Cambridge City Council Special Meeting Minutes - Monday, June 17, 2019 (3:00 pm meeting)

A special meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, June 17, 2019, at Cambridge City Hall Council Chambers, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008.

Members Present:

Mayor James Godfrey; Council Members Kersten Conley, Marlys Palmer, Lisa

Iverson, and Bob Shogren. All present, no absences.

Staff Present:

City Administrator Woulfe, Finance Director Moe, Police Chief Schuster,

Community Development Director Westover, Utilities/Public Works Director

Schwab, and Economic Development Director Gustafson.

Call to Order

Godfrey called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Update on 2020 Budget - Library

Brian Baas presented an overview of the library design. Councilmembers were supportive of the design and asked the west entrance could be moved to the back of the building by the garden area.

Shogren inquired if an exterior handicap accessible ramp could be installed to enter the community room from the outside of the building. Baas indicated he would review the request and provide the Council with a quote to add that work to the project.

Councilmembers confirmed the layout for the lower level with the community room being on the southeast side of the building.

Godfrey moved, seconded by Shogren, to take a ten-minute break at 4:00 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Overview of Street Capital Improvement Program

Schwab reviewed the street capital improvement projects for 2022 and 2024. Schwab noted these areas are more suburban in nature as opposed to the lot/block grid system in the original townsite area of Cambridge which makes sidewalk placement a little challenging and more expensive. Schwab asked the City Council to determine an overall policy for the City's sidewalk trunk system. Staff provided examples of sidewalk on one side of all city streets and on the main collector streets for the 2022 street project.

Schwab stated the cost difference between all city streets and main collector streets in the Goldenwood project area example is \$1.9 million.

Woulfe noted that sidewalks are an important part of the City's overall transportation plan and increase the walkability of neighborhoods. However, it is important to consider installation, maintenance, and replacement costs.

After considerable discussion Iverson moved, seconded by Conley, to place sidewalks on one side of the main collector streets (Option A Map) in projects that are in neighborhoods that are more suburban in character and not in the traditional lot/block layout like the downtown area. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional discussion ensued about snow removal from sidewalks. By consensus, the Council determined not to increase the miles of sidewalks it clears and to stay with the current plan since the additional sidewalk clearing machine was removed from the long-range capital budget.

James A. Godfrey, Mayor

Adjournment

Shogren moved, seconded Conley, to adjourn the special meeting at 5:26 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Linda J. Woulfe, City Administrator