

**WORKSHOP
OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL
March 26, 2019
5 PM**

Attendance

The City Council held a workshop on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at Oakdale Municipal Building, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota.

Present: Mayor Paul Reinke

Council Members: Jake Ingebrigtsen
Susan Olson
Colleen Swedberg
Kevin Zabel

Also Present: Susan Barry, City Clerk
Bart Fischer, City Administrator
Alyssa MacLeod, Communications Specialist
Dallas Pierson, Planning Commission
Bob Streetar, Community Development Director

Marc Briese, GBRT Design / Construction Manager (MnDOT)
Stan Karwoski, Washington County Commissioner
Jan Lucke, Washington County Planning Director

BRT Gold Line Update

Marc Briese provided an overview of the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project: route, partners, planning process, timeline, costs and funding, bridges, stations, and next steps. He noted that a slight delay in the project was created by the Federal government shutdown; commented on the possibility of requesting funds to enhance landscaping; indicated that when the project goes to the engineering level, estimates will become firm and the budget will be set; and announced that Washington County was successful in securing grant funds for the Helmo and Bielenberg Bridge.

In response to a question from Council Member Zabel, Mr. Briese explained that the end of the route was originally planned to be at the Woodbury Theater; however, a park-and-ride, with more capacity will now be developed.

Community Development Director Streetar stated that the majority of the proposed trail on Greenway, north of Hudson Boulevard, was in the city's Comprehensive Plan.

County Commission Chair Karwoski noted that the County was working on a bill relating to the 4th Street and Helmo and Bielenberg bridges.

In response to a question from Council Member Ingebrigtsen, Mr. Briese indicated that the Helmo and Bielenberg bridge would offer two traffic lanes, two bus lanes, and a pedestrian lane.

Mayor Reinke commented on the significance of the project for the area and that, at some in point the future, the city would be asked to adopt a resolution of support. He added that staff has been meeting with representatives of the Apostolic Bible Institute to discuss the route.

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission

Also Present: Dallas Pierson, Chair
Bob Boullianne, Planning Commissioner
Lee Stolarski, Planning Commissioner
Emily Shively, City Planner

City Planner Shively provided an overview of the Planning Commission duties and recent projects.

In response to a question from Council Member Ingebrigtsen, Planner Shively replied that the maximum square footage on accessory buildings depends on lot size.

Council Member Zabel shared his appreciation how the majority of issues relating to requests are worked out at the Planning Commission level.

Planning Commissioner Stolarski shared how the city works with applicants and surrounding property owners to resolve any issues.

Mayor Reinke asked commissioners to relay their interest in training and/or conferences to the staff liaison.

Planning Commission Chair Pierson commented on the great resources provided by the League of Minnesota Cities.

Commission Interviews

The City Council interviewed the following persons interested in serving on an advisory board:

David Lewis	Planning Commission
Christopher Campbell	Planning Commission
Emily Milles	Parks and Recreation Commission / Planning Commission
Jenny Nyberg	Parks and Recreation Commission

The workshop recesses at 6:48 PM and reconvened at 7:25 PM.

The City Council interviewed the following person interested in serving on an advisory board:

Ivan Rivero	Planning Commission
Yaya Diatta	Planning Commission

The City Council directed staff to prepare a report to appoint Christopher Campbell and Yaya Diatta to the Planning Commission; appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission would be made after interviews set for April 9.

Tree Board

City Administrator Fischer asked for clarification on direction provided to staff at the March 12 workshop:

- Whether persons can serve on two boards and /or commission simultaneously.
- Whether city employees can serve as voting members on board and/or commissions. Currently policy restricts city employees from applying.

Serving on Two Boards and/or Commissions Simultaneously

Consensus: Tree Board and one other commission only,

City Employees Serving as Voting Members on Boards and/or Commissions

Mayor Reinke: Part-time employees, working not more than 20 hours per pay period, may serve on boards, not commissions.

Council Member Ingebrigtsen: Part-time employees may serve on boards, not commissions. For Tree Board, state preference of appointing non-employees to extent possible.

Council Member Zabel: Part-time employees, working not more than 20 hours in a pay period, may be appointed to Tree Board, not commissions. Convert Tree Board from an advisory body to a community group that partners with the city on tree related projects.

Council Member Olson: Leave policy as currently worded: no city employees.

Staff was directed to bring related materials back April 9 for review and adoption.

Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Barry,
City Clerk