I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Furlong called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Scott Thorsen
Council Member Candy Petersen
Council Member Tom Sonnek
Council Member Jan Walczak
Mayor Terry Furlong

Staff: City Manager Scott Duddeck, Deputy Clerk Mary Mills, Community Services and Administrative Director Debra Gustafson, City Engineer Morgan Dawley, Parks Coordinator Keith Stachowski.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Petersen, seconded by Council Member Thorsen, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as presented.

IV. TOPIC(S)

A. Silver Lake Tennis/Pickle Courts
Debra Gustafson stated that at the February 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting, the PRC recommended to reconstruct the tennis courts at Silver Lake (reconstructed courts to include pickle ball and tennis court striping) with funds from the Park Fund not to exceed $54,000.

In addition to striping the courts for tennis, the recommendation is to make the courts into a multiple use courts which would be striped for pickle ball as well. The PRC has received resident input on multiple occasions that they would like to see a pickle ball amenity in North St. Paul. Pickle ball is one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. and is especially popular with the older adult population.

The last time the courts were resurfaced was over 10 (ten) years ago, in 2008. Based on the current condition of the courts, reconstruction vs. resurfacing is recommended at this time. All vendors we received quotes from stated court reconstruction is recommended.

Several options were looked at to include ADA assessable requirements. Option 1, using a center gate to access both courts, was recommended.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending City Council approval to reconstruct the tennis courts (reconstructed courts to include pickle ball and tennis striping) at Silver Lake Park. With the additional ADA requirements included, the amount being requested should be amended to an amount not to exceed $55,500 with all funding coming from the Park Fund.
Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission were present and shared their concerns and comments related to the tennis courts.

Council was in agreement that this item should be forwarded to the regular City Council meeting for adoption.

B. Park ADA improvement feedback
Debra Gustafson stated that at the April 2018 meeting City Council approved the following updates at Polar Park: a park bench, new swing set with two bucket seat swings and two belt style swings, engineered wood chips (the current fall surface is sand, which is not ADA compliant) and a concrete playground border and slab for the park bench. So far, only the swing set has been purchased. The improvements were not completed in 2018 since the Public Works Department’s time was spent on the Hause Park remodel project.

Prior to moving forward with Park updates staff requested Council feedback/direction regarding ADA improvements at Polar in addition to the following park locations: Tower, Hause and Northwood Parks.

The estimated cost for WSB to complete ADA Park Site Plans range from $500 to $1,500 per park depending on if survey work is needed. The type of park and usage should dictate the needs and level of consideration for being adequate up to optimum. Silver Lake and Casey Lake parks have the highest usage and are public parks, not just neighborhood parks, so should be in the optimal range if budget allows.

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission were present and shared their desires and comments related to this. They felt strongly that council direction should be given to guide them in future park improvements.

Council was in consensus to have WSB provide plans for adding in ADA requirements and additions for the remaining parks. These requirements add a new layer to the Parks and Recreation Commission responsibilities, so it would be good to have the ADA plans presented with each request for park improvements.

C. Updated CIP Street Improvement Plan
Morgan Dawley presented a suggested Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and map for 2020-2024. The 2014-2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the City of North St. Paul, adopted by the City Council on July 16, 2013, includes an identified project area for street and utility capital improvements in 2020.

Based on pavement conditions and following discussion by City Council at the June 4, 2019 Council Workshop, an additional street and utility capital improvement area for 2020 has been identified on 7th Avenue. As these pavement improvements are located on dedicated Municipal State Aid route segments, they are eligible to be funded by Municipal State Aid funds. Improvements eligible for State Aid funding include roadway preservation, sidewalk repair and some storm sewer work, but not sanitary sewer or watermain utilities.

Dawley presented two project areas for 2020, which would run approximately $7 million combined. The proposed areas of study in the 2020 Street and Utility Improvement Project are comprised of:
- Chisolm Avenue, Mesabi Avenue, Buhl Avenue, Gerald Avenue, and Shawnee Drive from Casey Lake Park to McKnight Road; and
- 7th Avenue from 3rd Street to 1st Street

WSB would use the Downtown Master Plan as the starting point in the feasibility study. WSB will be presenting the “round-about” concept to Ramsey County very early in the process to get their support with concepts.

WSB will present the CIP plans to the Planning Commission for review and comment, as recommended in the Comprehensive Plan.

Council was in consensus with this plan and this item was presented to the Council at the regular meeting on June 18, 2019 to authorize a feasibility study for both areas for 2020.

V. OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Sonnek, seconded by Council Member Petersen, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Furlong adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:24 p.m.

/s/ Terrence J. Furlong, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Scott A. Duddeck, City Manager