

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
AGENDA
Special City Council
December 3, 2019, 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. TOPICS

2.1 Board and Commission Interviews
Draft Resolution

2.2 Council Coordinating Representatives and representatives to other agencies
appointments for 2020
Role of Council Coordinating Representative
Draft Resolution

2.3 Deputy Mayor for 2020

2.4 Legislative Priorities for 2020
2020 Legislative Priorities (Draft)

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**Special City
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December 3, 2019

To: Dave Callister, City Manager**Prepared by:** Sandy Engdahl, City Clerk**Reviewed by:** Laurie Hokkanen, Administrative Services Director**Item: Board and Commission Interviews****1. Action Requested:**

Conduct board and commission interviews and direct staff to prepare a resolution approving the appointments for the December 10 Council meeting.

2. Background:

Applications were solicited for the City's board and commissions and watershed districts with a deadline of November 8 for applications. Council reviewed the applications and selected individuals to be interviewed at this study session at a study session held on November 26.

Attached is a draft resolution for the December 10 Council meeting to assist the Council in determining appointments.

3. Budget Impact:

N/A

4. Attachments:[Draft Resolution](#)

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

RESOLUTION No. 2019-

RESOLUTION APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO FILL VACANT TERMS ON VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Plymouth, Minnesota, that the following individuals are appointed to boards and commissions effective February 1, 2020, or sooner upon resignation of a member:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Commission</u> | <u>Seat</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| _____ | Environmental Quality Comm. | Ward 3 | January 31, 2023 |
| _____ | Environmental Quality Comm. | At Large | January 31, 2023 |
| _____ | Park & Rec. Advisory Comm. | Ward 1 | January 31, 2023 |
| _____ | Park & Rec. Advisory Comm. | Ward 4 | January 31, 2023 |
| _____ | Planning Commission | Ward 1 | January 31, 2023 |
| _____ | Planning Commission | Ward 3 | January 31, 2023 |
| _____ | Planning Commission | At Large | January 31, 2023 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council confirms the following appointment made by Mayor Wosje to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority:

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|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| _____ | Housing & Redevelopment Authority | January 31, 2021 |
| _____ | Housing & Redevelopment Authority | January 31, 2025 |

APPROVED by the City Council on this 10th day of December, 2019.

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December 3, 2019

To: Dave Callister, City Manager**Prepared by:** Sandy Engdahl, City Clerk**Reviewed by:** Laurie Hokkanen, Administrative Services Director**Item:** **Council Coordinating Representatives and representatives to other agencies appointments for 2020****1. Action Requested:**

Discuss Council Coordinating Representatives (CCR) and representatives to other agencies appointments for 2020.

2. Background:

Attached is a draft resolution for the December 10 Council meeting to assist the Council in determining appointments. In addition, a handout describing the role of a CCR is attached.

3. Budget Impact:

N/A

4. Attachments:

[Role of Council Coordinating Representative](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

Role of Council Coordinating Representative

The City of Plymouth is a home rule charter city operating under the Council-Manager form of government. Under this plan the City Council is the policy-establishing legislative body. To assist in obtaining information required to make policy decisions, the City Council is advised by voluntary advisory commissions. To be well informed, the Council must also maintain a close liaison between itself and other organizations, agencies and governmental bodies serving City residents. Consequently, the Council has deemed it appropriate to establish Council Coordinating Representatives (CCR's). Each Councilmember is assigned as a CCR to one or more bodies annually, generally in January.

The singular, essential function of a CCR is to assure two-way communication between the City Council and the body to which the Council member serves as CCR. In performing this function, the CCR must be both a listener and communicator. In order to keep the Council appropriately advised of that body's activities, the Council member must be aware of issues which have or will be facing the body, the objectives of the organization, its resources and other matters which might influence the organization's ability, desire, or capacity to accomplish its day-to-day ends. With this information the CCR is able to both provide the Council with information and actions taken by the body, as well as an appreciation for why or how those actions took place, and what may be expected in the future.

The CCR must also be a good listener in order that he/she can advise the Council of the impact of its actions, positions, plans or lack of action upon that respective body. This is essentially a matter of maintaining a high degree of trust and cooperation.

A CCR is also responsible for advising the body of the City Council's positions on various issues, and the impact that the body's action may have on the City.

To be an effective CCR, the Council member should periodically expect to provide other Councilmembers with a short verbal report to keep them advised of the actions or conditions affecting the body or agency they represent.

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RESOLUTION No. 2019-

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL COORDINATING REPRESENTATIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER AGENCIES

Be it resolved by the Plymouth City Council that the following appointments are made for 2020:

| Board/Commission/Agency | Appointments |
|---|--|
| Planning Commission | |
| Park & Recreation Advisory Commission | |
| Environmental Quality Committee | |
| Housing and Redevelopment Authority | |
| School District 279 (Osseo) | |
| School District 281 (Robbinsdale) | |
| School District 284 (Wayzata) | |
| School District 270 (Hopkins) | |
| Municipal Legislative Commission (1 elected and 1 appointed) | _____, Council Callister, Staff |
| Northwest Suburban Cable Comm. (1 elected and 1 appointed) | _____, Council LaFave, Staff |
| Northwest Suburbs Community Access Corp. | LaFave |
| Suburban Rate Authority | _____, Council Thompson, Alternate |
| Plymouth Civic League | |
| Suburban Transit Association | |
| Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (terms expire 1/31/23) | _____, Director _____, Alt Director |
| Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission (terms expire 1/31/23) | _____, Director _____, Alt Director |
| Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission (terms expire 1/31/23) | _____, Director _____, Alt Director |

ADOPTED by the City Council on this 10th day of December, 2019.

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To: Dave Callister, City Manager**Prepared by:** Sandy Engdahl, City Clerk**Reviewed by:** Laurie Hokkanen, Administrative Services Director**Item:** Deputy Mayor for 2020**1. Action Requested:**

Discuss Deputy Mayor appointment for 2020.

2. Background:

Discuss Deputy Mayor for 2020. Appointment of the Deputy Mayor will be made at the December 10 Council meeting.

3. Budget Impact:

N/A

4. Attachments:

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To: Dave Callister, City Manager**Prepared by:** Sandy Engdahl, City Clerk**Reviewed by:** Laurie Hokkanen, Administrative Services Director**Item:** **Legislative Priorities for 2020****1. Action Requested:**

Discuss legislative priorities for 2020

2. Background:

Council has received the attached draft legislative priority list for discussion.

3. Budget Impact:

N/A

4. Attachments:[2020 Legislative Priorities \(Draft\)](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Plymouth functions in a multijurisdictional environment and is often subject to mandates from the State of Minnesota, Hennepin County, the Metropolitan Council, and various watershed districts. The city participates in the Municipal Legislative Commission, League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities and Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association and generally supports their legislative platforms. This legislative agenda is intended to advocate specifically for the community's residents and businesses, avoid duplication of services, and enable the city to govern itself.

I. TRANSPORTATION

To efficiently transport commuters and promote business growth, the city encourages the legislature and Hennepin County to identify long-term funding sources with growth potential to allow for construction and maintenance of efficient transit and highway systems. Specifically, Plymouth supports the following:

County Road 47 Turn Back. The city supports the turn back of County Road 47, with the understanding that the county adequately funds improvements needed to bring the road to an appropriate standard. (Hennepin County)

~~**County Road 9 (Rockford Road)/I-494 Interchange Project.** The city supports working with MnDOT and Hennepin County to finalize sources of funding for 2019 construction of the improvements. (Hennepin County, State of Minnesota)~~

Suburban Transit. The city supports preserving suburban transit, expanding the transit taxing district, and maintaining full MVST funding for suburban transit providers. (Metropolitan Council, State of Minnesota)

Highway 169. The city supports improvements to Highway 169 in Plymouth. (Metropolitan Council, State of Minnesota)

Motor Vehicle Lease Sales Tax Allocation to Hennepin County. The city advocates for eliminating the exemption that prevents Hennepin and Ramsey counties from receiving their portion of the sales tax on leased vehicles through the county state aid formula. This change would provide an estimated \$12 million in additional funding to Hennepin County to be used on roads and bridges. (State of Minnesota, Hennepin County, Ramsey County, Hennepin County cities, Ramsey County cities)

Hwy 55 Bus Rapid Transit. The city supports efforts to complete a Hwy 55 Mobility Study to consider and advance bus rapid transit on Hwy 55. (Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, and the Metropolitan Council)

II. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Local Control. The city opposes legislation that erodes local decision making and control. The city believes that decision making happens best at the local level. (Metropolitan Council, State of Minnesota)

Improving Public Access to Information. The city supports legislation that would enable it to meet its official notice publication requirements on its website, rather than a designated newspaper. (State of Minnesota)

Water Management. The city must meet water quality standards from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Board of Soil and Water Resources, Elm Creek Watershed District, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Shingle Creek Watershed District, Bassett Creek Watershed District, Metropolitan

Council, United States Environmental Pollution Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Hennepin County. The City of Plymouth supports process improvements aimed at streamlining applications and standards.

Metropolitan Council. The city supports reform of the Metropolitan Council's make-up and municipal input in this process. A majority of members should be elected officials, appointed from cities and counties in the region. Terms of Metropolitan Council members appointed by the governor should be staggered and not coterminous with the governor. The Metropolitan Council should represent the entire region and voting should be structured on population and incorporate a system of checks and balances. (Metropolitan Council, State of Minnesota)

Statutory Authority. The city supports legislation confining the Metropolitan Council to its statutory authority. (Metropolitan Council, State of Minnesota)

Transportation Advisory Board. The city supports re-examination of the Transportation Advisory Board's make-up and supports municipal input in this process. (Metropolitan Council)

Raising the Minimum Age to Purchase Tobacco Products to 21. The city supports statewide legislation to raise the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco products to 21. (State of Minnesota)

Economic Development Tools. The City supports funding of the State JCF (Job Creation Fund) and MIF (Minnesota Investment Fund) to allow opportunities for business development, job creation and further encourage economic development. (State of Minnesota)

Fire State Aid. The city supports statewide legislation allowing municipalities and fire relief associations to mutually agree to an allocation of fire state aid to offset PERA contributions for full-time fire personnel in combination departments. The city and the Plymouth Firefighters Relief Association have such an agreement in place, pending enabling legislation. (State of Minnesota)

~~**Presidential Primary Election in 2020.** The City supports positions adopted by the League of Minnesota Cities, with emphasis on support for allowing the presidential primary to be conducted via mail balloting in order to reduce burden on city resources. (State of Minnesota)~~

III. FISCAL REFORM

The city supports fiscal reforms that foster local independence from the state.

No Expansion of Local Government Aid. The city does not support the expansion of Local Government Aid. Any city not receiving LGA should be exempt from levy limits or restrictions on local finance. (State of Minnesota)

Property Tax Reforms. The city supports direct individual property tax relief for all income-eligible taxpayers in all cities through the circuit breaker program, rather than through the Local Government Aid program. (State of Minnesota)

No Expansion of Fiscal Disparities. The City of Plymouth contributes 6.5% of its tax base to fiscal disparities and does not support the expansion of the program as a tool to balance the region's tax base. The city opposes any legislation that would redirect fiscal disparity contributions to special projects. (State of Minnesota)

Building Permit Fees. The City of Plymouth supports fees and regulations necessary for new development to pay for itself. The City of Plymouth disagrees with the recent Housing First (BATC) publications that state that city building fees cause housing in Plymouth to not be affordable. Based on

the City calculations, the fees charged for a new home in Plymouth, including all development and building fees, are less than 5% of the total cost of the average new home in Plymouth.

IV. SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL ASSETS

Lodging Tax. The city supports greater flexibility in the use and application of local lodging tax authority. Specifically, the city requests authorization to utilize a three percent lodging tax to support marketing and promotion of the community, economic development activities and improvements to public recreational facilities — all which benefit local hotels. In order to further retain local authority, the funds would be administered by the City Council or Economic Development Authority. (State of Minnesota)

Plymouth Creek Center. The city supports a capital appropriation of \$15 million for the Plymouth Creek Center renovation and expansion. Combined with matching funds from the city, this appropriation will provide a regional destination for recreational activities, special events, interactive play, and social gatherings. The funding will meet long-term demands for local and regional opportunities while protecting the investment and providing a greater quality of life and healthy lifestyles in years to come. (State of Minnesota)

* New in 2020 Legislative Priorities

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