

Adopted Minutes Special Council Meeting January 21, 2014

Mayor Slavik called a Special Meeting of the Plymouth City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Medicine Lake Room of City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Boulevard, on January 21, 2014.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Slavik, Councilmembers Wosje, Willis, Stein, Prom, Johnson, and Bildsoe.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Callister, Community Development Director Juetten, Public Works Director Cote, Administrative Services Director Fischer, Park and Recreation Director Evans, Police Chief Goldstein, Fire Chief Kline, and City Clerk Engdahl.

Goal Setting

Staff discussed the 2014 goals for their respective departments. The following items the Council requested be placed on the study session topic list:

- Re-evaluate Comprehensive Plan update process
- City's role in economic development and redevelopment

The Council made suggestions to the following areas:

- Reevaluate communication methods to residents regarding snowplowing efforts. Council noted that there has been a change of expectation from residents, especially the newer residents. There are also many variables with equipment and operators.
- Research application for bus riders so they can track the status of their busses, especially if the busses are running late. Staff indicated that they're in the process of researching various applications and costs.

I-494 Dynamic Shoulder Project Noise Walls (5104E)

Public Works Director Cote stated MN/DOT is proposing to add a third lane on I-494 between Highway 55 and I-94 beginning in 2014. The proposed lane addition will be a dynamic shoulder that will only be open to traffic during congested periods of the day. As part of the project, MN/DOT is proposing a number of noise walls to mitigate highway noise. One of the proposed walls is located on the west side of I-494 between 54th Avenue in the Reserve and County Road 47. "Affected receptors" are allowed to vote whether they want the noise walls as part of the

MN/DOT process. The City has a trail and emergency access road located in the vicinity of the proposed wall. Since the trail is considered a park, MN/DOT considers the entire trail an affected receptor. There are 45 total affected receptors along this wall, 33 of which are the trail and emergency access road. Therefore, the City has the most votes on determining whether the noise wall should be installed. Staff is requesting the Council indicate their support or non-support for this wall. He stated currently, the non-City votes are no. Not voting on this item would constitute a no vote.

After briefly discussing this item, the Council stated they wouldn't be submitting a vote on this project.

Adjournment

Mayor Slavik adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.



Sandra R. Engdahl, City Clerk