Vitelli. Motion carried.

### **B. Final Reading of an Ordinance Amendment Regarding Off-Sale Liquor Establishments in the B2, B3, and B4 Zoning Districts**

Mayor Pro Tem Vitelli opened the Public Hearing 7:10 pm.

With no comments or questions from the public, Mayor pro tem Vitelli closed the Public Meeting at 7:11 pm

A motion was made by Councilmember Eastman to approve the final reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Justen seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried

### **C. Public Improvement Hearing; Authorize Preparation of Plans & Specifications for 2022 Street Improvements Project 22-1**

Mayor Pro Tem Vitelli opened the Public Hearing 7:24 pm.

- Cindy Pieper, Ward III,
- Mary Aden
- Steven Aden
- Leah and John, 40 Crusader Ave
- Matthew Cassady, 1948 Stryker
- Ken Plummet, Ward III.
- Dan and Dawn Mortenson of Southview Garden Center, 50 Crusader Ave
- Leah Bourg, 1948 Stryker
- Angie Molyneux, Crown of Life Lutheran Church

- Paula Overbee, Eagan, MN
- Chris Gevara, Ward III
- Lance McMorrow, 22 Crusader Ave.
- Britt Drake, 32 Crusader Ave.
- Connie Lacombe, Ward III

With no further comments or questions from the public, Mayor pro tem Vitelli closed the Public Meeting at 7:44 pm

A motion was made by Councilmember Eastman to approve authorization of the Preparation of Plans & Specifications for Project 22-01. Councilmember Gulley seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **12. New Business**

### **a. First Reading - Vacating Easement between Curtice Street and Winona Street**

A motion was made by Councilmember Justen to approve the first reading of the Vacating Easement between Curtice Street and Winona Street. Councilmember Eng-Sarne seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

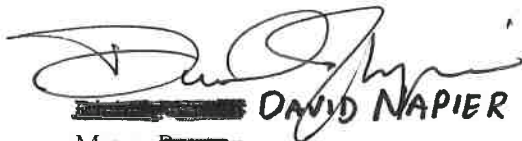
## **13. Old Business**

No Old Business.

## **14. Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilmember Gulley to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.



**DAVID NAPIER**

Mayor [REDACTED]  
City of West St. Paul