



Draft Minutes
Special City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 6:30pm
Council Chambers
(315 Main St S) or Remote Meeting

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Meeting ID: 148 324 8429

In attendance – Mayor Carl Pederson, Councilor Steve Ovick (remotely), Councilor Brian Scholin (remotely), and Councilor Mary Kay Sloan (remotely).

Absent – Councilor Gina Pettie.

Staff in attendance – City Administrator Matthew Van Steenwyk, Public Works Supervisor Maury Montbriand, and City Engineer (SEH) Greg Anderson.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing 2019 Street Reconstruction Project –

Public hearing was opened at approximately 6:31 pm.

Anderson provided an overview of the project. Anderson also identified recent changes to the special assessment table that was previously provided to the public in individual letters. Anderson noted that some of the changes were related to the water and sewer connections points. Anderson noted that the project is not yet closed and that the contractor will be out in the spring to address the weed issue. Anderson noted that the 1 year warranty commences when the final payment is made on the project. Direction from Council to keep the

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project open until the weed issue is resolved. Anderson and Van Steenwyk provided an overview of the assessment process, the 30 day pre pay window, and the 3% interest over a 15 year period of the assessments.

Miller inquired if a 3rd party could be brought in to address the weeds. Anderson noted that it is on the contractor to finish.

Multiple complaints related to the weed issue were noted.

Jim France noted appreciate for a job well done but noted that it was more than seed needed. France noted that his curbstop is not currently located and that needs to be completed.

A resident asked why Westchester is so much lower than it was. Anderson provided response related to the drainage and ditch removal.

A resident at 445 6th Ave noted that his concrete drive was broken at spots. He did note that the contractor sealed. The resident was directed to reach out to staff if the issue gets worse through the winter.

A resident asked if the full amount was due now. Van Steenwyk noted it was over a 15-year period on their assessments.

A resident inquired on the difference from some projects not being assessed and others being assessed. Pederson noted that some projects are paid for out of the operating, such as Mill and Overlay, and the major street projects are those that are assessed.

A resident noted that there is failing curb around 500 1st NE. Anderson noted for inspection.

A resident asked if the assessed values are on top of the existing taxes due. It was noted that they were in addition to any existing taxes.

An inquiry was made on the slope of some of the driveways and if they were ADA compliant. Anderson noted that there were no ADA requirements on driveways as they are not pedestrian in nature.

Stransky, 645 2nd St NE, noted that they did have a wetland delineation which would exclude some of their property from assessment. Staff and Anderson were directed to verify and adjust the assessment to be in-line with the assessment policy.

The Public Hearing was closed at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Resolution #20-52, Adopting Final Assessments for the 2019 Street Improvements – *Motion by Sloan, seconded by Ovick, to approve Resolution #20-52 Adopting the Final Assessments for the 2019 Street Improvements with the noted adjustment to be done for the Stransky parcel, if the wetland delineation supports such an action. On a roll-call vote Pederson, Ovick, Sloan, and Scholin, voted in favor and none against.*

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ovick, seconded by Scholin at approximately 7:10 p.m.

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