Breezy Point City Council October 17, 2023 – 1:00 pm City Council Workshop Minutes

A workshop of the Breezy Point City Council began at 1:00pm. Councilmembers present were Rebecca Ball, Steve Jensen, Michael Moroni, and Mayor Angel Zierden as well as City Administrator David Chanski, Assistant City Administrator Daniel Eick, Police Chief Brian Sandell, and Public Works Supervisor Joe Zierden. Also in attendance were Paul Sandy with WSB, Mike Angland and Lindsey Kriens with Widseth, and Sheldon Cohen with Resource Management Associates. Councilmember Brad Scott was absent. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the preliminary design of Buschmann Road and schematic design of city hall.

Paul Sandy with WSB first walked the City Council through the preliminary design of Buschmann Road. After his presentation, the City Council discussed the design with the majority of discussion being around the easement acquisition process. Those members present shared a strong desire to ensure that the process is transparent and affected property owners have the opportunity to publicly discuss potential impacts. Ultimately, the members present shared a desire for the proposed Phase II (final design) be split into two halves with the first half bringing the City through easement acquisition and the second half being final design approval and project bidding.

The councilmembers also discussed concerns around the truck traffic on Buschmann. City Administrator Chanski stated that, in preparation for the City Council to consider the final design proposal in December, staff and engineers will meet with Anderson Brothers Construction and other aggregate haulers to have discussions around the operations of the gravel pits in the vicinity of Buschmann Road and their use of Buschmann Road.

Following the discussion on Buschmann Road, the City Council conducted a short recess at 2:16pm and reconvened at 2:22pm. Mayor Zierden departed the meeting during the recess.

Upon reconvening, Lindsey Kriens and Mike Angland with Widseth led the City Council through a detailed walkthrough of the schematic design of the proposed city hall building including proposed community center. After working through each element of the design, the members present were in agreement to move forward with final design for the proposed city hall building including library space and community room but not to further pursue the proposed community center.

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The workshop was adjourned at 3:38pm.
David Chanski, City Administrator/Clerk

