



Council Conference Meeting

May 13, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Roll Call

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

Others Present: Walter Wysopal, City Manager
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
Joe Starks, Finance Director
Melissa Moore, City Clerk/Communications Manager
Brian Strand, Cable Administrator
Danika Peterson, Interim Co-Executive Director of NMTV
Eric Houston, Interim Co-Executive Director of NMTV
Nic Schmidt, Engineering Project Manager

Items for Discussion

1. Changes to Video Production Services and Discussion with North Metro TV Staff.

Melissa Moore, City Clerk/Communications Manager, introduced Eric Houston and Danika Peterson, Interim Co-Executive Directors of North Metro TV (NMTV), who will become the City's contract video production provider.

2. Public Works Department Updates.

James Kosluchar, Public Works Director, provided an overview of the scope of services provided by the Public Works Department. He discussed the staffing needs of the Department and some desires for the future.

3. Commons Park Recreation Building Vision and Budget.

Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the vision for Commons Park and how the budget as established will not be sufficient to accomplish it.

Joe Starks, Finance Director, provided a review of the Park System Improvement Plan budget. He identified the means to fund the additional costs to complete the Commons Park building vision. He said the Community Investment Fund would serve as the source of funds for the increased costs; however, the final amount would be offset by future cost savings and interest earnings. Other grants are also pending, which would offset transfer from the Community Investment Fund.