

- Call to Order                   The Champlin City Council met in Worksession and was called to order by Mayor Ryan Karasek at 5:30 p.m.
- Roll Call                        Present were Mayor Ryan Karasek, Councilmembers Jessica Tesdall (Ward 1), Eric Johnson (Ward 2), Nate Truesdell (Ward 3) and Ryan Sabas (Ward 4).
- Absent: None.
- Also Present: City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, City Engineer Tim Hanson, City Clerk Roberta Colotti, and City Attorney David Schaps.
- Approval of Agenda  
(January 23, 2017)  
Motion                         Motion by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Sabas to approve the agenda for the January 23, 2017 Worksession as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Karasek, Councilmembers Tesdall, Johnson, Truesdell, and Sabas.
- 2017 Trail Improvement  
Projects                        The Park Facilities Manager and City Engineer presented the trail segments that are failing and are proposed for reconstruction as part of the 2017 Trail Improvement Project. They provided detail on each of the proposed segments. The City Council will be asked to take action at the Regular Council meeting this evening to approve the plans and specifications and order advertisement of bids for the 2017 Trail Improvement Project No. 21608. The segments have been prioritized and depending on the outcome of the bid certain segments may not be included in the final project work. The City Council retains the right to modify the project following receipt of the bids. A combination of Capital Improvement funds and grant funds will be used for this project.
- The City Council reviewed the details of the trail segments and parking areas. They identified the need to provide a final ranking of trail segments based on the bid results as well as providing direction to staff to further review the identified parking areas in order to make a determination regarding the need to include them in the final project.
- The City Engineer confirmed that the City Council will be able to remove/modify the final work following receipt of the bids prior to ordering the work.
- T.H.169 Improvement  
Project – Update             The City Engineer stated that the proposed improvements to T.H. 169 are subject to State and Federal requirements due to funding sources and roadway ownership. The Minnesota Department of Transportation requires responses for noise walls and Municipal consent.
- The City Engineer reported that Municipal Consent is based on the final project layout which identifies the final project design elements. The final layout has been submitted to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDot), however; MnDot is still reviewing the plans. Municipal consent cannot be completed until the final layout has MnDot approval.
- The City Engineer reported that the City held a public hearing on this project on January 17, 2017 which was attended by 17 residents.
- The City Engineer stated that based on formal votes cast and verbal statements to date it appears that none of the noise walls will be constructed.
- Landscape Improvements  
The City Engineer presented initial concepts for landscaping.
- Councilmember Tesdall questioned if the landscaping showing near the strip mall would encourage drivers to cross the median.

The City Engineer stated that the median was not designed to be crossed by traffic and that they could review options to further discourage traffic from crossing in this area.

Councilmember Tesdall asked if the installation of an electronic message board on the the north side had been considered.

The City Administrator stated the City could look at locations for a possible electronic message board, noting that this would be a City expense.

Councilmember Johnson identified that the landscaping decreased from the urban landscape to high speed zones and questioned if additional landscaping could be installed.

The City Engineer stated that as speed increases there is less that you can do with landscaping due to clear zone requirements. He noted that there are currently small trees along T.H. 169 which will grow over time. However, he agreed that this is something for further discussion.

Councilmember Johnson also identified the need for landscaping from the end of the project area to 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Councilmember Johnson asked if the City would be responsible for ongoing maintenance once the landscaping was installed and if so, what the impact on Public Works staffing levels would be.

The City Engineer confirmed ongoing maintenance would be the City's responsibility and that the Public Works Department has been involved in the planning process. The installation of irrigation would reduce the maintenance burden.

The City Administrator asked if the City Council was comfortable with the proposed hardscape color.

Mayor Karasek stated that for their consideration, the hardscape is beige whereas the Dam is gray.

Councilmember Sabas stated that the beige is brighter which is better for this area.

Councilmember Tesdall stated that the hardscape color will match the existing City entryway signs.

Councilmember Johnson asked if there would be lighting with the underpass.

The City Engineer stated that they are currently working on a lighting plan. One thought is to box out the lighting and angle it downward.

Councilmember Johnson asked if there would be security cameras with the underpass and parklike area.

The City Engineer stated that the 2017 street reconstruction project will include fiber cable that could be used for cameras. However, there will be a gap between the project area and City Hall that will need to be filled in to complete the fiber line.

Councilmember Sabas asked if the underpass would be large enough to drive through.

The City Engineer confirmed that the underpass would be large enough to drive through, noting that the floor is being re-enforced.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the Worksession at 6:47 p.m.

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Ryan Karasek, Mayor

Attest:

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Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk