

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF FRIDLEY  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

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The City Council meeting for the City of Fridley was called to order by Mayor Lund at 7:04 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Lund  
Councilmember Barnette  
Councilmember Tillberry  
Commissioner Eggert

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Bolkom

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Wally Wysopal, City Manager  
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director  
James Kosluchar, Public Works Director  
Brandon Brodhag, Civil Engineer  
Cassandra Wolfgram, City Attorney

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**1. City Council Meeting of January 28, 2019.**

**APPROVED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2. Claims (183887 – 184086; PCard 1901).**

**APPROVED.**

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Barnette to adopt the proposed consent agenda as presented.  
Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

**UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OPEN FORUM, VISITORS:**

**John Connolly**, North Metro Chamber, updated Council on Chamber activities and what is happening in the business community. The Chamber is offering a toolkit to help businesses adapt during the 35W MnPass construction that will take three years to complete. There will be

a lot of diversion and additional traffic on Central and University Avenues during this construction.

**Councilmember Eggert** asked for more information on the 35W project.

**Mr. Connolly** replied that construction is from Lino Lakes to County Road C and will involve lane closures and diverting traffic. It is a three-year project and the Chamber will communicate with businesses to offer a toolkit to send to guests via the website to keep them updated on how long it will take guests to get to their business. This should help break down barriers so businesses can stay open during construction. Construction will start sometime in April. In the end it will be wonderful and much better than what it is now.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Tillberry to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

**UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**3. Resolution Receiving Report and Calling for Hearing on Improvement for the 2019 Street Rehabilitation Project No. 2019-01.**

**Brandon Brodhag**, Civil Engineer, stated on October 8, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution 2018-51 directing preparation of a feasibility report for the 2019 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2019-01. The project is proposed for 69th Avenue, University Avenue East Service Road and 71st Avenue near City of Fridley Civic Campus. On January 22, 2019, property owners and Council members were invited to attend an open house to discuss the project. Forty-seven properties received notice of the open house via U.S. Mail. There are ten properties in the project area that would be subject to assessment under the proposed project.

**Mr. Brodhag** said staff gave a presentation to twelve attendees including Councilmember Barnette. Highlights of the presentation included project overview, construction impacts, anticipated schedule, assessments and payment schedule. Following the presentation, the meeting was opened to questions and comments from the group. Several property owners stayed after the meeting to ask individual questions regarding the project. Concerns were raised from the residents about construction traffic/access, specifically, with the Pulte development, and Woodcrest Baptist Church. Other traffic access concerns were brought to our attention by the Holiday Station Store and CTM Truck. Staff responded that they would work with their contractor to minimize traffic disruptions as much as possible during construction.

**Mr. Brodhag** added that a questionnaire was given to the property owners who attended the open house, requesting information and input on other project aspects, including access during construction and utility services. After the City Council adopted the resolution, staff resumed

final preparation of the feasibility report. The feasibility report includes consideration of public comment and concerns received through open house discussion, property surveys, and telephone conversations.

**Mr. Brodhag** said the feasibility report, concludes that the project is necessary as included in the City of Fridley's proposed Long-Term Street Maintenance Program, and 2019-23 Capital Investment Program. The project is cost-effective, and will result in reduced maintenance requirements within the project area and a long-term savings to the City. The project is feasible and is funded in the proposed FY2019 budget. Staff recommends the City Council adopt the resolution receiving the Feasibility Report for 2019 Street Rehabilitation Project No. ST2019-01 and calling for a public hearing on the proposed improvements on March 11, 2019. If the City Council adopts the attached resolution at this meeting, public hearing notices will be sent to property owners abutting the project area and the public hearing will be advertised in the official newspaper.

**Mayor Lund** noted that this may or may not go forward depending on Locke Point Boulevard and when construction can start. That construction needs to be done prior to this project starting. If it gets too late, it may get delayed.

**Jim Kosluchar**, Public Works Director, replied that staff will go through the hearing process and get plans ready for bid.

**Mayor Lund** noted that Pulte is moving right along even with the inclement weather. The majority of the lots have been sold.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Barnette to adopt Resolution No. 2019-08 and changing the date of the public hearing mentioned in Paragraph 5 of the resolution from February 25 to March 11, 2019. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

**UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **4. Resolution Adopting ADA Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way.**

**Brandon Brodhag**, Civil Engineer, stated that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), enacted on July 26, 1990, is a civil rights law prohibiting discrimination against individuals on the basis of disability. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires cities to adopt ADA Transition Plans in order to receive federal funding for transportation projects in the future. The City of Fridley has never developed a formal ADA Transition Plan before. The proposed plan, which can be found on the City's website, focuses only on transportation-related facilities within public rights-of-way, and details how those facilities will be made accessible to all individuals. This item includes one phase of an overall transition plan for the City of Fridley to comply with the Act's requirements. Other phases of this plan include transition plans for park elements and facilities, which will be the next part of transition compliance to be formally considered.

**Mr. Brodhag** noted that Fridley staff has conducted a self-evaluation of its facilities within public rights-of-way and has developed this Transition Plan detailing how the organization will ensure that all of those facilities are accessible to all individuals. Staff collected data on the existing condition of pedestrian ramps and coordinated with local partners that also contain facilities within the City limits (Anoka County and MnDOT). As required, a City-wide public open house was conducted on January 16, 2019. A comment was received from a resident and was considered in preparation of the final version of the plan.

**Mr. Brodhag** said the plan also identifies priority area locations, and a schedule to become ADA compliant. Priority areas are near schools, medical facilities, City facilities, and locations identified based on public feedback. The schedule provides a goal of 90% compliance of features in the City's right-of-way within 20 years. The plan includes annual budget estimates that will bring the City into full compliance over time. This plan will guide future Capital Investment Plans and project planning. Facilities will be reconstructed when adjacent to a street improvement, and also as designated to conform to the plan's schedule. Funding for these projects is generated by the street reserve and grant funding when obtainable by staff. Maintenance of these improvements would be in accordance with our existing maintenance practices, including those for snow and ice removal.

**Mr. Brodhag** stated that a grievance procedure is provided as a tool for staff to identify where the plan may be nonresponsive to a need in the community. The plan is intended to be a living document that will be receive routine updates. The first scheduled update will occur one year from the plan's formal adoption and on a four-year cycle thereafter. Appendices will be updated annually if new information is available. Staff recommends the City Council move to approve the resolution adopting the ADA Transition Plan for Public Rights-of-Way. If approved, the plan will go into effect and be shared with appropriate agencies and the public.

**Councilmember Eggert** said the ramps are fully compliant which fits in with other cities. We have been working on this for quite a few years, and the specifications increased and changed to make some of the work that has been done non-compliant.

**Mr. Brodhag** replied the standard has kept changing since 1990.

**MOTION** by Councilmember Tillberry to adopt Resolution No. 2019-09. Seconded by Councilmember Barnette.

**UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **5. Informational Status Reports.**

**Mayor Lund** asked residents to watch their mailbox for information on the corridor study and how to improve Highway 65 and University Avenue. A series of workshops have been scheduled. The first workshop will be held on Thursday, February 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Civic Center. Activities will be available for children. This is an opportunity to make your voice heard. Workshops will be held every other Thursday for the next two months.

**Councilmember Tillberry** added the workshops will be well-run and concise. The two hours are well worth it and will help us in the decision we have to make later.

**Jim Kosluchar** said the information will also be posted on the City's website.

**Councilmember Eggert** said this week the Fridley Community Theater is presenting "Fools." The Fridley Fire Department badge ceremony is on Sunday night to honor our firefighters.

**Mayor Lund** said the Lions wine tasting is at Banquets of Minnesota on Friday, February 22, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and includes food tasting with 10 area restaurants and beer vendors. 300 tickets are available. On March 1, there will be a chili contest for Lee Carlson Center from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on the Lee Carlson website. March 2 is the Spring Spree at Springbrook Nature Center. This provides funding for scholarships and programming at Springbrook Nature Center.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION** by Councilmember Barnette to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Eggert.

**UPON A VOICE VOTE, ALL VOTING AYE, MAYOR LUND DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:51 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Peterson  
Recording Secretary

Scott J. Lund  
Mayor