

Minutes of the Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Champlin in the County of Hennepin and the State of Minnesota  
Pursuant to Due Call and Notice Thereof

Committee-of-the-Whole  
April 12, 2010  
Municipal Center

- Call to Order                   The Champlin City Council met as a Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) and was called to order by Mayor Mark Uglem at 6:00 p.m.
- Roll Call                        Present were Mayor Mark Uglem, Councilmembers Eric Johnson, ArMand Nelson, Greg Payer and Julia Whalen.
- Absent: no one.
- Also present were City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, Community Development Director John Cox, City Engineer Tim Hanson, City Clerk Roberta Colotti and City Attorney Darrell Jensen.
- Approval of Agenda           Motion by Councilmember Whalen and seconded by Councilmember Payer to approve the April 12, (April 12, 2010)           2010 COW agenda as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Uglem, Councilmembers Johnson, Motion                           Nelson, Payer and Whalen. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Douglas Drive                 The City Engineer reported that the Douglas Drive project improvements consist of reconstructing Reconstruction                 Douglas Drive from Douglas Court to West River Road and the reconstruction of West River Road from Colorado Avenue to Edgewood Avenue. He stated that the improvements are consistent with the Preliminary Design Layout 3, which was approved by the City Council on August 11, 2008.
- The City Engineer stated that the latest project schedule developed by Hennepin County, identifies construction starting in September of 2010 and project completion in November of 2011. He then reviewed the project schedule details, including project phasing and road closures.
- The City Engineer reviewed the proposed project assessments. He stated that assessments are proposed to parcels that have not been previously assessed for street improvements. The assessments include: streets, lateral storm sewer and street lighting.
- The City Engineer stated that the assessment hearing is planned for October 10, 2011.
- The City Engineer stated that in approximately the next week, the County will update the Project costs.
- Mayor Uglem commented that this was a very good project and noted that it would take awhile to complete the project.
- Councilmember Payer asked that the Engineer explain the delay in starting this project. He stated that the County had said they would start the project in the fall of 2009 and complete it in 2010. Now it is scheduled to start in 2010 and be completed in 2011.
- The City Engineer stated that the County has been working on this project and the right-of-way acquisition has taken longer than anticipated. With approximately 100 parcels along the project and 80 involved in the acquisition of easements.
- The City Administrator stated that the 2009/2010 timeframe had been presented by the County during our preliminary meetings with them.
- Councilmember Payer stated that he thought they had a commitment from the County for the 2009/2010 timeframe, but it has slid, much to his disappointment. He commented that by the time we have great trails along this section of roadway, for area students, the School District will begin offering bussing to students in this area.
- Councilmember Payer asked if the assessment percentages would be the same for lighting for this

project as by way of example they would be along his street.

The City Engineer stated that this project provides for a 20% reduction due to the intensity of the lighting along this project.

Councilmember Payer asked if the City assessed for lighting along the Hayden Lake Road project.

The City Engineer reported that we did not assess for lighting along the Hayden Lake Road project.

Councilmember Payer stated that while he is accepting of the streets and lateral storm sewer assessments, he would like to review the proposed street lighting assessments.

Councilmember Whalen referencing, Figure 9, questioned the design of the middle lights.

The City Engineer stated that those lights were part of the traffic signal design area.

Councilmember Johnson asked if the School District was aware of the proposed road closure schedule.

The City Engineer stated that the School District is aware of the project and that we need to fine tune the schedule.

Councilmember Johnson, referencing, Figure 2, asked the City Engineer to explain how the project goes from a 4-lane divided roadway to a 4-lane turn lane.

The City Engineer stated that the roadway just tappers in. Similar to what you see on the Interstate it just drops a lane. He stated that there would be signage to indicate that the lane ends.

Mayor Uglem stated that the City Council did discuss this design with the County as the Council did not like this design option. He questioned what the reasoning was for the County moving this design option forward.

The City Engineer stated that the projected traffic volumes did not meet the 4-lane design standard need assessment.

Councilmember Johnson stated that he hopes the landscaping of the round-a-bout will be better than the existing ones to prevent people from driving through the center. He stated that the north-south traffic along Douglas Drive is likely to assume they have the right-of-way.

The City Administrator stated that improvements have been made to the existing round-a-bouts including up lighting the trees so the center can be identified from a distance. He also stated that the traffic along Douglas Drive will not be traveling at the same speed as along 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The City Engineer added that the proposed round-a-bout will have increased street lighting.

Councilmember Nelson commented that the lighting of the round-a-bout was a concern of his as well.

Councilmember Nelson questioned the status of the pond acquisition.

The City Engineer stated that two ponds had been acquired and he did not know the current status of the other two ponds.

Councilmember Nelson stated that he was concerned about the lane design near the 5-8 Bar & Grill, as there is a hill, which could cause problems.

Councilmember Nelson commented on the right turn lane, noting that it was designed that way to minimize the impact on the abutting properties.

Mayor Uglem stated that while the design was not optimal for the roadway, it was for the landowners.

Mayor Uglem asked the City Engineer if he felt we were still in a favorable bidding environment.

The City Engineer stated that we are still in a favorable bidding environment.

Mayor Uglem stated that he hopes everyone understands the need for the road project and the timing of the project. He stated that the assessment hearing would be scheduled in 2011. He asked how long the assessment was finance out.

The City Engineer stated that the assessment would be for a 15-year period. He stated that property owners can pre-pay the assessment or can have it placed on the levy, but must decide before the assessment date is established.

Mayor Uglem announced that there would be an Open House for this project on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The Committee-of-the-Whole meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Mark W. Uglem, Mayor

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Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk