

City of Ramsey
Agenda
City Council Work Session
Tuesday, January 26, 2021

5:30 pm
Lake Itasca Room, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

This meeting is being held in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is not practical and prudent for all members of this board to attend in person. Current Minnesota law requires certain social distancing standards that impacts the capacity of the Council Chambers. For those at highest risk, it is advised to isolate themselves from the general public. For these reasons, it is not practical and prudent to have this meeting exclusively in person. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person or remotely.

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Topics for Discussion**
 1. Review Current Legislative Session with Local Legislators
 2. Receive Update on Highway 10/169 Planning, Design and Funding Efforts
- 3. Topics for Future Discussion**
 1. Review Future Topics/Calendar
- 4. Mayor/Council/Staff Input**
- 5. Adjournment**

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Meeting Date: 01/26/2021**Submitted For:** Kurt Ulrich, Administrative Services**By:** Kathy Schmitz, Administrative Services

Information**Title:**

Review Current Legislative Session with Local Legislators

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to review and discuss City priorities with our state Legislators. The City typically holds a similar meeting each year at the beginning of the year.

Senator Jim Abeler, Representative John Heinrich, and Representative Peggy Scott have all accepted an invitation to attend this work session. Some will likely attend remotely.

Observations/Alternatives:

Highway 10 remains Ramsey's top legislative priority for the Minnesota Legislature. The project will also likely need additional Federal funding to proceed.

The City was fairly successful in the 2020 Legislative Session.

- \$8.4M for Highway 10 Improvements
- Adjustments to Fire Relief Association pertaining to dissolution of Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with City of Nowthen (Note: a technical correction of this legislation will be submitted for 2021).

Two items have been held over after being introduced in the 2020 Legislative Session, with hopes of approval in 2021.

- Extend Project Deadline (5 Year Rule) for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District 14 (The COR)
- Sales Tax Exemption for Public Works Campus

Other options of direct local interest would include:

- Sales Tax Exemption for the Water Treatment Facility
- State Funding for Water Treatment Plant

Additional discussion on broader policy priorities (e.g., Local Government Aid, Metropolitan Council Governance, Executive authority, etc.) are also of interest and will be discussed by the Council at a future Council meeting.

Recommendation:

Based on discussion.

Action:

No action requested at this time. The purpose of this case is to review and discuss City priorities with our state Legislators. A case will be brought forward to the Council in February to formally adopt a legislative platform for 2021.

Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Form Review

Inbox

Kurt Ulrich

Form Started By: Kathy Schmitz

Final Approval Date: 01/21/2021

Reviewed By

Kurt Ulrich

Date

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Started On: 01/21/2021 02:18 PM

Meeting Date: 01/26/2021

Information

Title:

Receive Update on Highway 10/169 Planning, Design and Funding Efforts

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to receive a brief update on the status of the Preliminary Engineering efforts by Anoka County on the Ramsey Gateway Project (Highway 10/169 Plan). This update will focus in history, recent progress and schedule moving forward. Over half of the funding for this \$138M project has been secured and is now a reality for a 2023/2024 construction start date.

Anoka County Staff will present information and current layout alternatives at the meeting. Since layouts have not been finalized until after feedback from the City Council, no attachments are included in this case.

Timeframe:

60 Minutes

Funding Source:

This case is being handled as part of normal Staff duties. The proposed funding sources will be presented at the meeting.

Responsible Party(ies):

Deputy City Administrator (Public Engagement, Funding, Legislative Advocacy)
City Engineer (Design)

Outcome:

Receive update on Highway 10 design and funding in preparation for February Public Open House (virtual).

Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Kurt Ulrich	Kurt Ulrich	01/21/2021 03:00 PM
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Meeting Date: 01/26/2021

By: Katie Schmidt, Administrative Services

Information

Title:

Review Future Topics/Calendar

Purpose/Background:

Attached is the current list of future topics for work session discussion. Items are drawn from Council requests at meetings, or are related to topics that have been identified in the City's strategic plan. Tentative dates have been assigned.

Recommendation:

N/A

Action:

For Council review - no formal action necessary.

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Future Topics List

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Kurt Ulrich

Form Started By: Katie Schmidt

Final Approval Date: 01/21/2021

Reviewed By

Colleen Lasher

Kurt Ulrich

Date

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Started On: 01/14/2021 02:43 PM

City Council Future Topics – Work Session

(Tentative Dates)

Proposed Date		Minutes
02/08/21	Discussion Regarding the City’s Communication Plan -Staff	20
02/08/21	Discuss the WTP Feasibility Study and request feedback on the study and direction as to the preferred site, public input process, and next steps. - Westby	60
02/23/21	Discuss Building and Meeting Security (This meeting may be closed to the public) - Katers	15
	Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Management Role of Council – Kohner	15
By 02/21	Discussion Regarding the Remote Attendance Policy – Retain unlimited annual use or revise	15
TBD	Review Financial Statements - Lund	20
03/23/21	Discussion Considering an ordinance prohibiting picketing in residential neighborhoods - Katers	20
03/23/21	Draft Trail Maintenance Policy – Westby/Riemer	30
By 04/30/21	Discuss Chapter 4 of the Charter – Elections – Lasher	30
04/27/21	Draft Stormwater Pond Maintenance Policy – Westby/Riemer	30
04/27/21	Discuss Employee Telecommuting – Lasher	
June 21	Bi-annual Updates Regarding City Communications	15
2021	Discuss the General Topic of Holding Joint Meeting(s) with the Council and Commissions & Other Cities. Based on discussion, future work sessions TBD.	20
2021	Discuss Historic Town Hall – Ulrich	30
2021	City Branding Presentation - Ulrich	40
2021	Fire Department Duty Crew Analysis - Kohner	20
2021	CR-5 Corridor Study Review - Westby	45
2021	Park System Plan – Riemer/Riverblood	60
2021	Accounting of City Engineering Staff Time for City Projects - Westby	30
2021	Discuss Enacting Ordinance Regulating Targeted Picketing in Residential Neighborhoods	15
Nov. 21	Bi-Annual Communications Update	