

Worksession  
August 8, 2016  
Municipal Center

- Call to Order                   The Champlin City Council met in Worksession and was called to order by Mayor ArMand Nelson at 6:44 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, City Planner Scott Schulte, City Engineer Tim Hanson, Community Development Director John Cox and City Attorney Scott Lepak.
- Approval of Agenda  
(August 8, 2016)  
Motion                         The City Administrator stated that if time permits staff would like to present an update on the Trunk Highway 169 Improvement Project.
- Motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Karasek to approve the agenda for the August 8, 2016 Work Session as amended. Voting in favor were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Johnson, Karasek, Miller, and Terry. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Temporary Family Health  
Care Dwelling Units         The City Planner reported that this year the State Legislature passed a bill requiring cities to allow temporary accessory dwelling units on residential property to serve as a temporary family health care dwelling. The legislation sets forth a short term care alternative for a “mentally or physically impaired person”, by allowing them to stay in a “temporary dwelling” on a relative or caregiver’s property. The law exempts applications from typical zoning and building authority and requires cities to approve them within 15-days. The law also provides that cities may opt out of the law by ordinance. The new law goes into effect on September 1, 2016 for cities not opting out.
- The City Planner presented a brief from the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) describing the bill.
- The City Planner stated that from a planning perspective, there are many concerns with the new law including:
1. Allowing two dwelling units on a parcel zoned for one dwelling;
  2. Connection to sewer utilities is not required as the bill only requires a contract for septic service;
  3. There is no means to process or reject a temporary dwelling;
  4. The permit circumvents the public input process; and
  5. The permit is extendable with no rationale.
- Councilmember Johnson stated that he would be in favor of opting out as that would allow the City to remain in control of local land use rather than giving that control to the State.
- Councilmember Miller stated that he spoke in length about this topic with a representative from the LMC and noted that if the City does not opt out by the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline it would be more difficult to opt out in the future. He noted that if the Council does have a desire to allow temporary dwellings the City can establish their own standards in the future.
- Councilmember Terry stated that although this type of housing would make sense, she would support the option to opt out and then direct staff to develop standards that would be a tailored to our community.
- Councilmember Karasek stated that he would also support opting out and noted that the City could develop their own standards in the future if desired.

Mayor Nelson stated that he would also support opting out and revisiting the issue in the future if there is desire for this type of housing.

**Council Consensus**

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to draft an ordinance amendment to opt out of the temporary accessory dwelling unit regulations, for review by the Planning Commission at their August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and formal consideration by the City Council following the Planning Commission review.

Trunk Highway 169  
Improvement Project –  
Update

The City Engineer provided an update on the Trunk Highway 169 Improvement Project plans, reviewing the elements that would be the responsibility of the City and the elements that MNDOT would be responsible for. He identified that the project would begin in 2017 and has a timeline of two to 2.5 years. He stated that the project is moving ahead quickly noting that the City's plans are due to MNDOT by May 1, 2017.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the Work Session at 6:59 p.m.

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ArMand Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

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Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk