

Addenda
Minnetonka City Council Meeting
Meeting of October 3, 2022

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TO: City Council
FROM: Phil Olson, City Engineer
DATE: Oct. 3, 2022
SUBJECT: Change Memo for Oct. 3, 2022 City Council Meeting

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Regular Meeting
Monday, Oct. 3, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Calvert-Schaeppi-Coakley-Kirk-Schack-Wilburn-Wiersum
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. Sep. 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes
6. Special Matters: None.
7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members 8. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters
Not on the Agenda
9. Bids and Purchases:
 - A. Bids for the Carlson and Cheshire Parkway Improvements Project
Recommendation: Award the contract, authorize to expend the costs and amend the CIP (5 votes)
10. Consent Agenda - Items Requiring a Majority Vote:
 - A. Resolution regarding Minnetonka Firefighters Relief Association bylaws
Recommendation: Adopt the resolution (4 votes)

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- B. Resolution approving purchase agreements for 10505 Belmont Road and 1809 Welland Avenue

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution (4 votes)
- C. Resolution appointing election judges and absentee ballot board for the Nov. 8 General State Election

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution (4 votes)
- 11. Consent Agenda - Items Requiring Five Votes:
 - A. Amend Budgets for Hennepin County Projects Recommendation:

Amend the project budgets (5 votes)
- 12. Introduction of Ordinances:
 - A. Ordinance prohibiting unauthorized possession of catalytic converters

Recommendation: Introduce the ordinance (4 votes)
 - B. Ordinance establishing Juneteenth, June 19 as a city holiday

Recommendation: Introduce the ordinance (4 votes)
 - C. Renaming roadways in Opus area

Recommendation: Introduce the ordinance (4 votes)
 - D. Ordinance regarding parking regulations

Recommendation: Introduce the ordinance (4 votes)
- 13. Public Hearings:
 - A. On-sale intoxicating liquor license for Racks II, INC, located at 11032 Cedar Lake Road

Recommendation: Motion to continue the public hearing to Nov. 14 (4 votes)
- 14. Other Business:
 - A. Ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the City Code by adding Section 1045.047, regarding third-party gift card sales

Recommendation: Adopt the ordinance (4 votes)
 - B. Resolution transferring funds from the City's general fund to funds of the City and the Economic Development Authority in and for the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota for various loan programs

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution (4 votes)

- C. Resolution for the Water Treatment Plant #14 Generator Project

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution (4 votes)

- D. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Management Report

Recommendation: Motion to receive the report

- E. Appeal the denial for a General Manager of a liquor establishment application for Julianna Grandbois

Recommendation: Uphold the denial of the General Manager application (4 votes)

- F. Resolution for the Smetana Road Trail Project and Agreement with City of Hopkins

Recommendation: Adopt the resolutions (4 votes)

- 15. Appointments and Reappointments: None. 16. Adjournment



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From: Luke Van Santen

Date: October 3, 2022 at 2:07:42 PM CDT

To: Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>, Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>, Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>, Kimberly Wilburn <kwilburn@minnetonkamn.gov>

Cc: Matt Kumka <mkumka@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: Support for Smetana Road Trail project

Mayor Wiersum, Councilmembers Schaeppi, Calvert, and Wilburn -

I'm writing this message today to express my full support for this trail and to ask that each of you (as members of the City Council that represent me) vote to approve moving forward with it.

I've glanced through the feasibility study in the materials for tonight's meeting and feel this will be an excellent addition to biking and walking infrastructure not just for our city but also for Hopkins and the larger region. Connecting various existing trail segments (the newly (this summer) opened/connected tunnel under 169 along 9 Mile Creek, the trail system in Opus, the trail running north along 11th into Hopkins, and getting extremely close to the trail running north / south along Shady Oak Road) make this a very beneficial project. Additionally, this trail segment makes an easier connection between downtown Hopkins and the multi-use singletrack trail in Lone Lake Park, as well as to Shady Oak beach.

The layouts seem pretty straight forward but I would like to suggest several additions / modifications to the layout that I feel would make it an even better project.

1. Make the trail 10 feet wide. I understand there are significant constraints that support an 8 foot width, but having 10 feet available for walking and biking use will minimize potential future user conflict and will facilitate a significantly better user experience.
2. Replace the existing sidewalk between Sanibel & Shady Oak with a full width trail. If that is not possible, expand the sidewalk to be the same width as the trail. Doing so will avoid the issues that arise at the west end of the new Excelsior Blvd trail where trail users are routed onto sidewalks that are not wide enough for two-way traffic and are not wide enough for bicyclists and walkers to share without seeming discomfort on the part of one or both parties. It will also make a more solid connection to the trail running along Shady Oak.
3. Wherever possible, narrow driving lane widths to a maximum width of 11 feet (10 feet would be preferable) to both serve as a traffic calming method AND to make as much space available for the trail to run along the shoulder of the roadway instead of in the grassy areas. Doing so will minimize any potential adverse impacts to trees, will make it possible to have a 10 foot wide trail, and, by not having to disturb non-paved surfaces, will minimize any permit impacts, and will make the trail easier to clear in winter. 10 foot and 11 foot driving lane widths, while different from the more traditional approach, offer adequate width for all vehicles and are increasingly deemed acceptable in the engineering community.

4. Wherever possible, retain the rural section of the roads instead of adding curb and gutter. Not only will this be less expensive to construct, it will minimize or eliminate the need for additional stormsewer and ongoing maintenance of said stormsewer.
5. Implement a roundabout at the intersection of Smetana and 11th, with bike lanes. I strongly suspect this is way outside the scope of the project, but doing so would enable a safer intersection while also enabling a more efficient flow of traffic for both cars and bicyclists.
6. Same for the intersection at Westbrooke (implement a roundabout). This would have the additional benefit of making the crossing to the 9 Mile Creek trail (along the north side of Smetana east of Westbrooke) safer for bicyclists and pedestrians without the need for (too often ignored) crosswalks, flashing beacons or other such devices.

Thank you for your time!

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