

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
Monday, July 18, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Worksession Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, on July 18, 2022.

The Worksession Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Council President Ginny Skutnik with the following members present: Butch Eley, Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Ted Schroeder, Jeniffer Beahm. Absent: Joy Huffaker, Shawn Hartmann.

City Officials Present: Mayor Corey Stutte, Clint Schukei, Lori Vorderstrasse, Troy Vorderstrasse, Erik Nielsen, Kevin Johnson, Jeff Hassenstab, Lee Vrooman, Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson, Marty Stange, Lisa Parnell-Rowe.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Butch Eley seconded by Ted Schroeder to adopt the current agenda for the July 18, 2022 City Council Worksession. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker, Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.

Official Notice of the Worksession was published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, July 15, 2022. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is available. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

Review of City Mission Statement and Goals.

The City Mission Statement and Goals were discussed. Some councilmembers felt the mission statement should be shortened and felt that it needed to be reviewed and possibly revised. Councilmember Fong suggested taking some time and having several councilmembers work on wording and bringing it back for Council approval. It was the consensus of the Council that the mission statement be reviewed by a small group of councilmembers and brought back to the Council at the September 19th Worksession. Councilmember Fong agreed to organize councilmembers to review the mission statement.

Discussion of City of Hastings Transportation and Parking Master Plan prepared by Kimley-Horn.

Lisa Parnell-Rowe, Development Services Director, stated they had the open town hall meetings with some attendance and they had gone well. She indicated the meetings were more informative in nature than engagement events. She told the Council they have had some revisions, mostly wording that was not clear enough. She stated this was the final product and that staff was just looking to finalize it. Councilmember Fong asked for a review of when the open engagement began. Ms. Parnell-Rowe indicated that around August of 2020 is when the kickoff meeting took place. She told the Council they did the review of parking areas via a drone which captured a visual of the parking lots at different times of day. She stressed to the Council that the key findings had to do with underutilized parking, maintenance and large vehicle parking. Councilmember Rosenberg asked about handicap parking stalls and having enough. Lee Vrooman, City Engineer, indicated that handicap stalls were not specifically

looked at and that this study is more a higher view of what we have in place right now for transportation and parking and a kind of road map to which other studies would help us zero in on what changes might need to be made. Mr. Vrooman indicated the three things specified in the parking area were budgeting for parking, consistent parking restrictions and clarifying who manages the parking areas. Ms. Parnell-Rowe indicated this study is at a high level and is a bird's eye view on what needs to be zeroed in on. Councilmember Fong asked if this master plan is out there for public view. Ms. Parnell-Rowe told the Council it is currently on the City website. She indicated she hadn't received any calls regarding the study. Mr. Vrooman indicated some of the studies they recommended diving deeper into were downtown pedestrian mall study, railroad viaduct study, local transit feasibility study, walkability and mobility study and downtown circulation with one-way to two-way streets. Councilmember Schroeder asked about when staff would have a priority list and a timeline. Mr. Vrooman indicated that the prioritization is listed in the study and explained that a lot of the projects listed are already on the One and Six Year Street Plan, so really it comes down to how to pay for the projects and how, as a community, we want to spend the money. It was the consensus of the Council to put accepting of the Transportation and Parking Master Plan on the July 25th Council Meeting agenda for approval.

Moved by Matt Fong seconded by Butch Eley there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 5:51 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Matt Fong, Chuck Rosenberg, Butch Eley, Ted Schroeder, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: Joy Huffaker, Shawn Hartmann. The motion carried.