

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the City Council for the City of St. Joseph met in a workshop setting at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, in the St. Joseph Government Center.

Members Present: Mayor Rick Schultz. Councilors Brian Theisen, Bob Loso, Kelly Beniek, Kevin Kluesner

City Representatives Present: Administrator Therese Haffner, City Clerk Kayla Klein, Finance Director Lori Bartlett, Public Works Superintendent Ryan Wensmann, Police Chief Dwight Pfannenstein, City Engineer Randy Sabart, City Attorney Susan Dege

Community Center: Greg Gack with the St. Cloud Area YMCA was present to discuss a potential partnership between the City and the YMCA for a portion of the community center.

Beltway Presentation – SRF Consulting Group: Molly Stewart presented a high-level understanding of the Southwest Beltline Corridor Study. For more than 30 years, the corridor in the southwest portion of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Area has been a key transportation topic within the region. It was identified as a priority in the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization Mapping 2045 document completed in 2019. The study will look to identify the purpose, need, and benefits of the corridor, evaluate potential alignment, cross-section, and traffic control needs, and building support and policies to set the state for future implementation. There will be future community engagement opportunities as the study progresses.


APO Speed Limit in Residential Districts: Sabart discussed the conversations that have been happening regarding speed on residential streets in the St. Cloud Metropolitan Area. The cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Rochester have implemented a reduction in speed to 20mph on residential streets. Ideally, with the six area cities if a reduction were to be approved, it would be consistent across the region.

Alley Discussion: The southern portion of the alley in block 7 is proposing to be closed as part of the 2021 street improvement project. The correct process would be for the city to go through the vacation process which would then turn over one side of the alley to the property owner on the west and one side of the alley to the property owner on the east. The city would still maintain a utility easement in the alley.

Additionally, a resident living next to the northern portion of the alley on block 8 wanted the northern portion of the alley to be closed. The two abutting property owners would need to petition to the city to vacate that portion of the alley. The property owner has the vacation application, but nothing has been submitted at this time.

2022 Budget: Bartlett walked through two portions of the 2022 budget: staffing and the capital equipment purchases. The organization structure for the Public Works Department was discussed and a formal recommendation will be brought to a regular City Council meeting for approval.

Adjourn: The work session was adjourned at 7:52 PM.


Kayla Klein
City Clerk