



Approved: July 8, 2019

**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JUNE 17, 2019
5:00 P.M. - ARDEN HILLS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor David Grant called to order the City Council Work Session at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor David Grant, Councilmembers Brenda Holden, Dave McClung, Fran Holmes and Steve Scott

Absent: None

Also present: City Administrator Dave Perrault, Community Development Manager/City Planner Mike Mroska, Bolton & Menk Consultant Planner Jane Kansier, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Sue Polka, Deputy Clerk Jolene Trauba, Lake Johanna Fire Department Chief Tim Boehlke, Assistant Chief Eric Nordeen, Deputy Chief Matt Sather, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshall Kris Rewald, Buetow 2 Architects' Modris Feders, and Ramsey County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Otto

Councilmember Holden requested Item F be added to discuss City water usage.

1. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Lake Johanna Fire Departments Needs Assessment Overview

Lake Johanna Fire Department Chief Boehlke introduced the Fire Department staff present.

Deputy Chief Sather gave a presentation highlighting the history of the Fire Department, where they have been operationally, where they are now in relation to staff and stations, and the Needs Study that was recently completed.

Mr. Feders from Buetow 2 Architects discussed potential sites for a new fire station in the southern part of the coverage area and a potential recommendation.

Chief Boehlke noted that all three cities (Arden Hills, Shoreview and North Oaks) would get equal benefit from the new facility.

Councilmember McClung felt the other potential locations would have increased costs to make them buildable.

Councilmember Holden said she thought the original idea was to buy land and wait a couple of years before building.

Chief Boehlke said they would move as quickly as allowed by the three cities. He noted the current fire station buildings would have some remodeling done to them once the new facility was built.

Councilmember Holden wondered if the training facility could be separated for others in the community to use.

Chief Boehlke said that could be talked about in the design process.

After further discussion, all Councilmembers supported moving forward with the Fire Department's recommendation.

B. State Fair Parking Review

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka stated she contacted the State Fair and they have no changes proposed for Arden Hills park and rides this year. The City had relatively no complaints about State Fair parking last year and so they propose putting signs in the same areas this year and the same quantities. They will be laminated signs on wooden stakes.

Ramsey County Sheriff Deputy Otto commented that didn't give out any tickets last year. He felt it is better to have overkill on the number of signs than to have too few. He said the entire patrol division will be informed of the locations and other deputies other than those assigned just to Arden Hills will help patrol.

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka said even though Snelling Avenue is always no parking, they will add some extra signs.

C. Old Snelling Trail and Watermain Project Discussion

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka explained a spread sheet with an overview of the construction costs for the project. There were 5 large change orders to the contract, referring to Ramsey County requests for changes to the pavement replacement sections, additional signage and storm sewer changes. There were also issues with the retaining wall design. Estimated total costs are 9.5% over the original contract, but there were also some savings in the original contract amount due to unused materials.

Discussion ensued to clarify the original contract amount versus total contract amount.

D. 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Bolton & Menk Consultant Planner Kansier said there were three issues to talk about, overall density of new development and redevelopment, location of those areas and density ranges. In

Thrive MSP 2040 every community was given a community designation, Arden Hills is designated as a Suburban Community, which tend to be second and third ring communities. Densities in Suburban Communities should average 5 units per acre. It was determined the main area of new development would be TCAAP, the rest of the areas would be mainly redevelopment; these are the Gateway Boulevard area, the Parkshore Drive area, the Red Fox/Gray Fox Road area and the County Road E area.

Bolton & Menk Consultant Planner Kansier said the overall average density is the number they need to be concerned with. There are assumptions made based on the land use category. She explained how the Metropolitan Council comes up with the density requirement for each city, based on developable acreage, and using the minimum density. She discussed the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan that would bring the minimum density to 5. The main change is increasing the minimum density in the Community Mixed Use designation to 12 units per acre and in the Town Center designation to 21 units per acre.

Community Development Manager/City Planner Mroska noted that much bigger changes than what staff are proposing would call for public hearings before they could resubmit the Plan.

After discussion, Council gave staff direction to resubmit the Comprehensive Plan as updated.

E. Council Tracker

City Administrator Perrault and staff reviewed the Council Request Tracker with the City Council. It was decided to remove 3590 Snelling Avenue N Right of Way Concerns. Warming House at Hazelnut Park and Horitas Acres were requested to be added to the list.

F. Water

Councilmember Holden said they used to get reports of City water usage and asked if they could get those numbers again. She was interested in knowing how much water the City is getting, how much is being used and how much may be wasted.

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka noted that Council had approved the water supply plan and as part of that plan an ordinance about water usage needs to be passed, it will be coming forward at a future Council meeting.

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka said Public Works keeps track of water that gets used for street sweeping, ice rinks, tree watering, jetting of sewer lines, flushing hydrants, irrigation, etc.

Staff was directed to provide actual usage numbers to the Council.

2. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND STAFF UPDATES

Councilmember Scott requested that Council receive the actual letters that are sent for neighborhood meetings.

Mayor Grant said he'd like to receive the neighborhood meeting notices by mail and email.

Community Development Manager/City Planner Mroska said he will make sure all Councilmembers get future neighborhood meeting notices by mail and email.

Councilmember Scott asked if Northern Soda could be incorporated into the All Commissions and Committees Picnic in July.


Deputy Clerk Trauba replied that Northern Soda had been discussed and they will be approached to purchase soda from them for the picnic.

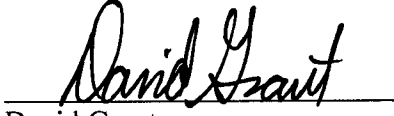
City Administrator Perrault noted that Jason Isaacson may be at a future meeting to receive a certificate of recognition.

City Administrator Perrault stated that Arden Hills Precinct 2 voting place will be moved from Valentine Hills Elementary to North Heights Lutheran Church.

ADJOURN

Mayor Grant adjourned the City Council Work Session at 7:36 p.m.


Iolene Trauba
Deputy Clerk


David Grant
Mayor