

SPECIAL WORK SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ APRIL 5, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The special work session City Council meeting of the City of Little Falls was called to order by Council President Hircock on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference under Minnesota Statute 13D.021, due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, and in the Council Chambers at City Hall. On a roll call Councilmembers Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, Council President Hircock, and Mayor Zylka were present. It was determined there was a quorum.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Temporarily suspended.

3. **BILLS DISCUSSION**

None.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION**

None.

5. **COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS**

a. **Public Works Discussions**

1. **Outdoor Picnic Tables** – Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman reviewed that the City has received a request for the use of public picnic tables by private businesses on both private and public rights-of-way, as the City Council allowed in 2020 to assist businesses during the indoor closures due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. Following discussions, the City Council instructed staff to come back with language for them to consider at the April 19, 2021, meeting. No action taken.

2. **Safe Routes to School, Advertisement for Bids** – Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman updated the City Council of the activities on the Safe Routes to School improvement project; and that staff will be advertising for bids. No action taken.

3. **2021 Surface Improvements Advertisement for bids** – Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman updated the City Council of the activities on the 2021 surface improvement project; and that staff will be advertising for bids. No action taken.

4. **Trees (Right-of-Way) and Roadway Improvement Projects** - Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman viewed “what’s under my street” which shows where water, service, storm sewer, catch basins, communications, electric and natural gas lines are within the boulevards and roads and why trees within the boulevard are often needed to be removed due to the proper installation and maintenance of these utility lines. No action taken.

b. **Request for Proposal, Website Redesign** – City Administrator Radermacher reviewed that the City received 20 proposals for the City’s website redesign and that staff is reviewing all of them and anticipates making a recommendation to the City Council at the May 3, 2021, meeting. No action taken.

c. **Bird Scooters** – Mayor Zylka reviewed that he has been contacted by Bird Scooters Minneapolis, looking to see if the City is interested in partnering with them to develop programs that maximize the positive impact of micro-mobility. Residents and visitors alike would be able to rent scooters and the City would receive part of the revenues for the rental. No action taken.

d. **All Aboard Minnesota** – Mayor Zylka reviewed that he has been contacted by Tom Beaumont, representing All Aboard Minnesota, requesting support of their proposed series of high speed passenger train routes on existing rail infrastructure, to connect urban and outstate Minnesota together and to the Upper Midwest, with a stop in Little Falls. The City Council instructed staff to gather more information to discuss at a future meeting. No action taken.

e. **Strategic Planning Retreat, StrengthsFinder Assignments** – City Administrator Radermacher reviewed an assignment provided by the facilitator for the City Council to complete prior to the May 5 and 6, 2021, Strategic Planning Retreat. No action taken.

f. **Other**

1. Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman reviewed the professional services proposal from Bolton & Menk, Baxter, to provide the design work for the Eleventh Street Northeast improvement project. This item is on the regular agenda for consideration.

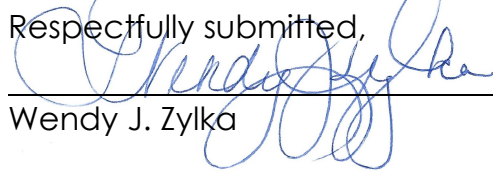
6. **CONSTITUENT MESSAGE(S)**

None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Hircock adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy J. Zylka