



City Council Conference Meeting

October 28, 2024

5:30 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Scott Lund
Councilmember Dave Ostwald
Councilmember Ryan Evanson
Councilmember Ann Bolkcom
Councilmember Tom Tillberry

Others Present: Wally Wysopal, City Manager
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director
Nic Schmidt, Project Manager
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Joe Starks, Finance Director
Chris Bower, MnDOT

Items for Discussion

1. MnDOT Trunk Highway 47/University Avenue Update

Chris Bower from MnDOT provided a historical overview of the Corridor Study on Highway 47/University Avenue. The Corridor has a very high percentage of serious and fatal accidents with pedestrians and bicyclists. The traffic analysis of the various design options (do nothing, roundabouts, signals/grade separation) show that roundabouts provide the most efficient design for vehicles and pedestrians. Construction on this project would not begin until 2030 at the earliest. The project is dependent on finding grants for funding. MnDOT, Anoka County, Metro Transit and the City of Fridley will need to cooperate on the funding effort.

2. Commons Park Update

Jim Kosluchar provided an update on the design elements of the park and new building

3. 2025 Budget Discussion – Utility Budgets/Rates

Joe Starks provided an update on the Utility funds as they relate to the Locke Park Water Treatment Plant.

4. Draft 2025 City Calendar

A draft of the 2025 City Calendar was given to the City Council for review. The calendar will be on the agenda for approval at the November 12, City Council Meeting.