

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2018**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Halverson called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Halverson
Councilmembers John Bellows, Anthony Fernandez, Ed Iago, Dave Napier, Bob Pace and Dick Vitelli

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ryan Schroeder
Police Chief Manila Shaver
City Attorney Kori Land
Community Development Director Jim Hartshorn
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith
Finance Director Char Stark
City Clerk Shirley Buecksler

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Mayor Halverson requested that Item 9A, Minutes of September 10, 2018, be moved to Item 11F as New Business.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bellows and seconded by Councilmember Iago to adopt the agenda, as amended.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

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

- a) Closed Meeting to Discuss Management Position for Labor Positions
- b) 2019 Fees
- c) Waste Hauler Licensing
- d) River to River Greenway (R2R) Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County - Mayor Halverson thanked Staff for their work on this project.

6. Citizen Comments

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Rande Barron, Ward 1, spoke regarding her nephew who passed away at only seven years old and low income disabled housing. Mayor Halverson expressed condolences on behalf of herself and the Council.
- Darlene Lewis, Ward 3, mentioned the Waffle Breakfast and Craft-Bake Sale on Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Thompson Park Activity Center, 1200 Stassen Lane. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact the Thompson Park Activity Center at (651) 403-8300.
- Jim McKie, 222 Curtice Street, thanked those on the Council who responded to his letter of September 10, 2018.
- Andi Morris, Ward 2, encouraged residents to get involved in our community regarding elections and assisting people to get out and vote. She also mentioned that there will be candidate forums coming up soon.
- Maliah Miller, 1026 Winslow, said she set up an event to clean up the pond at the Foot Golf Course at Thompson Oaks on Saturday, September 29, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and invited others to participate in the effort.
- Mary McCallum, Ward 3, said using physical intimidation is bullying and cowardly and makes people afraid but that it doesn't make a person's ideas less legitimate. She asked that all candidates attend the candidate forums.
- Ken Paulman, Ward 3, thanked the Council for keeping an open mind regarding the trail project. He said, "Instead of being close to it all, we can have it all."
- Laura Zanmiller, Ward 1, spoke regarding a free conference coming up on Saturday, September 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Pathways & Partnerships, Addressing the Opioid Crisis, Conference will be held at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Valley Creek Campus, 7380 Afton Road in Woodbury. She said that gubernatorial candidates and top experts on addiction will also be at the conference.

Mayor Halverson thanked them for coming to the meeting.

7. Council Comments

Councilmember Bellows said that the Annual Clean-Up Day for West St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights and Sunfish Lake was held on September 22 in Inver Grove Heights. He also said there will be another Shred Event coming up soon, as well as a great hockey game between West St. Paul Police and South Metro Fire.

Councilmember Vitelli said, in respect to West St. Paul's future, he has heard that the glass is half empty but when, actually, the glass is half full. He said he thinks West St. Paul's future will be better than ever.

Councilmember Iago said the strip mall on Highway 13 closed and that Jim Hartshorn proposed to some of those businesses that they move to our community. He said that one

business, Just Paws Dog Grooming, has since moved to West St. Paul. Councilmember Iago thanked Hartshorn for his work on this.

Councilmember Pace reminded everyone about the Touch a Truck family event on Saturday, September 29, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Harmon Park, as well as Shop Robert Street Business. Councilmember Pace thanked the South Robert Street Business Association, its members and businesses who gave of their time and money for this event to happen and suggested that people shop Robert Street businesses.

Councilmember Napier provided additional details for the charity hockey game featuring West St. Paul Police versus South Metro Fire. It will be at the West St. Paul Ice Arena, 60 Emerson Avenue West, at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 6. He said all proceeds will go to 360 Communities to help victims of domestic violence. Councilmember Napier thanked the Council for allowing the Booster Club to come forward with temporary locker rooms at the ice arena.

Councilmember Napier also said the Shred Event is scheduled for September 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Wakota Federal Credit Union, 1151 Southview Boulevard in South St. Paul.

Mayor Halverson spoke regarding women running or exercising alone and always being reminded to wear reflective gear, turn their headphones down, run with another person and to be careful when out alone or in the dark. She said it is important that we not stop taking care of our mental and physical health and ourselves. Mayor Halverson said we should be pressing lawmakers to change laws, issue harsher sentences, stop sexualizing girls, and turn our attention where it should be. She said we should stop blaming the girls and the women who are out trying to go for a run. Mayor Halverson suggested that everyone look out for each other and use common sense but not be afraid to be out there or let this turn you away from taking care of yourself.

8. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

There were no proclamations, presentations or recognitions.

9. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Iago and seconded by Councilmember Bellows to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of September 10, 2018 – moved to Item 11F**
- B. List of Claims for September 24, 1018**
- C. Resolution No. 18-108 Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment for 2018 Street Improvements Project 18-1 and Resolution No. 18-109 Calling Final Hearing on Proposed Assessment for 2018 Street Improvements Project 18-1**
- D. Resolution No. 18-110 Declaring Certain Property Surplus and Authorizing Sale and/or Disposal Thereof**
- E. Rental Licensing**

- F. Appointment of Public Member Sheila Vanney to the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization
- G. Resolution No. 18-111 Approving the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire Temporary and Permanent Easement Rights from Private Property Owners as Required for the Marie and Oakdale Trail Project 18-4
- H. Resolution No. 18-112 Approving a Property Line Adjustment Between 1959 Pine Ridge Drive and 1965 Pine Ridge Drive

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearings

A. Public Improvement Hearing: Authorize Preparation of Plans & Specifications for 2019 Street Improvements Project 19-1

Beckwith provided an overview of the 2019 Street Improvements Project 19-1 for Council.

Mayor Halverson opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

The following people addressed the Council:

- Susan Miranda, Ward 3
- Jackie Reko, Tiny Tots and Little Tykes Preschool and Child Care Center
- Dan Mortenson, 143 W Emerson and Owner of Southview Garden Center
- Jerry Carbone, Carbone's Pizza
- Jan Mathus, Wisconsin
- Joe Hamilton, Ward 3
- Monica Jeffrey

Mayor Halverson closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Bellows to adopt Resolution No. 18-113 Ordering Improvement and Authorizing Preparation of Plans and Specifications for City Project 19-1.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

11. New Business

A. Compliance Check Failures, Sanction Hearing

Chief Shaver presented information on the compliance check failure and recommendation sanctions for Nowak's Liquor.

Mayor Halverson opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Halverson closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Napier and seconded by Councilmember Iago to adopt Resolution No. 18-114 Imposing Sanctions Upon Retail Tobacco License Holder Nowak's Liquors.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

B. First Reading – Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Allow Temporary Homeless Shelters Through an Interim Use Permit in the R1 and B3 Districts

City Attorney Land introduced the following proposed ordinance for its first reading:

“An Ordinance Amending the West St. Paul Zoning Code Allowing Temporary Residential Housing for the Homeless as an Interim Use”

Motion was made by Councilmember Fernandez to send this item back to the Planning Commission for review.

Councilmember Fernandez withdrew his motion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Napier and seconded by Councilmember Pace to approve the first reading and call for a second reading of the ordinance to be held at a Public Hearing at the October 8, 2018 City Council meeting.

Vote: 5 ayes / Councilmember Fernandez voted nay. Motion carried.

C. First Reading – City Code Ordinance Amendment, 94.37A(d) Limiting the Maximum Height of Grass and Weeds to Eight Inches

Hartshorn introduced the following proposed ordinance for its first reading:

“An Ordinance Amending West St. Paul City Ordinance Section 94.37A(d) Regarding Weeds”

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Bellows to approve the first reading and call for a second reading of the ordinance to be held at a Public Hearing at the October 8, 2018 City Council meeting.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

D. First Reading – City Code Ordinance Amendment, 95.01 Regarding Plantings in the Alleyways

Hartshorn introduced the following proposed ordinance for its first reading:

“An Ordinance Amending Chapter 95.01 Regarding Weeds and Chapter 94.37A Regarding Public Nuisances and the Definition of Weeds, Grasses and Rank Vegetation of the West St. Paul City Code”

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Pace to approve the first reading and call for a second reading of the ordinance to be held at a Public Hearing at the October 8, 2018 City Council meeting.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

E. 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget and Levy

Stark presented 2019-2020 preliminary budget and levy for Council and thanked Mayor Halverson, Council and the City Manager for their hard work on the budget and levy.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bellows and seconded by Councilmember Vitelli to adopt Resolution No. 18-115 Adopting the Preliminary Budget and Setting the Preliminary 2019 Tax Levy and Debt Service Levy.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bellows and seconded by Councilmember Iago to adopt Resolution No. 18-116 Setting a Public Hearing Date for Final 2019 Budget and Tax Levy.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Minutes of September 10, 2018 – OCWS and City Council Minutes

Motion was made by Councilmember Napier and seconded by Councilmember Pace to approve the Open Council Work Session and City Council minutes of September 10, 2018.

Vote: 5 ayes / Councilmember Bellows abstained. Motion carried.

12. Old Business

A. Proposed Ordinance Change, Chapter 72.05 Parking – Second Reading

Chief Shaver requested that the second reading of the proposed ordinance be continued to a Public Hearing at the October 8, 2018 City Council meeting.

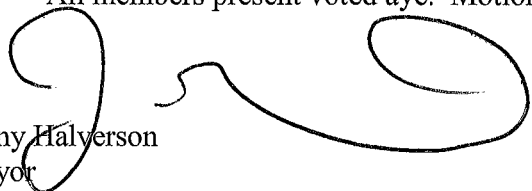
Motion was made by Councilmember Bellows and seconded by Councilmember Vitelli to continue the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 72.05 of the West St. Paul City Code regarding general parking restrictions to a Public Hearing at the October 8, 2018 City Council meeting.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Napier and seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.


Jenny Halverson
Mayor
City of West St. Paul