

**City of West St. Paul
Open Council Work Session Minutes
September 27, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. All council members present.

2. Agenda Item(s)

A. OCWS Meeting Protocols

City Manager Nate Burkett presented changes to protocols going forward including:

- No roll call will be taken.
- No formal votes with two exceptions; OCWS is a work session of the Council, as such there are no formal decisions made. Motions and seconds are required/allowed when (a) the City Council chooses to vote on appointments to task forces and commissions and/or (b) when the City Council holds a closed session during OCWS.
- No minutes will be taken unless in the instance of the two exceptions above.
- There will be an on-going list for future OCWS topics and planning.

In summary, OCWS is designed to be an open space for the Mayor and Council to have open discussions about topics. Staff will strive to frame issues with specific questions for the Council to consider related to each topic but collegial debate, dialogue and alternatives should always be encouraged and accepted.

B. Butler Avenue Trail Study

Public Works & Parks Director / City Engineer Ross Beckwith presented information on the trail study and asks for direction on continued study/survey. South St. Paul does not want to continue involvement in the project.

Staff will move forward with additional survey work.

C. Closed Session – Labor Negotiations Strategy

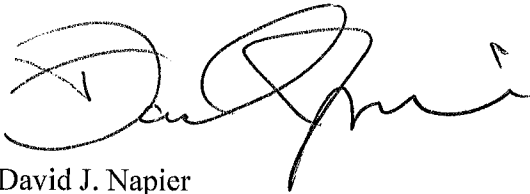
City Manager Nate Burkett presented information on on-going labor negotiations.

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Justen to close the session at 6:04 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Eng-Sarne to re-open the session at 6:31 p.m.

3. **Future OCWS Planning**
4. **Review the Regular Meeting Consent Agenda**
5. **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilmember Justen and seconded by Councilmember Berry to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Napier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "N".

David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul