

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 30, 2018
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice, Mayor St. Ores called the Special City Council meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Susan St. Ores, Councilmembers Connie Carlson, John Buckley, Michele Hanson and Patrick McGann

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Adam Bell, Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor, Finance Officer Wanda Madsen, Public Works Director Matt Kline, Police Chief Laura Eastman, Fire Chief Allen Eisinger, and Library Director Jill Smith

BUSINESS

Consider a resolution accepting the proposed scope of work for the MnDOT Highway 95 Road Improvement Project: Administrator Bell reviewed the proposed improvements for the project, noting that MnDOT had found workable solutions to accommodate deliveries at Froggy's Carpet and southbound left turns at St. Charles Church, while maintaining the center median and bike lanes. He also noted that city staff recently met with the Stillwater Public School District facility manager to review the latest design concept and the district was supportive of the proposed improvements. Administrator Bell stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to consider a resolution of support for the overall project. He noted that the mill and overlay work, sidewalk upgrades, and installation of the median would be implemented as part of the project regardless of city support for the bike lanes.

Discussion followed on the loss of parking on the west side of Highway 95 related to the bike lanes and other potential parking opportunities to mitigate the loss. City Councilmembers acknowledged the benefit of designated bike lanes through the city, but were concerned that the proposed location may not be the best to accommodate such a facility, due to safety reasons associated with highway traffic. Further discussion followed on design alternatives that could result in similar traffic calming behavior in lieu of the bike lanes, such as delineated on-street parking stalls and a reduction in width of the travel lane. Following discussion, the consensus of the City Council was in support of the MnDOT Highway 95 Road Improvement Project, but without incorporation of the bike lanes. Efforts to pursue alternative bike routes and/or trail connections will be considered by the city in conjunction with future capital improvement projects.

It was moved by Councilmember McGann and seconded by Councilmember Buckley to acknowledge city support for the MnDOT Highway 95 Road Improvement Project, but without incorporation of the bike lanes. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Buckley and seconded by Councilmember Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

City Administrator/Clerk