

Maple Grove City Council Work Session

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2021

Call to Order

Pursuant to call and notice thereof, a City Council Work Session was held at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021 at the Maple Grove Government Center/Public Safety Facility, Hennepin County, Minnesota and online via WebEx. Present was Mayor Steffenson and Councilmembers Karen Jaeger, Judy Hanson, and Kristy Barnett, and attending remotely was Councilmember Phil Leith. Present also was City Administrator Heidi Nelson, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ken Ashfeld, Finance Director Greg Sticha, Community and Economic Development Director Joe Hogeboom, and City Attorney Justin Templin.

Mayor Steffenson called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Main Street Design Review

Community and Economic Development Director Joe Hogeboom provided a brief recap of the proposed enhancements to the Main Street corridor that were first discussed at a joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission in February. He then introduced Jeff Feulner from WSB and Associates to further discuss the various design concepts that incorporated items talked about at that meeting. Mr. Feulner presented the details of three concept plans. Council consensus landed on elements from concept plans 2 and 3 that they would like to see in the final plan for the project. A final draft plan will be presented to the Council in the coming weeks. Mr. Hogeboom noted that a “fly-through” video of the final project design would be produced and shared on city media platforms to help inform the public of the upcoming project.

Housing Study Recommendations

Community and Economic Development Director Joe Hogeboom indicated that staff has reviewed the housing study and is offering several proposed adjustments to the comprehensive plan and/or zoning code. Mr. Hogeboom discussed the proposed changes to low, medium, and high density and mixed-use areas which will focus density of housing in areas of the city that have access to transit, jobs and commerce. Later this spring, staff will present a proposed ordinance that outlines potential changes to housing requirements. In addition, the City Council took part in a visual preference survey that helped identify elements of townhome and mid-density residential development that is preferred, such as architectural features and façade treatments. Based upon responses to the survey, proposed mid-density residential design standards will be drafted for Council’s review.

Curfew

Mayor Steffenson noted that the city should be prepared for the Chauvin trial verdict by discussing proactively setting curfew hours if there is civil unrest. The City Council discussed having an emergency resolution ready that would call for curfew hours for the City of Maple Grove.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Steffenson at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "N".

Heidi Nelson, City Administrator