

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 1, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by Mayor St. Ores at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor St. Ores, Councilmembers Buckley, Carlson, Hanson, and McGann

Staff Present: City Administrator Adam Bell, Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor, and Public Works Director Matt Kline

BUSINESS

MNDOT OVERVIEW PRESENTATION OF HIGHWAY 95 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

MNDOT Senior Project Manager Dan Mattison gave an overview of the proposed Highway 95 Improvement Project scheduled for 2020. The project includes pavement improvements from 8th Avenue North in Bayport to Interstate 94, several pedestrian and bike enhancements to improve accessibility and safety, and city utility and infrastructure upgrades. A majority of the discussion focused on the pedestrian and bike improvements, aimed to improve accessibility, balance the needs of all users traveling within the community, calm traffic, improve vehicle speed compliance, and create safer and protected pedestrian crossings, especially near Andersen Elementary. These goals would be accomplished by removing a portion of the existing center turn lane and replacing it with a raised median. This would facilitate a protected pedestrian crossing at 3rd Avenue North, with a refuge in the median. A designated bike lane would also be added on both sides of the street, which would reduce the width of the travel lane and help calm traffic speeds. On-street parking would remain on the east side on the street and be striped, to maximize capacity. MNDOT noted that with the addition of a designated bike lane, there may be an opportunity to reduce the speed limit from 30 to 25 MPH, which would also help increase safety. Dan also mentioned that as part of the improvements, some turn movements will be restricted at certain intersections and the travel lanes may need to be shifted slightly. Discussion followed with questions and comments from the City Council. Once the preliminary design is complete, MNDOT anticipates hosting an informational open house on the project, anticipated for this fall.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Hanson and seconded by Councilmember Carlson to adjourn the workshop at 6:03 p.m.