

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 February 21, 2023 at the City Hall, 1301 81st Ave NE, at 7:30 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Nelson
Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember April Moran

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Lisa Dircks (attended meeting by Zoom)

STAFF PRESENT

Administrator Buchholtz
Police Chief Antoine

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Statement of Values Policy

The City Council reviewed the Statement of Values policy. Discussion surrounded proper decorum at City Council meetings and the expectation that there be greater respect shown in interpersonal communication between Councilmembers.

Councilmember Dircks requested that the following be added to Statement #9(d): I consider the potential long-term consequences and implications of my words, actions and inactions.

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL was to direct staff to draft the amendment and present the policy for approval at the March 6, 2023 Council Meeting.

B. City Hall Renovation Update

Administrator Buchholtz stated that Architect Bruce Paulson, Stantec, presented the preliminary design to the employees for their feedback on February 7, 2023. He stated that he will meet with the City's Financial Advisor, George Eilertson of Northland Securities, on February 23, 2023 to discuss the steps necessary to prepare the issuance of a General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan bond to finance the City Hall renovation/expansion project. He provided an overview of the public information strategy, stating that staff has been

drafting articles for inclusion in the City newsletter, presenting information at public meetings and preparing materials for a future open house session. He stated that staff has been working on alternatives to in-person absentee voting and alternative locations for hosting City Council and Planning Commission meetings during the City Hall construction.

Members of the City Council inquired about staff ideas on providing in-person absentee voting during the 2024 election season. Members also discussed shifting space from the Council Chambers to the multi-purpose room to make it more functional.

3. REPORT

A. Council Reports (an opportunity for Councilmembers to share reports/information from meetings they have attended)

No reports.

B. Administrator Report

No reports.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Nelson adjourned the work session at 8:35pm.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer