



Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2022

Attendance:

Councilmembers: Darren Robb, Tim Pearce, Andreena Bergman
City Staff: Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love

Meeting was conducted in person. The full meeting agenda packet with detailed information can be found on the City's website at [Agenda Center](#).

Call to order at 5:35 pm

Agenda- agenda was switched

1. Twin City Mile Project

The Public Works Committee unanimously supported moving the Twin City Mile Steering Committee recommendation forward to the Council on July 28, 2022. They support wider sidewalks and improving downtown to be a comfortable and inviting space. The Committee also had the following comments:

- They were happy to see that the public survey supported and re-affirmed the direction of the project.
- Like the brick road theme and how it supports the history of building city roads out of the bricks that were used as ballast for boats on the river.
- Recognized the issue with speeding down Cedarhome Drive onto 271st Street but concerned that the one-way design is the wrong approach. Cedarhome Drive is the only connection between uptown and downtown without having to drive on SR 532 and locals prefer to drive to downtown via
- 271st Street. Consider more traffic calming options before the one-way approach.
- Consider improvements near the middle school as people pick up speed along this section of the road. (Staff Note: the middle school designs included in this packet were not complete at the time of the Public Works Committee meeting)
- Start with projects in the west and east end.
- Select a unifying street light theme. Match Viking Way or 88th Avenue – or consider a new for the entire corridor.
- During design and construction consider impacts on local businesses and how they may be affected.

2. Transportation Benefit District Levy Renewal

Hammond presented the Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax Levy Renewal. The committee had the following comments and questions:



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- Is it possible that the county could levy this tax if the city does not? Hammond noted he would obtain an answer and brief council at the July 14 meeting.
- It was noted that the current sales tax would not increase, but rather would just stay the same.
- How will the city select the pro and con committee members? Hammond answered we will advertise in the newspaper, website, and hopefully the newspaper will run a story, then the mayor will appoint committee members.
- It was pointed out that the tax is not just on city residents, but rather it is a tax that is paid by everyone who comes into the city, so those who use the roads pay for the maintenance and improvements.
- It was noted that past city administrators spoke to different community clubs and talked about the TBD to help spread the word.
- Hammond was asked to speak about what the Council Members and City staff can and can't do/say when talking about the Sales Tax Levy. Hammond referred the committee members attachment B in the committee packet.

Adjourn: 6:35