

CITY OF WACONIA

January 6, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Waconia was called to order by Acting Mayor Carrier at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Nicole Waldron, Marc Carrier, Charles Erickson, Pete Leo. Absent: Kent Bloudek.

Staff Present: Susan Arntz, Lane Braaten, Craig Eldred, Ann Meyerhoff, Mike Melchert, Nicole Meyer, Chris Nelson.

Visitors: Randy & Vicki Sorensen, Jim Klein, Mel Melcher, Dustin Koskela, Maren Delaney, Ken Norman, Deb Chicos, Greg Weyer, John Norman, Mary Norman, Stephen Lobitz, Terje Peterson, Beverly Brown, Bernard Rauen, Janet Hatch, Brian Lentz, Gary Gasperini, Steve Wert, Julie Klatt, Dan Kenyon, Mike & Pam Schulz, Blake Schulz, Joe Meyer, Chris Kosieracki, Bob Wagener, Brad Devereaux, Denise Herschberger, Beth Kalb, Brad Heyer, Jeff Stauffer, Jon & Jessica Hartmann.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Mayor Carrier.

ADOPT AGENDA: Resolution 2020-29 was added to the Consent Agenda. Motion by Erickson, seconded by Leo to adopt the agenda as amended. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VISTOR'S PRESENTATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING: 2020 Infrastructure Improvement Project

Jake Saulsbury, Bolton & Menk, gave a short presentation providing details on the Feasibility Study as it related to the proposed improvements for the 2020 Infrastructure Project.

Components of the project include:

- Reconstruction of Main Street (from Maple Street to Walnut Street), Walnut Street (from First Street to Third Street) and Third Street (from 150 feet east of Walnut Street to 350 feet west of Cherry Street). Reconstruction of sidewalks, sanitary sewer and watermain and addition of storm sewer and drain tile is also included.
- Replacement of the 10-inch watermain along Waconia Parkway North from Scott Lane to about 500 feet east of Willowbrooke Lane.
- Milling and bituminous overlay on Oak avenue from highway 5 to Waconia Parkway South and reconstruction of adjacent trails.
- Reconstruction of bituminous trails along Community drive and Wildcat Way.
- 94th Street surfacing.
- Sugarbush Park stormwater basin construction.
- Somerwood Drive storm sewer crossing.

Saulsbury stated the in the original feasibility study plan, the City was considering reconstruction of Wildcat Way. Upon discussion with the School District, as the party proposed to be assessed for said work, the City will need to spend some time explaining the history of that roadway and how the responsibility became that of the School District. The project had been removed from the proposed work for 2020, but since we have some of the study work completed, it shows up in the report as deleted.

The list targets many of the Strategic Plan Goals for Infrastructure and the Environment. Saulsbury indicated that they continue to work with the Carver County Water Management Organization on implementing best practices in the project areas. Inclusion of the roadway and utility elements make this a strong sustainable improvement, meet elements of the Downtown Task Force, and improves pedestrian access for the pedestrians of the community.

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Summarized project costs:

1. Street Reconstruction	\$3,331,700
2. Waconia Parkway North Watermain Replacement	\$729,500
3. Oak Avenue Bituminous Overlay & Trail Construction	\$732,600
4. Community Dr Trail Reconstruction	\$99,600
5. 94th Street Surfacing	\$42,000
6. Sugarbush Park Stormwater Basin	\$123,900
7. Somerwood Dr Storm Sewer Crossing	\$56,800
Totals	\$5,116,100

The proposed method of financing for the 2020 Infrastructure Improvement Project is through the sale of combined bond consisting of a Chapter 429 General Obligation Bond and a Chapter 444 Water Revenue Bond. The Chapter 429 bond would be used for the street/storm sewer reconstructions, the Community Drive and Wildcat Way trail reconstruction, and the 94th Street surfacing. The Chapter 444 Bond would be used for the Waconia Parkway North watermain. The remaining project elements will be paid directly with PIR cash, Municipal State Aid Funds, or Storm Water cash.

The Feasibility study and the notices to residents indicated an assessed amount of \$841,186, before the appraiser's review. The City has engaged the appraiser in the review of the project area; that report will be forthcoming. The proposed assessments are estimated using a 10 year repayment and 4.0% interest.

Assessments for the Project were calculated per City Policy:

- 50% of Project Costs Assessed for Standard Residential Street and Storm Sewer Improvements on a Front Footage Basis
- 50% of Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Assessed on a Unit Basis
- Mill & Overlay Work and Extra Depth/Width of Streets not Assessed
- Sidewalk and Trail Construction and Reconstruction not Assessed
- Soil Corrections, Watermain Looping and Watermain Oversizing not Assessed.

Acting Mayor Carrier called the public hearing to order to Adopt Resolution No. 2020-27, Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans for 2020 Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Deb Chicos, 600 3rd Street West, asked if the street is going to be narrowed where does that extra land go? Saulsbury responded that because there is not a sidewalk essentially the property owner will just gain green space. Property lines will not change. Ms. Chico questioned the process and calculations of the assessments. Acting Mayor Carrier asked if she would put her questions in writing so that the Council can address her concerns on the calculations directly.

Dustin Koskela, 532 3rd Street West, with no watermain work being done on Cherry has there been any consideration for a mill and overlay vs. reconstruction? Concerned about the narrowing of the street due to the Fair. A lot of parking and foot traffic at that time and worried about the safety aspect of it. Saulsbury explained that it will be narrower but still meet standards for full 2 way traffic with parking.

Terje Peterson, 453 W Main St, was assessed last year for the work on Walnut and now being assessed again this year. Concerned about scope and cost of the whole project. To reduce the cost has underground boring vs. digging up the whole street be looked into? Saulsbury responded to the underground boring that the subbase on these roads is in really bad shape so the roadways need to be replaced as well as the utilities. With doing all the work and narrowing the roadway the sidewalks need to meet City standards which is 6 ft wide.

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Steve Wert, 900 Waconia Parkway North, asked why the City wants to replace the watermain in front of his house. Eldred responded that there has been a lot of issues with the 10 inch and it is a problem when it is a major transmission line for the community. Wert then asked why we don't put the money into Sugarbush and Willowbooke where they have more issues? Eldred responded that it is about the same. Saulsbury added that this is a major transmission line that feeds the community including Waconia Landing, Sugarbush and Willowbooke. He went on to explain how the City is paying for oversizing as if dug and looping has been taken out as well as units across the street are being addressed. The reason for the cost being higher is the wide lots and being assessed the same based on water usage for a single family home.

Chris Kosieracki, 1250 Waconia Parkway North, there are 9 properties being assessed but there are 5 that are not being assessed. Is there a reason for that? Saulsbury answered that only properties that are being served by that line are being assessed. Based on the appraisal if it comes back lower than the assessment amount will the assessment be lowered? Susan Arntz explained the process of recalculating the financing of the project if the appraisal comes back lower.

Pam Schultz, 424 West Main Street, concerned about the width of the road. Why narrow a road that is so heavily traveled? Has there ever been a car count done on Main Street? Why are they not starting at Iron Tap where the problem is and work out from there? Also concerned about the crosswalk by the fire station with the rain gardens being overgrown making it hard to see around the corner. Has anyone checked the pipe to make sure it really needs to be replaced?

Carrier asked for an explanation on how we know the pipes and sewers are bad. Eldred responded that there is not a lot of good pipe in the downtown area no matter where you are at. There was full evaluation of the downtown in 2014. The watermain has lead services and lead jointed pipe which is an issue for health concerns.

Beth Kalb, 116 S Walnut, opposed to the reconstruction due to the Silver Maple tree in front yard. The tree is 6 feet from the street impacted by this plan. Concerned about root removal and that the sidewalk will damage the tree and the tree will damage the sidewalk in the future. Would like an understanding from the Council on how they will be compensated for the loss of market value to their home and the value of the tree estimated at several thousand dollars.

Saulsbury responded that they have not processed survey data yet to identify if this tree is a problem or not. He explained the process of design review and if the tree would need to be removed it would be replaced with a new tree. Willing to work on a compromise.

Randy Sorensen, 321 West Main Street, How was it determined that these 2 blocks need to be reconstructed when there are other areas in Waconia that are in worse shape? Is the sanitary sewer line failing in these 2 blocks? Eldred stated that it is part of it. We have had issues in other areas with backups and this is trying to prevent that on a road that has not been reconstructed. Sorensen shared concern about fire hydrants on the intersection of Main and Walnut. Saulsbury mentioned that during final design the hydrant spacing would be looked at. Sorensen question storm sewer on Main and Cedar. Eldred answered that there are volume issues with amount of water that go to the rain gardens this will allow the water to get down to other treatment devices rather than having the rain gardens overflowing. Sorensen added that street lights aren't mentioned but it seems to be overkill on multiple intersections with lights. Eldred commented that Xcel will be removing their lights and a light study has been done that can be shared. Sorensen noticed that Wildcat Way was removed from the project. Is the street still owned by the School District? Susan Arntz explained the history of the street with the school district and that there are ongoing discussions about how the road should be maintained. Sorensen stated his concern that if sidewalks are impacted what will happen to retaining walls? Saulsbury answered that retaining walls that are in the right of way will be replaced if they are going to be impacted.

Gary Gasperini, 1240 Waconia Parkway North, How old is the current watermain? Eldred answered that he would have to look into that. Gasperini, what is the average life span? Eldred and Saulsbury responded 50 years but with bad soil it shortens the life. Gasperini commented that he doesn't understand how replacing the watermain will add \$7,000 to his property.

Bernard Rauen, 256 Main Street West, is very concerned about the narrowing of the road with the school right next door. Very hard to get out of vehicles with cars coming from both ways. It also makes parking a huge issue with all the events from the school. It is a lot of money that should be spent in other areas of the community that need work.

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Joe Meyer, 506 Lakeview Terrace Blvd, has empty lot on Waconia Parkway North that will be combined with his lot on Lakeview Terrace Blvd. Does not have service to the lot so we he be excluded from the assessment? Carrier answered that if combining is the plan he will have to get the land plated and go from there.

Brad Deveraux, 310 Main Street West, concerned with the safety of narrowing the road. There is no stop sign at Maple and Main witch is also a safety concern with the people driving down from Bayview and it is hard to see around the rain gardens. Must pull into crosswalk to see down the street. Parking will also become an issue when there is a fire call.

Julie Klatt, 440 West Main Street, was a part of the project last year and has concerns about safety on the streets while they are closed. There was multiple times water and utilities were shut off and is asking for respect to be shown to the residents with prior notice to shut offs. Safety with narrowing the street is a huge issue. Would like more detail on water drainage because it doesn't seem to be a problem.

Saulsbury addressed water shut offs and explained that those will be needed however the plan included in the study is to set up a temporary water system for everyone to maintain service throughout to minimize the water disruption.

Dan Kenyon, 452 West Main Street, where is the water line coming in? Saulsbury answered that it goes to property line and curb stop. Kenyon explained that 18 months ago his entire water line to curb stop was replaced. Saulsbury will look into that and it may warrant a credit on that part of the assessment.

Vicki Sorensen, 321 West Main Street, disturbing that the letter that was sent out came the Friday before Christmas. Narrowing of the street with bigger vehicles on the road very hard to maneuver.

Mary Norman, 626 West 3rd Street, is West 3rd Street being narrowed? Very concerned with the fair. There is parking on both sides and it hared enough to get out now let alone with the street being narrowed. Would like to see the County get assessed for a larger amount to help cover the costs. Saulsbury responded yes the street will be 44 feet.

Carrier added that Council had received an email from Matt Wessale with comments. He is in support to adding lighting to trails, recommend Council look at economic impacts to businesses while construction projects are ongoing and recommend meeting of all parties involved to review lessons learned from prior projects.

Julie Klatt, 440 West Main Street, questioned assessment on trail reconstruction. Saulsbury indicated that is not being assessed since it will be done as a sidewalk.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Waldron to close the public hearing on the 2020 Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Acting Mayor Carrier shared that this process started in August with discussions and meetings. We are at the point of the Public Hearing but the process continues from here. He stated an understanding the there is a lot of work that needs to be done around the City and the tools for financing are not ideal and it is a complicated process. Appreciate all the comments and concerns and know that they are all heard. Keep communication open and up to date on the website. Residents are always welcome to call the City and ask any questions you may have.

Council Member Waldron asked if we have looked at decreasing the amount we are narrowing the roads? Is this something that can be addressed or is there a set at that distance for a reason? Saulsbury responded that it is a local road and we can go wider if Council would like but it is not necessary for this type of road. Here where it is parallel parking that footprint does work. Waldron addressed the rain gardens and agreed that the plantings are to high and asked if it is possible to more low profile plantings or just more scheduled maintenance.

Council Member Erickson expressed that he appreciates all the comments and would like to see some of them considered in the final design. This process has been ongoing for months and it is necessary to maintain infrastructure.

Council Member Leo indicated that he has concerns with water being shut off and would like to come up with a system that has a contact number if that happens. Saulsbury stated that there will be a contact number of someone on site.

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Susan Arntz communicated that the public that is at the meeting came at exactly the right time. These comments are the comments that carry into design work and that is what is used for the open house when there is face to face contact. The property owner knows the property better than anyone else and can help in the process. There are a number of steps between now and construction if the Council decides to move forward.

Mike Melchert came forward and added #5 to Now Therefore, Be it Resolved stating The City Council finds that the said improvement has no relationship to the City's comprehensive plan.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Leo to Adopt Resolution No 2020-27, Adopting Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans for the 2020 Infrastructure Improvement Project. All present voted Aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approve December 16, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.
- 2) Authorize Payment of January 6, 2020 Expenditures.
- 3) Pay Estimate No. 7 to Geislinger and Sons.
- 4) Resolution No. 2020-01, Appointing Acting Mayor.
- 5) Resolution No. 2020-02, Designating Official Newspaper.
- 6) Resolution No. 2020-03, Designating Depositories.
- 7) Resolution No. 2020-04, Appointing City Attorney.
- 8) Resolution No. 2020-05, Appointing Consulting Engineer.
- 9) Resolution No. 2020-06, Appointing Bond Counsel.
- 10) Resolution No. 2020-07, Appointing Fiscal Advisor.
- 11) Resolution No. 2020-08, Appointing City Insurance Agent.
- 12) Resolution No. 2020-09, Regarding the Administration of the Wetland Conservation Act.
- 13) Resolution No. 2020-10, Appointing Council Representative to Advisory Boards.
- 14) Resolution No. 2020-11, Appointing Council Committee Appointments.
- 15) Resolution No. 2020-12, Appointing Council Liaison Appointments.
- 16) Resolution No. 2020-13, Approving Liquor License Applications.
- 17) Resolution No. 2020-14, Approving License/Permit Applications.
- 18) Resolution No. 2020-15, Approving Temporary Liquor License – St Joseph Church
- 19) Resolution No. 2020-16, Authorize Signature of Northland Recreation Quote.
- 20) Resolution No. 2020-17, Authorize Turf & Winter Maintenance Equipment Acquisition.
- 21) Resolution No. 2020-18, Authorize Lighting Upgrades for Library.
- 22) Resolution No. 2020-19, Acquisition of Toro Workman HDX.
- 23) Resolution No. 2020-20, Commission on Aging Appointment.
- 24) Resolution No. 2020-21, Cash Donations for Adaptive Playground Equipment.
- 25) Resolution No. 2020-22, Accepting Donation and Pass Through Recommendation.
- 26) Resolution No. 2020-23, Acceptance of Grant Proceeds for Inflow & Infiltration – Metropolitan Council.
- 27) Resolution No. 2020-24, Trade and Acquisition of Toro 5910 Groundmaster.
- 28) Resolution No. 2020-25, Plans and Specification Preparation for Water Treatment #3 Filter Media Project.
- 29) Resolution No. 2020-26, Acquisition of Toro Top Dresser.
- 30) Ordinance 730, Amending Chapter 240 Regarding Commission on Aging.
- 31) Ordinance 731, Fee Schedule Ordinance Amendment.
- 32) Resolution No. 2020-28, Appointment of Election Judges.
- 33) Resolution No. 2020-29, Authorizing Approval of Staff and City Engineer, Bolton & Menk to Initiate Test Wells for Well 9 & 10. CIP Project 313

Motion by Erickson seconded by Waldron to Adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COUCIL BUSINESS: None

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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

STAFF REPORTS: Susan Arntz shared that postcards were sent out to residents announcing that Absentee Voting will be starting January 17th at City Hall. Additional Monday evenings and an extra Saturday have been added. The City website has all the information.

BOARD REPORTS:

Councilmember Erickson – None

Councilmember Leo – None

Councilmember Carrier – School Board meeting being held this evening. There are no major items on the agenda.

Councilmember Waldron – None

Mayor Bloudek – Absent

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Winter Parking is in effect.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Waldron, seconded by Leo to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Marc Carrier, Acting Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Ann Meyerhoff, Office Assistant