



Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 5, 2023 | 5:00 pm

Council Members Present: Dani Gaumond, Steve Shepro, Marcus Metz

Staff Present: Patricia Love, Tansy Schroeder, Audrey Rotrock

Others Present: N/A

Marcus Metz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. City Hall / Police Station Site Options Discussion

Patricia Love briefed the Committee on the history of the plans for renovation and/or relocation of City Hall and Police Station. The Committee would like to see City Hall stay downtown with renovations to the building. They would also like the Police Station to be as close to downtown as possible but in a location that is out of the floodplain.

2. Economic Development Policy Review

Patricia Love discussed the current redundancies and out of date policies in the current Economic Development Policy. The Committee is very pleased with the changes and updates made to the policy thus far.

3. Nonconforming Signage Emergency Ordinance

Tansy Schroeder discussed how the recent survey of the Twin City Mile revealed that many signs, landscaping, etc. on the south side of 271st Street NW are actually located in the City right-of-way (ROW). These signs were permitted years ago when the exact ROW and property lines were unknown. The current code does not allow repairs to, or replacement of damaged signs previously permitted in the ROW. The emergency ordinance would allow individuals to make repairs to these nonconforming signs. The Committee agreed to move forward with the ordinance but want to ensure the property owners are well informed that the City may, at a point in the future, need to use the ROW for other purposes and their signs may have to be removed.

4. Year-in-Review

Patricia Love gave an overview/snapshot of what the Community Development Department has worked on for the last two years. The Committee expressed interest in learning more about the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan and Accessory Dwelling Units.

