

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

Worksession
March 28, 2016
Municipal Center

- Call to Order The Champlin City Council met in Worksession and was called to order by Mayor ArMand Nelson at 6:02 p.m.
- Roll Call Present were Mayor ArMand Nelson and Councilmembers Eric Johnson, Ryan Karasek, Bruce Miller and Kara Terry.
- Absent: None.
- Also present were City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, Park Facilities Manager Charlie Lehn, and City Attorney Scott Lepak.
- Approval of Agenda
(March 28, 2016)
Motion Motion by Councilmember Karasek and seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the agenda for the March 28, 2016 Worksession as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Johnson, Karasek, Miller and Terry. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Update on Three Rivers
West Mississippi River
Trail Anne Rexine, Planner for Three Rivers Park District, gave a presentation regarding the West Mississippi Regional Trail. She reported that the City of Dayton recently reached consensus on alignment G. She stated that the segments in Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park are 95% complete, which would then leave only the segments in Champlin and Dayton to be constructed. She provided information on the public outreach they have conducted in the past year. She reported that the segment rated highest by Champlin residents was from points A to B.
- Ms. Rexine requested a letter of support from the City of Champlin, for inclusion in their Master Plan for submission to the Metropolitan Council. She noted that if the Plan is approved by the Metropolitan Council the District could then further research the feasibility and possible funding of trail segments.
- Bob Bowers, Hennepin County, stated that the response from the residents that have commented is that there is a desire for a higher level of comfort when riding your bicycle, which would be off road to separate the types of traffic. He stated that perhaps in the future there may be an opportunity for the Three Rivers Park District to partner with the City to complete a feasibility study. He noted that including the trail in the Plan would open the opportunity for additional types of funding.
- Ms. Rexine stated that it is her intent to continue to engage cities on a cyclical process along the way to continue to keep all parties informed. She stated that the operation and maintenance of the trail would be completely funded by Three Rivers Park District; explaining that the Park District would accept the portions of trail within the City as-is and include the trails on an ongoing pavement maintenance plan to ensure the trails are properly maintained. She noted that the design proximity is not reached in 100 percent of cases and some segments of trail are reduced to eight or nine feet in width. She noted that if private easements are obtained, that is also funded through the Park District. She confirmed that there would not be an issue near the dam, as that segment of trail could simply be on-road.
- City Council Consensus**
It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to prepare a draft resolution of support for the general trail route proposed by the Three Rivers Park District, on a preliminary and non-binding basis.
- Master Plan Update for
Mississippi Commons
Park Improvement The Park Facilities Manager stated that staff has been working with the Park and Recreation Commission regarding updating of the Master Plan for the Mississippi Commons Park improvements. He displayed photographs of the recent activities.
- The City Administrator provided an overview of the recent activities that have occurred and the elements that are currently being discussed as part of the Master Plan process. He stated that other than the budget, the most challenging aspect of the process has been the sequencing or phasing of the development. He stated that the sequencing would include general grading, relocation of utilities and

temporary access near the boat launch area to create a temporary road from the DNR boat launch to the restaurant parking area.

The City Administrator reviewed the consensus statements and potential elements that the Park and Recreation Commission agreed upon thus far, noting that the Commission will meet the following night to provide additional direction, and staff will then continue to fine-tune the potential design elements. He provided information on a potential dock that would be stabilized and separated from the shore. He noted that the draft consensus statements will be further reviewed with the Park and Recreation Commission and the statements will be brought back before the City Council prior to a public information meeting. It was noted that parking should remain a major discussion point during this process.

City Council Consensus

It was the consensus of the Council to continue to move ahead in the direction proposed by staff and the Park and Recreation Commission based on the preliminary Commission consensus statements presented. The City Council requested the Commission review the possibility that the identified restaurant location may not be viable and identify an alternative land use option for future discussion.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the Worksession at 6:58 p.m.

ArMand Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk