

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 13, 2021
6:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lisa Iverson called the City Council Special Meeting of the Wyoming City Council for January 13, 2021 to order at 6:01 PM

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming City Council were present: Councilmembers Lisa Iverson, Linda Nanko Yeager, Dennis Schilling, Brett Ohnstad and Claire Luger

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Robb Linwood, City Administrator, Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator, Public Safety Director, Paul Hoppe, Building Official/Zoning Administrator Fred Weck, City Engineer Mark Erichson, WSB, Engineer Paul Hornsby, WSB, Jonathan Loose, Wold Architects, and Melissa Stein, Wold Architects

Mayor Iverson – Read aloud a statement explaining that the Council is meeting via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She explained that tonight's meeting would be held according to State Statute 13D.021 and will be recorded as part of the public record.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wold Architects Needs Assessment

Jonathan Loose and Melissa Stein of Wold Architects gave a presentation to the Wyoming city council an update of the needs assessment of existing city facilities. Wold discussed the guiding principles for the needs assessment that included the following: Focus on Function and Operations, Sustainability, Financial Resilience They discussed the condition assessment and deferred maintenance items at all city facilities. Examples included buildings not being ADA complaint in entrances, bathrooms and shower rooms not being ADA compliant, buildings not being sprinkled, roof conditions, electrical systems end of life, HVAC issues, lack of fire alarm systems, ventilation in fire bays, pest issues in buildings, security issues and ballistic security issues at police department.

Representatives from Wold continued to explain how the core planning group prioritized the most important aspects of building improvements that included Life Safety, Deterioration, Health Issues, Accessibility Issue, Hazardous Materials, Energy Issues, Modernization and Hazardous Materials. Wold architects presented the council with a spreadsheet of priorities and costs for city hall, the police station, public works and the fire station. Wold then discussed the assessment of each building and the normal space standards that would be seen for normal industry standard currently. Wold went on to discuss options on the existing facilities that included do nothing, replace with all new buildings, reuse city hall for a public safety facility, have a new public safety facility and renovate city hall. City Administrator Linwood then explained to the council that he would ask that the facility information be added to the long term plan so we can present the council some options and different financial scenarios. The council did agree to move forward with the information and have facility options presented in the long term plan.

2. East Viking Blvd Utility Project

Mark Erichson and Paul Hornsby from WSB Engineering gave a presentation to the council discussing the project of upsizing the sewer along East Viking Blvd, between Fallbrook Ave. and Fenwick Ave. this spring. Council indicated that communication about navigation of detours and how to access local businesses in the detour area would be a critical item. Mr. Hornsby did explain that there would be a detour to the Sunrise Prairie Trail that would go from around East Viking Blvd, Fenwick Ave and back up Wyoming Trail. The Engineers then discussed the timelines on the project and the communication efforts to businesses and residents that included Postcards, a business handout mailed, a downloadable business toolkit, and an animated detour video. The city council did ask that staff work with the school district and other events (MS150) to ensure they are prepared for the detours.

3. Hwy 8 Design Discussion

City Engineer Erichson presented a map of the corridor and service roads presented by Chisago County. Mr. Erichson went through the design and allowed to have the council ask questions and provide input on the design. After considerable discussion the council had consensus they were not in favor of the designs that had reduced conflict intersections. It was also discussed if the planning commission and EDA had any thoughts if the design allows for economic development and will not encourage motorists to stop in Wyoming and utilize our businesses. Both the Planning Commission and EDA thought that the service roads and the continued access would be positive for continued development. The input was stated to try to ensure the road design encouraged traffic to stop in Wyoming.

MAYOR IVERSON ADJOURNED THE JANUARY 13, 2021 WYOMING CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING AT 8:13PM