



CITY OF SAINT ANTHONY VILLAGE
WORKSESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5:45PM

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There is also a dial-in option available. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so in person.

1. Minutes

A. Approval Of CC WS Meeting Minutes

Documents:

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2. Worksession Topics

A. THC Products At The Liquor Stores

Charlie Yunker, City Manager, and Mike Larson, Liquor Store Operations Manager, presenting.

Documents:

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3. Future Worksession Dates, Times And Agenda Items

A. Future Agenda Items

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4. Adjournment

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City of St. Anthony
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Minutes

May 23, 2023

Present:

Mayor & Council:

Randy Stille, Mayor, Bernard Walker, Thomas Randle, Wendy Webster, Jan Jenson, Councilmembers

Absent:

None

Staff:

Shelly Rueckert, Finance Director, Justin Messner, City Engineer

Call to Order:

Mayor Stille called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Debt Levy/Updated Street Improvement Plan:

Finance Director, Shelly Rueckert summarized the staff report regarding the 2024 debt levy, which relates directly to the city's street improvement plan.

2023 was the first "off" year for a street project to begin the long-term transition of the debt levy to an infrastructure levy. The plan as presented for 2024 is a full reconstruction of 31st Ave between Rankin and Silver Lake Rd, with some additional mill and overlay streets in other parts of the city.

Staff discussed that project costs are rising, and performing additional mill and overlays on previously reconstructed roads would be a more optimal approach to help maintain a consistent debt levy and protect the investments the city has made in fully reconstructed streets in previous years.

Council and staff discussed the two approaches and asked staff to bring two feasibility scenarios to a regular Council meeting for a full reconstruction on 31st A as scheduled, and an expanded mill and overlay approach with a temporary resurfacing of 31st Ave to address the surface issue.

Future Work Sessions:

Next Work Session will be held on June 13th, 2023, at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Charlie Yunker, City Manager.



MEMORANDUM

To: St. Anthony Village City Council
From: Charlie Yunker, City Manager and Mike Larson, Liquor Operation Manager
Date: June 13, 2023 City Council Work Session
Request: City Regulation of THC & Cannabis Products and Availability in the Liquor Stores

BACKGROUND

In the 2022 Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 98, Article 13, the Minnesota Legislature amended Minn. Stat. § 151.72 to allow the sale of certain cannabinoids derived from hemp, effective July 1, 2022. On July 26, 2022 the City Council adopted an interim ordinance temporarily prohibiting the use of any land, and prohibiting the City from accepting any application, or issuing any City permit, for the sale of any edible cannabinoid products as defined in Minn. Stat. § 151.72, as amended, or any related or similar activity, as a principal or accessory use within any portion of the City of St. Anthony, Minnesota.

Part of the legislation passed in the 2023 Minnesota Session, HF 100 was signed into law on May 31, 2023 legalizing adult-use cannabis. This included a provision for liquor stores to be legally allowed to sell all low potency hemp derived THC products, which do not contain alcohol, effective upon signing the legislation. A summary from the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA) describes:

For THC Products

- All beverages can be sold from the customer accessible reach in coolers, floor displays or any place you wish to put them.
- All products that are not beverages must be sold from behind a counter or in a locked case.
- All customers that are purchasing these products must show a proper and approved ID.
- Retailers will be responsible for collecting a 10% sales tax on these new products plus local sales tax as well. This will begin on July 1, 2023.

The legislation did not preempt any existing moratoriums that cities have in place.

Chapter 63 of the legislation legalizes adult-use cannabis and creates a statewide regulatory framework, as summarized by the League of Minnesota Cities:

For Cannabis Products

- Legalization of possession and home growth, decriminalization effective August 1, 2023. Can possess 2oz in public, 2lbs at home, can grow 8 plants at home (4 mature)
- Legal sales expected to begin by January 2025.
- Cities may place an interim ordinance prohibiting cannabis businesses until January 1, 2025.
- License limits – one for every 12,500
- Authorizes municipal dispensaries.

Based on the guidance available to date, the city's role in licensing and regulation of THC products will be distinct from the role in Cannabis products. Both classifications of products appear to be allowed to be sold in municipal liquor operations. More particulars will be made available as staff receives additional, specific guidance in the coming weeks and months.

THC Moratorium

Now that the legislative session has ended with no new or modified legislation relating to THC products, the City's existing moratorium set to expire in late July can be revisited with clarity. The Council has the option to extend the moratorium for up to an additional 18 months if desired. This can also include a discussion on the Council's desire to put a moratorium in place for Cannabis products.

Product Availability at the Municipal Liquor Stores

Municipal liquor operations can be a good fit for controlling the sale as the proper procedures in place to effectively include THC beverages and/or Cannabis products as part of our mission statement of controlling the sale while simultaneously generating revenue. We may also be at a competitive disadvantage if we elect not to sell these items.

- There is a robust market for these product right now. The future of sales is unpredictable but that is true for many new products that are introduced to the market. Customer demand is high (no pun intended) right now and we are fielding many calls and visits asking if we are carrying these items currently.
- The City and our Stores have the appropriate personnel policies and procedures in place to deal with the legalization of these beverages.
- The MMBA, is researching ways to increase or modify our server training knowledge to accommodate controlling the sale of these products, and identifying THC intoxicated consumers. While our current level of training is adequate for the time being, the MMBA is working with other markets in the USA to learn from their experiences retailing THC beverages.

To date, we have a number of unanswered questions such as; The League of Minnesota Cities recommendation on stocking these products, liability insurance, limitations of payment processors to allow payments through their systems, among others. These would all need to be carefully examined before knowing definitively if these products can or should be on municipal store shelves.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR COUNCIL FEEDBACK

Below are the specific items for discussion and feedback for the City Council:

- Does the Council feel controlling the sale of THC and Cannabis falls under the City's mission?
- If so, what is the desired level of regulation?

Based on the above positions:

- What is the Council's position on having THC products for sale at the liquor stores?
- If comfortable, what is the Council's position on having THC products for sale in the liquor stores while a moratorium is in place for private businesses?
- What is the Council's position on having Cannabis products for sale at the liquor stores?
- Any other aspects of the issue the Council wishes to discuss?

NEXT STEPS

Staff will utilize the City Council feedback from this discussion to determine what steps the liquor operation should take regarding inventory, and planning/administration will work on ordinance language regarding THC and Cannabis; including addressing the existing moratorium.

Future work session discussions will be scheduled to discuss this topic and proposed ordinance language.

FUTURE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Date	Type		Staff Present
2023			
June 27	Work Session	2024 Initial Property Tax levy Scenarios	City Council City Manager
June 27	Regular	Commissioner MaryJo McGuire Presentation Audit Report	City Council City Manager
July 11	Work Session	Finalize Debt Levy/Updated Street Improvement Plan	City Council City Manager
July 11	Regular	Planning Commission items from June Quarterly Donations & Grants Quarterly Goals Update Approval of 2024 debt levy-public hearing	City Council City Manager Finance Director
July 25	Work Session	Brew Pub Licensing Food Trucks THC Moratorium	City Council City Manager
July 25	Regular	Liquor Operations Mid Year Report VillageFest Presentation Night to Unite Presentation Night to Unite Proclamation Approve Union Contracts	City Council City Manager Liquor Op Mgr Police Chief
August 7	Work Session	Staff proposed 2024 Budget and Levy Presentation Discuss Updated Levy Scenarios	City Council City Manager
August 7	Regular	Planning Commission items from July Spirit of St. Anthony Award	City Council City Manager
August 22	Regular	2024 Proposed Budget & Levy Presentation	City Council City Manager Finance Director
September 12	Work Session	Code Amendments	City Council City Manager City Planner
September 12	Regular	Planning Commission items from August 2024 Preliminary Operating Budget and Levy-Public Hearing Students in Leadership-Consent	City Council City Manager Finance Director
September 26	Work Session	Single Family Home Rentals	City Council City Manager City Planner
September 26	Regular	Fire Prevention Presentation	City Council City Manager Fire Dept

FUTURE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Date	Type	Staff Present	
October 10	Work Session	2024 Long term capital budget plans	City Council City Manager Finance Director
October 10	Regular	Preliminary Certification of Delinquent Waste Hauler Accounts-Consent Agenda Preliminary Certification of Delinquent Utility Accounts-Consent Agenda Planning Commission items from September	City Council City Manager
October 24	Work Session	2024 Water and Sewer Budgets and rate adjustments	City Council City Manager Finance Director
October 24	Regular	Quarterly Donations & Grants Quarterly Goals Update Approval of CIP	City Council City Manager Finance Director
November 13	Work Session	Planning Commission Interviews	City Council City Manager
November 14	Regular	Planning Commission items from October Authorizing polling places for 2023 1st Reading Water, Sewer, & Stormwater-Public Hearing Presentation on Water and Sewer Rates	City Council City Manager Finance Director
November 28	Work Session	General Fund Surplus Transfers Planning & Parks Commission Interviews	City Council City Manager
November 28	Regular	Fire Prevention Poster Winners 2nd Reading and Adoption Water, Sewer, & Stormwater	City Council City Manager
December 12	Work Session		City Council City Manager
December 12	Regular	Planning Commission items from November Appoint Parks and Planning Commissioners and Chair/Vice Chairs Setting Salary of City Manager Authorizing Transfers & Closing of Specified Funds Setting the 2024 City & HRA Budgets and Final Property Tax Levy -Public Hearing 2024 Fee Schedule Quarterly Goals update	City Council City Manager Finance Director
December 27	Regular		
2024			
January 09	Work Session		City Council City Manager
January 09	Regular	Planning Commission items from December Housekeeping Resolutions Resolution for the Street Improvement Bond Reimbursement Quarterly Donations & Grants Quarterly Goals update NYFS Agreement Outside Orgs-Council	City Council City Manager

FUTURE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Date	Type	Staff Present	
January 23	Regular	Public Works Snow Plowing Operations presentation	City Council City Manager
February 13	Work Session		City Council City Manager
February 13	Regular	Planning Commission items from January Water Conservation Poster Winners Public Hearing-2024 Budget Calendar and Process 2024 Planning Commission Work Plan- (motion only) 2024 Parks and Environmental Commission Work Plan- (motion only) Administration Annual Report Liquor License Renewals	City Council City Manager Finance Director
February 27	Regular	Metro-Inet Presentation GreenCorp Member application-resolution Adoption of Strategic Plan Liquor Annual Report	City Council City Manager Liquor Op Manager Public Works Director
March 12	Work Session		City Council City Manager
March 12	Regular	Planning Commission Items from February Public Works Annual Report	City Council City Manager Public Works Director
March 26	Regular	Police Annual Report Wyland Water Challenge	City Council City Manager Police Dept
April 9	Work Session		City Council City Manager
April 9	Regular	Planning Commission Items from March Quarterly Donations & Grants Fire Annual Report Arbor Day Proclamation Earth Day Proclamation Quarterly Goals Update	City Council City Manager Fire Dept
April 23	Regular	Finance Annual Report Insurance Renewal & Term Limits- Consent (Odd Years) New Liquor License- 3701 Stinson Blvd-Public Hearing	City Council City Manager Finance Director
May 14	Work Session	Discuss Debt Levy/Updated Street Improvement Plan	City Council City Manager

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May 14	Regular	Planning Commission items from April Finance Annual Report	City Council City Manager
May 28	Regular	Villager of the Year and Business of the Year	City Council City Manager
June 11	Work Session		City Council City Manager Liquor Manager
June 11	Regular	Planning Commission Items from May Authorize preparation of feasibility study for 2025 street project	City Council City Manager