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**DATE:** November 18, 2019  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
Dave Perrault, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Dawn Skelly, Communications Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** 2020 State of the City Meeting

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N/A

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N/A

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**Council Should Consider**

Staff is requesting City Council choose a date and location for the 2020 annual State of the City meeting, along with presentation content topics and format.

**Background**

The State of the City meeting was moved from its annual fall timeframe to the spring to include more forward-looking news about upcoming city projects. After last year’s event, a change in location also was discussed. We will have further discussions at upcoming Council Work Sessions as we refine the event.

**Discussion**

Staff has reviewed the proposed 2020 city meetings calendar and recommends one of the following Thursday mornings, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.: February 27, March 5, or March 12, 2020. Staff has talked with representatives from Boston Scientific and Land O’Lakes, who have expressed interest in hosting the event, following tonight’s discussion staff can continue to work with the potential host sites.

Staff is also requesting direction from the City Council on topics to cover in the State of the City presentation. In the past, the following general topics have been covered:

- TCAAP redevelopment
- Current development projects
- Transportation improvement projects
- Public safety
- Parks and trails
- Financials and budget

In past years, the City has invited representatives from MnDOT and Ramsey County to present on current and planned State road improvements project as well. Staff is requesting direction from the City Council on whether these representatives should be invited to attend the State of the City this year.

**Attachments**

- A. 2020 City Meetings Calendar Draft