

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Work Session was held on May 9, 2022 at the Spring Lake Park City Hall, 1301 81st Avenue NE, at 5:30 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Robert Nelson

Councilmember Ken Wendling

Councilmember Brad Delfs

Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff

Councilmember Lisa Dircks

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Building Official Jeff Baker, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Buchholtz

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Bower, MnDOT Metro District North Area Engineer; Marcell Walker, Bolton & Menk, Inc; David Elvin, MnDOT Metro District Principal Planner

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review Proposed Nuisance Ordinance Amendment (Noise)

Administrator Buchholtz presented proposed amendments to the City's nuisance ordinance relating to noise. He said the proposed ordinance moves noise regulations from under Section 9.20.020(D) to a new section, 9.20.020(E). He stated the proposed language defined prohibited noises and declared them a public nuisance, places hourly restrictions on the use of domestic power equipment, refuse hauling, construction activities and music devices, allows the City Council to require persons applying for a zoning change to submit a noise impact statement, and prohibits people from participating in any party or other gathering giving rise to noise, disturbing the peace, quiet and repose of other persons. He said there was an exception for emergency work. He stated that the new nuisance language can be more easily enforced by Code Enforcement and the Police Department than current language.

Council held considerable discussion on the hourly restrictions for certain operations, building consensus that hourly restrictions should be every day rather than separated between weekdays and weekends to minimize confusion for residents. The Council came to consensus to limit domestic power equipment usage between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm daily and construction hours between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm daily. A question was raised about whether the new language would increase citizen expectations on noise enforcement.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the same noise complaints the City receives currently will likely continue, but that the new ordinance will provide staff tools to address the complaints.

Discussion moved to the need for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Administrator Buchholtz stated that there was nothing in state law that would require a hearing. He said that staff can post information about the proposed ordinance on Facebook. He said that the proposed ordinance is posted on the City's website.

CONSENSUS OF THE CITY COUNCIL was to direct staff to solicit public feedback on the ordinance and present it to the City Council at a future meeting.

B. Trunk Highway 47/65 Phase 2 Update Presentation

Chris Bower and David Elvin, MnDOT, and Marcell Walker, Bolton & Menk, gave a presentation on Minnesota State Highway 65 and Highway 47 safety improvements. They provided an overview of the crash history of these corridors, noting that there were 7 fatalities on State Highway 47 between 2015-2019. They reported that a number of short-term safety projects were completed as an outcome of the 2018 Road Safety Audit, which includes new striping, updated striping, new four section left flashing arrow upgrade, new LED lighting and upgraded LED lighting. They outlined proposed 2025 improvements scheduled for Highway 47 and Highway 65 in Spring Lake Park. These improvements include curb radii tightening and ADA improvements at Osborne Rd/Highway 47; curb radii tightening and ADA improvements at 81st Avenue/Highway 47, curb radii tightening at 83rd Avenue/Highway 47; curb radii tightening and median refuge at Osborne Rd/Highway 65, median refuge at 81st Avenue/Highway 65; and median extension at 85th Avenue/Highway 65.

They noted that there is a long-term Pedestrian and Environmental Linkages Study which is primarily focused on vehicle safety, corridor safety for walkers/bicyclists and pavement condition. Secondary considerations included mobility for walkers/bicyclists and vehicle mobility. Additional considerations included cost effectiveness and consistency with local, state and regional plans, programs and projects. He said MnDOT is in the concept development process right now.

They stated that a number of options are on the table right now and that there will be a strong public engagement process, including holding community workshops and attending community festivals.

Discussion surrounded possible long-term concepts for the Highway 47 and Highway 65 corridors, including shared-use paths, added pedestrian lighting, intersection modifications, roadway modifications, traffic signal improvements, access management, enhanced crosswalks and enhanced connectivity to transit. Councilmembers encouraged Mr. Walker to get in contact with the Recreation Department about obtaining a booth at Tower Days.

No action was taken on this item.

C. Performance Standard Ordinance Update

Administrator Buchholtz apprised the City Council of the performance standards ordinance update. He stated that the consensus of the Planning Commission was to create two sets of exterior standards; one for commercial districts with strong exterior standards and one for the light industrial district which would permit metal siding so long as its use would better integrate the building with the surrounding area and further the intent of the ordinance.

After discussion on the proposed ordinance, the Council requested staff to schedule a joint work session with the City Council to further discuss the ordinance.

D. Development Update

Administrator Buchholtz stated that he has received a development inquiry for three parcels near the southwest corner of CSAH 10 and Spring Lake Park Road. He said the inquiry was either a one-story, 40-unit assisted living/memory care facility or a three-story, 95-100 unit senior market rate apartment building. He stated that the developer's preference was for the assisted living/memory care project, but that the developer would be requesting tax increment financing for the project as the cost of land acquisition was higher than their pro-forma. He said the senior market rate apartment would require no subsidy.

Councilmembers expressed support for the memory care/assisted living project but reluctance to granting a business subsidy to facilitate the project. Opinions were split on the market rate senior apartment. Administrator Buchholtz stated he would share the City Council's discussion with the developer to help inform how they might proceed.

3. REPORTA. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz stated that work on the 2022 Street Project would begin the week of May 9.

B. Councilmember Reports -- None**4. ADJOURN**

Mayor Nelson adjourned the work session at 6:50pm.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer