

# City Council/Manager

**Mar 12, 2019 – 6:30 pm**  
Council Conference Room  
Golden Valley City Hall  
7800 Golden Valley Road

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The meeting began at 6:32 pm in the Council Conference Room.

**Present:** Mayor Shep Harris, Council Members Joanie Clausen, Larry Fonnest, Gillian Rosenquist and Steve Schmidgall  
**Staff present:** City Manager Cruikshank, City Attorney Cisneros, Physical Development Nevinski, City Engineer Oliver, Senior Planner/Grant Writer Goellner, Planning Manager Zimmerman

### 1. 2019 CenterPoint Energy Belt Line Gas Project

Mr. Dustin Daniels, CenterPoint Energy representative, provided an update on the Belt Line Gas project scheduled in 2019 for the areas of Winnetka Avenue, Western Avenue, Ewald Terrace, Sumter Avenue, Wayzata Blvd, Pennsylvania Avenue and Golden Valley Road. The update included the neighborhood notification process, detour routes, and a traffic control plan. Mr. Daniels said CenterPoint Energy and the City would be hosting an open house for residents and added that construction updates and the traffic control plan would be on their website. City Engineer Oliver and Physical Development Director Nevinski answered questions from Council.

The Council discussed the construction project including the traffic plan and communication to residents during the construction. Council thanked the CenterPoint representatives for coming.

### 2. HRA Levy and Affordable Housing Policy Update

Senior Planner/Grant Writer Goellner presented an update on the Affordable Housing Policy and an overview of possible new policy options that may be further developed in the 2019 housing work plan. She said the policies that may be considered were a tax incentive, development of City owned vacant parcels, adoption of a Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Levy funding program and further strategic planning and policymaking. Ms. Goellner answered questions from Council.

City Attorney Cisneros, Planning Manager Zimmerman, City Manager Cruikshank and Physical Development Director Nevinski answered questions.

The Council discussed the tax incentive plan, a possible HRA Levy, senior housing needs, dedicating money for further studies and the proposed strategic planning. The consensus was to move slowly forward with a strategic plan and conduct further discussion regarding a possible HRA Levy. Staff will bring an update to a future HRA meeting.

### 3. Small Wireless Facilities and Small Wireless Aesthetic Standards Discussion

Mayor Harris recused himself from the discussion because he works with a telecom company. Mayor Pro-Tem Clausen presided over the item.

**3. Small Wireless Facilities and Small Wireless Aesthetic Standards Discussion - continued**

City Engineer Oliver presented the staff report and provided an overview of the new FCC rules regarding small cell wireless facilities, the status of the permitting process and information on the proposed small wireless aesthetic standards. He answered questions from Council.

City Attorney Cisneros provided additional information on the standards and said they would apply to a small wireless facility permit application to be used for pole placement in public rights-of-way. She said the City's deadline for aesthetic requirements is April 15, 2019. Ms. Cisneros said staff recommends an ordinance be brought forth at the March 19 Council meeting in order to meet the deadline.

There was Council discussion regarding pole placement, how many poles would be added, the size of the poles, and how to communicate this message to the Golden Valley residents. The Council consensus was to bring forward an ordinance to the March 19 Council meeting.

**4. Flood Mitigation Cost Share Reimbursement Policy**

City Engineer Oliver presented the staff report and provided information on the long time flooding issues that the City has had, background information on the Bassett Creek Watershed Commission, previous damage that flooding has caused and current efforts the City has been involved in to reduce flooding. He said this policy would benefit the entire community by providing residents with assistance with the cost of flood proofing their homes. He answered questions from Council.

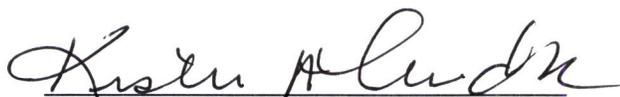
City Attorney Cisneros provided additional information on the proposed policy and answered questions from Council. City Manager Cruikshank answered questions from Council regarding the funding source and further explained the policy.

The Council discussed the proposed Flood Mitigation Cost Share Reimbursement Policy and the consensus was to bring the policy to a future Council meeting for approval.

**4. Council Review of Future Draft Agenda: City Council March 19, April 2 and Council/Manager April 9, 2019**

There was Council discussion regarding the League of Women Voter's garbage hauling study. Council Member Rosenquist said she would inquire as to when the study would be ready and let the rest of the Council know. No changes were submitted for future agendas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

  
Kristine A. Luedke, City Clerk

  
Shepard M. Harris, Mayor

