



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Concurrent City Council and Planning Commission Work Session

June 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Regan Gonzalez at 5:45 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

Council Members Present: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor; Edwina Garcia (arrived late); Mary Supple; and Simon Trautmann

Council Members Absent: Ben Whalen

Planning Commission Members Present: Kathryn Quam; James Rudolph; Susan Rosenberg; Bryan Pynn; Peter Lavin; and Sean Hayford Oleary

Planning Commission Members Absent: Allysen Hoberg, Chair

Staff Present: Pam Dmytrenko, Administrative Services Director/Assistant City Manager; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; and John Stark, Community Development Director

Item #1	I-494 ACCESS RECONFIGURATION MARKET IMPACT EVALUATION
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Mayor Regan Gonzalez introduced Public Works Director Asher who gave a brief overview of the I-494 access reconfiguration as proposed by MnDOT and announced a market impact evaluation done by Jon Commers and Carly Anderson of Visble City. Mr. Commers presented the information that they gleaned from their study which was mainly positive.

Nick Brenner from Menards shared comments about the proposed access reconfiguration and how it may affect their business.

There was overall discussion on the topic from the Planning Commission, City Council, and City Staff their thoughts of how it may affect the residents and commercial businesses along with the want for more information on the study in the form of a memorandum including feedback to express the comparable views and what the impact of the reconfiguration could be without the 77 underpass being completed.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked about the timeline for the project which Director Asher stated that MnDOT will be back for more questions and statements in hopefully August.

Director Asher explained the noise wall process if the residents want a noise wall implemented to which Council Member Garcia stated her concerns in blocking the businesses along 494.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez and Commissioner Quam expressed the need to finish the 77 underpass before the reconfiguration happens and asked about the timeline for the project which is slated to start construction in 2021 pending funding and help from MnDOT.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:54 p.m.

Date Approved: July 23, 2019

Maria Regan Gonzalez
Mayor

Kari Sinning
Deputy City Clerk

Katie Rodriguez
City Manager