

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Napier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Nate Burkett
City Attorney Kori Land
Assistant City Manager Dan Nowicki
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
Finance Director Char Stark
Public Works Director / City Engineer Ross Beckwith
City Clerk Nicole Tillander

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

With the addition of Item F, 2022 National Community Survey Results, motion was made by Councilmember Berry and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to adopt the agenda as presented.

Vote: Berry – aye
Eastman – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Gulley – aye
Justen – aye
Vitelli – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

5. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

A. Oath of Office – Introduction of New Police Officer

Chief Sturgeon and Mayor Napier swore in new police officer Christopher Karl. Chris has been a reserve officer for years with West St. Paul. Many friends and family members were present

in the council chambers. Thank you for choosing West St. Paul, Officer Karl, and welcome back!

6. OCWS Briefing

Council discussed the following items during the Open Council Work Session of October 24th:

- A. 2022 National Community Survey Results
- B. Project Communication Minimums

7. Community Comments – In Person

- Joe Ferrar, 1670 Humboldt Ave – costume parade at Marthaler Park on Saturday, October 29th from 3:00-4:00
- Catherine Dahl, 1486 Oakdale Ave – representing many residents of West St. Paul, South St. Paul and Mendota Heights asking for a joint community center on the previous YMCA space achieved through partnership and feasibility study
- Josie O'Connor, 300 Emerson Ave W – support of the community center, partnership of the three cities
- Joel Knoepfler, 1902 Duck Pond Dr – community center, Council involvement
- Jennifer Haefner, 913 Gorman Ave – pickleball, need indoor space, walking track, gathering space
- Denise Murruffo, 537 Simard St, Mendota Heights – community center, pre-K through all ages, pickleball
- Jan Knoepfler, 1902 Duck Pond Dr – community center, youth involvement, comparison to Eagan Community Center, local shopping
- Jo Schifsky, 1349 Delaware Ave, Mendota Heights – community center, safe youth space, pickleball, food and resource help, intergenerational teaching, home skills
- Dave Hansen, 1333 Delaware Ave, Mendota Heights – community center, pickleball, distribution list ages 14 to 87
- Don Waltz, 465 Betty Ln – community center support
- Art Thell, 355 Ruby Dr – community center support, public transportation and mobility, youth swimming lessons,
- Judy Rossi, 23 Wentworth Ave W – community center, comparison to The Grove, connections and friendships
- Ceely Gerber, 1870 Eagle Ridge Dr, Mendota Heights – community center, other centers, classes, intergenerational, taking grandchildren
- Joann Stephens, 306 Emerson Ave – community center, youth involvement, safe place for early teens
- Jeanne Janisch, 1 Thompson Ave – community center, residents going outside the community, pool, daycare, activities for all age kids
- Margaret Dahl, 1486 Oakdale Ave – community center, learning to swim at the Y, racquetball
- Katie DeCrans, 941 Bellows St – community center, connections, friendships, safe youth involvement, community building, shared meals
- Steve Porter, 601 Levander Way, South St. Paul – community center support
- Kelly Kratzke, 160 Wentworth Ave W – community center support, transportation for seniors specifically, meeting with Commissioner Atkins, possible state level support

- Mary Brennan, 1389 Christensen Ave – community center support
- Jeanne Board, 1747 Humboldt – community center, intergenerational socialization
- Edgar Herrera, 125 Stanley St – community center, activities/options for all ages of children
- Linda Morrison, 938 Delaware Ave – community center, youth space
- Denise Fierst, Maplewood – community center, shopping, property values
- Emily Vergin, Ward 1 – community center support, affordable gathering space
- Debi Howlett, Eagan – community center, realtor

There were approximately 50 to 60 people in the audience in support of a joint community center for West St. Paul, South St. Paul and Mendota Heights. 25 people spoke and of those, 18 were from WSP, 4 from Mendota Heights, 1 from SSP, 1 from Maplewood and 1 from Eagan.

Staff directed to review and place on future Open Council Work Session agenda.

8. Community Comments – Phone Line

- No one called in to address the Council.

9. Council Comments

Mayor and Councilmembers addressed the public on various topics.

10. Consent Agenda

With the addition of Item F, 2022 National Community Survey Results, motion was made by Councilmember Eng-Sarne and seconded by Councilmember Gulley to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented:

- A. 10.24.22 List of Claims
- B. 3rd Quarter Financial Update
- C. Donations to the City
- D. Rental Licensing
 - 1555 Bellows Street (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1552 Charlton Street (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1168 Ohio Street (Single Family – Renewal)
 - 1266-1268 Winslow Avenue (Duplex – New)
 - 1073 Waterloo Avenue (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1910 Oakdale Avenue (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1920 Oakdale Avenue (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1930 Oakdale Avenue (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 1940 Oakdale Avenue (Apartment – Renewal)
 - 81 Orme Street #2 (Townhome – New)
 - 151 Winona Street (Duplex – New)
 - 890 Charlton Street (Duplex – Renewal)
 - Total Amount – \$5,652.50
- E. Sourcewell Collaborative Purchasing Membership Agreement – Employee Health Benefits

F. 2022 National Community Survey Results

Vote: Eng-Sarne – aye
Gulley – aye
Berry – aye
Eastman – aye
Justen – aye
Vitelli – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

11. Public Hearing

A. Final Assessment Hearing for 2022 Street Improvements Project 22-1

Public Works Director & City Engineer Ross Beckwith presented the final assessment hearing. Staff looks to hold a public hearing, approve the final assessment roll and adopt the resolution for the 2022 Street Improvements Project 22-1 after public hearing.

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Jennifer Haefner – how are homeowners assessed?

Vicki Albu, 1934 Fox Ridge Dr – filing a written objection to proposed assessment
City Attorney Land advised must file notice of appeal with City Manager or City Clerk within 30 days of tonight's meeting as step two in the process, then must file notice with district court within 10 days after that – if all steps are not completed, assessment will stand as is.

Debi Howlett, Eagan – how are people notified of I&I?

Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Gulley and seconded by Councilmember Eastman to adopt the final assessment as presented and approve Resolution 22-074 Adopting Assessments for 2022 Street Improvements Project 22-1.

Vote: Gulley – aye
Eastman – aye
Berry – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Justen – aye
Vitelli – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

B. Second Reading – Ordinance Adopting Licensing Regulations for Intoxicating THC Products

Assistant City Manager Dan Nowicki presented. Staff looks to hold the public hearing and approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 22-015 as presented. This Ordinance shall

be in full force and effect on January 1, 2023 and after its passage and publication according to law. Related zoning ordinance will go before the planning commission in November.

Mayor Napier opened the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Jennifer Haefner, 913 Gorman Ave – what are you voting on?

Mayor Napier closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eastman and seconded by Councilmember Gulley to approve first reading of an ordinance adopting licensing regulations for Intoxicating THC Products.

Vote: Eastman – aye
Gulley – aye
Berry – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Justen – aye
Vitelli – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

12. New Business

13. Old Business

14. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Justen and seconded by Councilmember Berry to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Vote: Justen – aye
Berry – aye
Eastman – aye
Eng-Sarne – aye
Gulley – aye
Vitelli – aye
6 ayes
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



David J. Napier
Mayor
City of West St. Paul