

**Cambridge City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 29, 2019**

A special meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, July 29, 2019, at Cambridge City Hall Council Chambers, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008 after being duly posted.

Members Present: Mayor James Godfrey Council Members Kersten Conley, Marlys Palmer, and Lisa Iverson.

Members Absent: Bob Shogren.

Staff Present: City Administrator Woulfe, Police Chief Schuster, Community Development Director Westover, Finance Director Moe and Public Works-Utilities Director Schwab.

**Call to Order**

Godfrey called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and read the special meeting posting notice. The purpose for the meeting was to review the citizen feedback from the Love Your City series, the service delivery survey, and review Council's work plan.

**Discussion**

Woulfe reviewed the Council's adopted goals and tied that into the feedback from the Love Your City series. The Council's first year goals are well on track and the following has been accomplished:

- Review of Police Department's Organizational Structure and discuss options with Council. This review led to going back to one detective position and creating a third sergeant's position for night shifts.
- Create a garden at the overlook area. Garden is planted and growing well. A commemorative plaque is being ordered.
- Local option Sales Tax/Library have all been achieved.
- Working on directional signage for downtown.
- Communication – held the Love Your City series, did a social and media campaign for attendance, and a survey on core services was conducted. One goal is still being worked on – live taping a Council meeting for broadcast.
- Annexation – Woulfe noted the Council should schedule a work session on this subject.

Woulfe then reviewed the feedback from the the Love Your City series:

**LOVE**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parks (8)</li><li>• Summer Events (8)</li><li>• Friendly People (6)</li><li>• Restaurants &amp; Shopping (6)</li><li>• New Library Concept (4)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Police Department (3)</li><li>• Bankshot Court (2)</li><li>• City Staff (2)</li><li>• Close to Cities (2)</li><li>• Community Garden (2)</li><li>• Co-Op (2)</li></ul> |
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- Small Town Feel (2)
- Yoga (2)
- Allina Medical Center
- Art
- Churches
- City Finance Department does well with LR Planning
- Commitment to improvements
- Dog Park

### **CHANGE**

- Things to do (7)
  - Teens
  - Kids
  - Adult Sports
  - Family Events & Amenities
- YMCA or Community Center (5)
- Splash Pad (5)
- More Bike Paths, Trails and Connected Trails (5)
- Fill unoccupied buildings (Ben Franklin, Office Max, etc.) (3)
- City wide clean-up day in May – City hands out trash bags and picks them up later (2)

### **NO LOVE**

- Nothing for Kids/Teens/Families to do (3)
- Mosquitoes – more frequent spraying (2)
- City controls trash service
- Drug prevalence
- Fix 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
- Lack of housing/yard ordinance enforcement
- Loud illegal exhaust systems
- Minimal Public Transportation
- More park and trail surveillance
- No groceries on the west side of town
- Noise Control for loud car stereos
- Parks & River need clean up
- Potholes
- Property Taxes
- Slow & Stopped trains

- ECFE Programs
- Everything
- Growing Downtown
- Ice Rinks
- Kid Friendly/Safe Community
- Main Street & Downtown
- Public Works is Awesome
- Quiet
- Schools

- More Public Art (2)
- Property Taxes (2)
- Bike Racks downtown
- Bring back Citizens Academy
- Crosswalk by Methodist Church
- Golf Driving Nets/Range
- Grocery Store on West side of town
- HWY 95 Overpass
- Indoor batting cage
- J-Turns on HWY 65
- Live Jazz Music
- Shuffleboard near Walker Levande
- Sidewalk b/t Town Square Apts and Carriage Hills Drive should close or needs surveillance
- Stop sign for bikes at 24<sup>th</sup> by Brown Park

- Traffic / Trains
- Use of herbicides & pesticides

Woulfe reviewed the information from the core services survey. Woulfe noted people responding to the survey had to rank items between one and ten with one being most important and ten being least important. Woulfe noted that 197 survey responses were received. The response rankings were:

<b>Single Ranking from 1 - 10</b>	<b>Cumulatively Ranked (Total of 1-10 rankings)</b>
Police	Police
Fire	Fire
Timely plowing	Timely plowing
Road Maintenance	Road Maintenance
Econ Dev/Job Creation	Park Development
Quality of Life	Economic Development
Park Events	Park Events
Code Enforcement	Quality of Life
Lower Property Taxes	Lower Property Taxes
Park Development	Code Enforcement

Woulfe noted that many of the items the City Council was working on such as Highway 95 and trains. Woulfe asked for Council feedback on what she thought citizens were saying about the lack of things to do for teens, kids, adult sports, and family events and how the City could encourage entrepreneurship in this area.

Councilmembers echoed that it is not the City’s responsibility to provide entertainment and that should be driven by the private sector. Godfrey stated he would someday like to see the City have a Parks Department that planned programming for summer activities for kids much like we are doing now. Iverson stated it is often a kid’s complaint that there is nothing to do but want that really means is that they don’t want to do anything. Conley stated there are local entrepreneurs who are trying to fill this void such as K & A mini golf and the City should promote this type of development. Palmer stated she feels this void needs to be filled by the private sector and the City needs to focus on core service delivery.

Councilmembers asked staff to create a survey that could drill down on this question and get better feedback with respect to what people are asking for.

It was noted that the Methodist Church would like to paint a rainbow crosswalk by their church at the stop sign. Council agreed to see a sketch and determine whether or not it is a good fit for that location.

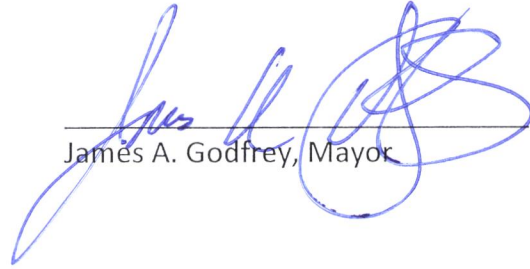
Conley asked about a spring time clean up. Schwab responded with prior issues the City had with people dumping paint and other chemicals in the bags and the City ended up with issues with the MPCA and huge costs to get rid of the material. Palmer echoed the issues out at the former compost site where residents would bring trash, couches, and mattresses so it had to be closed.

Council discussed bringing back the Citizens Academy and doing it as a one-day event instead of six weeks long. Woulfe stated she would lay out a plan for a one-day event this fall and bring it back to Council.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business before the City Council, Palmer moved, seconded by Conley, to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

James A. Godfrey, Mayor



ATTEST:

Lynda J. Woulfe, City Administrator

