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## COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES May 4, 2023

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:37 p.m. on May 4, 2023.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Present (5): Mayor Laurie Elliott, Council Member Kevin Chapdelaine, Council Member Tom Ingemann, Council Member Marvin Taylor, and Council Member Bill Sumner.

Not Present (0): None.

### 3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING UPDATE

City Engineer Jon Herdegen presented updates to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) regarding streets and underground utilities. The CIP is updated through the use of Geotechnical Information Software (GIS). Updates include labeling priorities based on types of projects. The different types of projects include surface and utility replacement needs up to full reconstruction of the street. The goal of the updates is to provide improved information to the City Council as future street projects are prioritized and brought forward for consideration. Prioritization encompasses the condition and the cost of replacement. Currently there is about twenty projects that have been identified in varying need and condition. The project costs for all identified projects is approximately \$40-million dollars.

Engineer Herdegen informed Council how the information included in the GIS tool identifies more than just the condition of the infrastructure. The GIS tool has been updated with historical data to include previous projects and watermain breaks. The prioritization list will aid in the city's ability to apply for future grants by having an overall prioritization list and a prioritization list by category.

The Council discussed potential options to publicize the GIS information and the CIP. A simpler version would be necessary to avoid confusing residents on how to understand the data entered in the GIS. Staff will discuss different ideas on how to achieve greater transparency in the overall planning process.

### 4. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

City Administrator Joe Hatch informed the Council he had a conversation with Fire Chief Steve Wiley to discuss emergency response and planning as a result of the recent winter storm. Administrator Hatch and Superintendent of Public Works Matt Yokiell provide a high-level overview of a potential trail connection to a future park along Cedar Lane. Superintendent Yokiell has been engaged in conversations with the National Parks Service about grant funding to make park improvements. The result of those conversations has shown positive results. Once grant opportunities are available, the Council will be updated. Mayor Elliott requested to have the American Rescue Plan Act monies presented at a future Council meeting.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 7:20 p.m. on May 4, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted:

Travis Brierley, Assistant to the City Administrator

Reviewed by Jill Thiesfeld, Administrative Assistant II

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Elliott, Mayor