



City of Blaine
Anoka County, Minnesota
Minutes - Final
City Council

Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Sq Dr NE
Blaine, MN 55449

Thursday, June 16, 2016

6:30 PM

Blaine High School - Auditorium
12555 University Avenue NE, Blaine MN 55434

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Ryan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Quorum present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Clark Arneson; City Attorney Patrick Sweeney; Planning and Community Development Director Bryan Schafer; Public Services Manager Bob Therres; Finance Director Joe Huss; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Chris Olson; City Engineer Jean Keely; Communications Technician Roark Haver; City Clerk Catherine Sorensen; Administration Technician Lisa Derr; and Recording Secretary Linda Dahlquist.

Present: 5 - Tom Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Clark and Councilmember Hovland

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.-1 [MIN 16-22](#) RECENTLY HELD MEETINGS

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Herbst, that the Workshop Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2016; and the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2016, be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

5. AWARDS - PRESENTATIONS - ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

None.

None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

None.

7. OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Ryan opened the Open Forum at 6:31 p.m.

There being no input, Mayor Ryan closed the Open Forum at 6:31 p.m.

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

City Clerk Sorensen requested the removal of agenda item 9.2.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Herbst,
that the following be approved:

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Adopted the Consent Agenda

9.-1 [MO 16-062](#) SCHEDULE OF BILLS PAID

Approved

**9.-3 [MO 16-064](#) APPROVE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE ENTERPRISE LICENSE FOR
INSPIRIT MASSAGE THERAPY, 2755 110TH AVENUE NE, BLAINE,
MN 55434**

Approved

9.-4 [ORD 16-2352](#) SECOND READING

AMEND ARTICLE II. - INTOXICATING LIQUOR AND 3.2 PERCENT
MALT LIQUOR - SEC. 6-45. - INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANT FOR
LICENSE

Adopted

9.-5 [ORD 16-2353](#) SECOND READING

AMENDING APPENDIX D - FEE SCHEDULE OF THE BLAINE CODE

OF ORDINANCES REGARDING CHAPTER 70 - ARTICLE II. -
SPECIAL EVENTS ON PUBLIC LANDS OR PRIVATE PROPERTY
WITH COMMERCIAL, REGIONAL RECREATIONAL OR
INDUSTRIAL ZONING OR LAND USES, LICENSE FEES, FOR THE
CITY OF BLAINE

Adopted

9.-6 [ORD 16-2357](#) SECOND READING

CONVEYING OUTLOTS B, G AND D OF THE LAKES OF
RADISSON TWENTIETH ADDITION TO THE LAKES OF
RADISSON MASTER ASSOCIATION AND RETAINING A
PERMANENT TRAILWAY AND UTILITY EASEMENT

Adopted

9.-7 [MO 16-065](#) NOTIFYING THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE
TRUST THAT MONETORY LIMITS ON TORT LIABILITY IS NOT
WAIVED

Approved

9.-8 [RES 16-097](#) RECEIVE PETITION AND ORDER PUBLIC HEARING FOR
VACATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT, LOT 7, BLOCK 7, CRESCENT
PONDS, VACATION NO. V16-02

Adopted

9.-9 [RES 16-098](#) RELEASING CRAIG 3RD ADDITION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
(CASE FILE NO. 16-0032/BKS)

Adopted

9.-2 [MO 16-063](#) APPROVE 2016-2017 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

City Clerk Sorensen stated Blaine Liquor, 3453 Lake Drive, failed their
compliance check and this is their third violation in less than two years. She
stated the penalty is a mandatory 10-day license suspension and the license
holder, Chad Moe, has requested a hearing. She stated the hearing is allowed
by Code but based on the notice period cannot be held until July 14, 2016.
She stated based on the hearing request, staff is recommending that rather

than renewing the license, the Council is asked to extend the current license period for this off-sale license until after the requested hearing to allow the penalty phase to be completed.

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember Bourke to extend Blaine Liquor off-sale license until after the requested hearing on July 14, 2016.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

10. DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

10.-1 [RES 16-099](#)

GRANTING A FINAL PLAT ONE YEAR EXTENSION FOR SWANSONS ADDITION, LOCATED AT 1040 117TH AVENUE NE. LARRY SWANSON. (CASE FILE NO. 15-0039/SLK)

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant received approval for a final plat for a subdivision known as Swanson Addition that is approximately 1.14 acres and four lots. He stated the applicant is unable to find a contractor to complete the improvements and is requesting a one-year extension on the final plat approval. He noted the plat extension allows the property owner more time and does not change any conditions of the plat.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Mayor Ryan, that Resolution 16-099, "Granting a Final Plat One Year Extension for Swanson Addition, Located at 1040 117th Avenue NE. Larry Swanson," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

10.-2 [RES 16-100](#)

GRANTING A WAIVER OF PLATTING TO ADJUST THE LOT LINE BETWEEN 2711 AND 2721 93RD AVENUE NE TO ALLOW FOR A LARGER PARCEL AT 2721 93RD AVENUE NE. DONALD KRUEGER. (CASE FILE NO. 16-0028/SLK)

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the property owner of 2711 93rd Avenue is requesting to split a lot into two parcels in order to sell .39 acres (Parcel B) to the property owner adjacent to the east at 2721 93rd Avenue NE. He stated there is an existing home that will remain on Parcel A that is zoned R-1 (Single Family).

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Swanson, that Resolution 16-100, "Granting a Waiver of Platting to Adjust the Lot Line between 2711 and 2721 93rd Avenue NE to allow for a Larger Parcel at 2721 93rd Avenue NE. Donald Krueger," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

10.-3 [RES 16-101](#)

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A DETACHED GARAGE TO BE PLACED IN THE REAR YARD OF THE LOT. THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE 1,536 SQUARE FEET AND OVERALL GARAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE ON THE LOT WILL BE 2,341 AT 11353 WILDWOOD COURT NE. JAMES AND KELLIE MILICH. (CASE FILE NO. 16-0026/LSJ)

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant would like to construct an accessory building in the rear yard of a 2.14-acre parcel. He stated the applicant's existing attached garage is 805 square feet, and they are proposing to add 1,536 square feet with the new detached garage. He stated the total garage/accessory space would be 2,341 square feet.

Moved by Councilmember Bourke, seconded by Councilmember Herbst, that Resolution 16-100, "Granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a Detached Garage to be Placed in the Rear Yard of the Lot. The New Structure will be 1,536 Square Feet and Overall Garage Square Footage on the Lot will be 2,341 at 11353 Wildwood Court NE. James and Kellie Milich," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

10.-4 [RES 16-102](#)

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A FITNESS AND HEALTH CLUB (UFC GYM) IN THE B-2 ZONING DISTRICT AT 10301 LEXINGTON AVENUE NE. BRENT VOELLER/UFC GYM. (CASE FILE NO. 16-0027/LSJ)

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant wants to operate a UFC training gym in a 9,400 square foot multi-tenant building located in a B-2 zoning district which requires a conditional use permit. He noted the applicant plans to remove an existing canopy to add additional parking and install a fire suppression system.

Councilmember Swanson asked if the access will be changed. Planning and Community Development Director Schafer replied the existing access will remain.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Herbst, that Resolution 16-102, "Granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a Fitness and Health Club (UFC Gym) in the B-2 Zoning District at 10301 Lexington Avenue NE. Brent Voeller/UFC Gym," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

10.-5 [RES 16-103](#)

GRANTING A PRELIMINARY PLAT TO SUBDIVIDE 5.30 ACRES INTO TWO (2) COMMERCIAL LOTS TO BE KNOWN AS CENTRAL AVENUE ACRES 5TH ADDITION, LOCATED AT 11633 ULYSSES LANE NE. RYAN COMPANIES US, INC. (CASE FILE NO.

16-0029/LSJ)

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant is requesting preliminary plat approval to create two lots and a conditional use permit amendment for a zero lot line, shared parking and access according to PBD zoning district requirements. He noted the building under construction will be located on Lot 1 and the future building addition on Lot 2.

Councilmember King asked if the new building will be attached. Planning and Community Development Director Schafer replied yes.

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember King, that Resolution 16-103, "Granting a Preliminary Plat to Subdivide 5.30 Acres into Two (2) Commercial Lots to be known as Central Avenue Acres 5th Addition, Located at 11633 Ulysses Lane NE. Ryan Companies US, Inc.," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

10.-6 [RES 16-104](#)

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A ZERO LOT LINE FOR PARKING AND BUILDING SETBACKS FOR SHARED PARKING BETWEEN TWO NEW LOTS AT 11633 ULYSSES LANE NE. RYAN COMPANIES US, INC. (CASE FILE NO. 16-0029/LSJ)

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated the applicant is requesting preliminary plat approval to create two lots and a conditional use permit amendment for the new lot line with a zero lot line, and shared parking and access according to PBD zoning district requirements. He noted the building under construction will be located on Lot 1 and the future building addition would be on Lot 2.

Moved by Councilmember King, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that Resolution 16-104, "Granting a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Zero Lot Line for Parking and Building Setbacks for Shared Parking Between Two New Lots at 11633 Ulysses Lane NE. Ryan Companies US, Inc.," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.-1 [RES 16-105](#)

ACCEPT BID FROM C. W. HOULE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$798,300.00 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF 91ST AVENUE FROM JEFFERSON STREET TO POLK STREET, IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 15-20

City Engineer Keely stated a total of eight bids were received, checked and tabulated and it has been determined that C. W. Houle, Inc. of Shoreview, Minnesota is the lowest bidder. She stated the Engineering Department has

worked with C. W. Houle, Inc. on previous contracts and staff recommends the low bid be accepted and a contract entered into with C. W. Houle, Inc. She stated the Council is also asked to approve a 10% contingency. She noted the funding source for this project is assessments and the City Pavement Management Program Fund, and there are sufficient funds to cover these costs.

Councilmember Swanson asked how traffic flow will continue during the construction. City Engineer Keely replied the contractor will maintain access for the residence.

Moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, that Resolution 16-105, "Accept Bid from C.W. Houle, Inc. in the amount of \$798,300.00 for the Reconstruction of 91st Avenue from Jefferson Street to Polk Street, Improvement Project No. 15-20," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

11.-2 [RES 16-106](#)

ACCEPT BID FROM S. R. WEIDEMA, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$659,947.75 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HASTINGS STREET FROM 85TH AVENUE TO THE CUL-DE-SAC, IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 15-22

City Engineer Keely stated ten bids were received, checked and tabulated, and it has been determined that S. R. Weidema, Inc. of Maple Grove, Minnesota is the lowest bidder. She stated the Engineering Department has worked with S. R. Weidema, Inc. on previous contracts and staff recommends the low bid be accepted and a contract entered into with S. R. Weidema, Inc. She stated the Council is also asked to approve a 10% contingency. She noted the funding source for this project is assessments and the City Pavement Management Program Fund, and there are sufficient funds to cover these costs.

Councilmember Swanson commented the townhouse association is interested in contracting further work.

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Mayor Ryan, that Resolution 16-106, "Accept Bid from S.R. Weidema, Inc. in the amount of \$659, 947.75 for the Reconstruction of Hastings Street from 85th Avenue to the Cul-de-sac, Improvement Project No. 15-22," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11.-3 [RES 16-108](#)

AUTHORIZE REMOVAL OF REGULATORY SIGNS FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF 122ND COURT EAST OF DUNKIRK STREET

City Engineer Keely stated the City received a petition from residents who live on 122nd Court asking for the newly installed parking restriction signs to be removed.

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Herbst, that Resolution 16-108, "Authorize Removal of Regulatory Signs for Parking Restrictions on both sides of 122nd Court Est of Dunkirk Street," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

11.-4 [ORD 16-2358](#)

FIRST READING

AMENDING APPENDIX D - FEE SCHEDULE OF THE BLAINE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING CHAPTER 86 - UTILITIES ARTICLE IV. - WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES - IRRIGATION METERS, FOR THE CITY OF BLAINE

City Clerk Sorensen stated staff is requesting the addition of a new meter fee for irrigation meters that are used in developments. She stated the meter is a two-inch OMNI T2 irrigation meter with a 10-inch lay length that cost \$870.00.

Declared by Mayor Ryan that Ordinance 16-2358, "Amending Appendix D – Fee Schedule of the Blaine Code of Ordinances Regarding Chapter 86 – Utilities Article IV. – Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates and Charges – Irrigation Meters, for the City of Blaine," be introduced and placed on file for second reading at the July 14, 2016, Council meeting.

11.-5 [RES 16-107](#)

PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016A, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,880,000

Finance Director Huss stated this resolution calls for the sale of General Obligation Bonds and sets the sale date of July 14, 2016. He stated the proceeds from the bonds will be used to reimburse the City and fund Pavement Management Program (PMP) project costs; purchase capital equipment; and refund the City's existing GO CIP Bonds, Series 2007A. He stated Springsted, Inc., the City's financial consultant, has provided a recommendation to the City that outlines the sale date, amount, and structure of the proposed bond.

Moved by Mayor Ryan, seconded by Councilmember Herbst that Resolution 16-107, "Providing for the Competitive Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016A in the amount of \$10,880.00," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Ryan recessed the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ryan reconvened the Council Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

13. 7:30 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 119th AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE

Mayor Ryan outlined the purpose of the public hearing which is to hear comments on the proposed temporary closure of 119th Avenue.

City Engineer Keely gave an overview on the standards of Municipal State Aid (MSA) routes and actions taken by the City.

Mayor Ryan opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Rose Johnson, 2011 118th Avenue NE, stated she has lived there for eight years and remembers when 119th was a closed street where Owatonna is now. She stated a street closure at London Drive will cause traffic problems on to Owatonna and 118th Lane or 118th Avenue and both are not well suited to through traffic. She suggested adding more stop signs along 119th.

Tim Sanders, 2069 119th Avenue NE, stated the residents that live on 119th are looking for a safe solution. He noted the residents want a closure at Palisade and not at London. He gave a presentation that included photos and noted there have been issues since 2005. He noted there are over 100 kids in the neighborhood. He stated vehicle count last year was 1,986 per day and is predicted to grow to 5,000 per day. He stated he is asking the City to detour cut through traffic.

Gail Brown, 1931 Cloud Drive NE, stated she has lived there for 26 years. She stated the accident was caused by a speeding and intoxicated driver and not a poorly designed road. She stated she is concerned closing the road will trap and cut off the neighborhood from safety services. She stated the City would have to repay funds and this is unfair to pass on to residents. She stated London Road and Cloud Drive were not designed as primary thoroughfares. She stated the closure of this road will cause requests for other roads to be closed. She requested everyone work together to find a safe resolution that helps all residents.

Luther Gerlach, 1879 Cloud Drive, stated closing the road shifts the problem and causes new problems, adding the closure will cost taxpayers money which is an injustice and also sets precedent.

Matthew and Lauren DePoint, 2109 119th Avenue NE, stated they want all neighborhoods safe by stopping people from using the road as a cut through. He stated he does not want a war with his neighbors and requested the Council come up with a solution.

Kari Smith, 11971 Kenyon Street NE, stated people speed on all roads to get to Highway 65 and Radisson. She stated closing the street will only reroute the traffic.

Steve Peterson, 2032 117th Lane, stated he researched the neighborhood and chose his lot because it would not have through traffic. He stated closing the street will only reroute traffic.

Julie Pavek-Olson, 2004 117th Lane NE, stated she is concerned about the road closure. She stated something needs to be done to make the whole neighborhood safe. She stated she does not want the traffic diverted and asked the City to come up with other solutions.

Peter Carlson, 13133 Isanti Street NE, stated he drove on 130th at 30 mph and 20 mph and it only took 2 seconds less time to travel at the reduced speed. He suggested reducing the speed limit to 25 mph.

Shaun Smith, 2062 120th Avenue NE, stated 119th was not designed as a thoroughfare. He stated the families have fought with the City for seven years to protect the kids. He stated his son has to stand on 119th to catch his bus. He stated the road is too narrow and there are too many cars. He is asking the City to make the road safe.

Merry Joy Olson, 11755 Arnold Palmer Trail, stated closing the road will impact the other roads in the neighborhood. She noted she bought her home in 2007 and noticed that 119th was very busy. She stated the road is not designed well for the amount of traffic. She stated she would like to find a solution that is safe for everybody.

Greg Waranica, 2011 117th Lane, stated he is not in favor of closing 119th because it will push traffic onto the side streets. He would like to know the source of the traffic and if it is from The Lakes.

Wayne Metcalf, 1646 120th Lane, stated he uses 119th every day. He stated the problems are with irresponsible drivers.

Sarah Matusovic, 2139 119th Avenue NE, stated she wrote a letter to the Council which stated the City should put safety before convenience. She stated closing 119th is the safest option and to not wait to do something.

Jaclyn Landon, 1984 121st Avenue NE, stated she believes the cut-through traffic is causing the problems; not local residents.

Trevor Rasmussen, 2577 116th Avenue NE, stated he is not in favor of closing the road permanently but would support a temporary closure. He requested the Council come up with a good solution.

Richard Johnson, 1792 119th Avenue, stated he lived there when 119th was closed at London Park. He stated something has to be done to 119th to make it safe.

Frank Dailey, 2250 Arnold Palmer Drive, stated his road is a freeway and it curved with lots of traffic. He stated traffic will be diverted to his road that has an uncontrolled intersection. He stated the traffic is due to commuters. He suggested reduced speed limits and adding stop signs at London, Isanti and Arnold Palmer Trail.

Jamie Bullock, 1865 Cloud Drive NE, stated she walks her dog on Kenyon, London and Cloud which have no sidewalks which is a safety concern. She stated closing the street is not a viable option.

Melissa Jabas, 2048 118th Lane, stated she is opposed to the road closure and that the decision is being rushed. She stated more research needs to be done and a plan in place before a temporary closure.

Corina Mack, 2234 119th Avenue, stated the neighborhood has asked for lower speed limit signs and stop signs. She stated she was the last person to see her neighbor alive before the accident and that something needs to be done.

Aaron Wicks, 2123 118th Lane, stated he saw the driver going very fast around the corner in front of his house before the accident. He stated an overpass at the intersection is needed to eliminate the cut over from Highway 65.

Nate Ruch, 2318 119th Avenue, stated thank you to the Blaine Police Department. He stated he was part of the petition to not open 119th. He stated the Council has to do something to make the road safe. He asked for funds to be diverted to a place for this great need and be expedient.

Janice Goudy, New Directions at 11936 London Street NE, stated New Direction houses vulnerable adults that walk on London Street and Cloud Drive. She asked the Council to use caution with trying to solve the problem on 119th which could create bigger problems in other areas. She requested the Council to proceed slowly and take into consideration unforeseen consequences.

Mike Spencer, 119th Avenue, stated the zoning is different west of London compared to the east. He noted the east side is closer to the road. He asked the Council to consider if the road is suitable for two-way traffic.

Kinto Chandler, 119th Avenue, stated a temporary study will allow the City to

do a scientific study.

Brian Fitzgerald, 1733 119th Avenue, stated he had petitioned to keep 119th closed; and later the residents requested stop signs and speed bumps on 119th. He requested stop signs at Cloud Drive and Davenport; 119th and Isanti; 119th and Owatonna; and at Arnold Palmer Trail and 118th. He stated the City has known about the problems for years and needs to do something.

Mark Ammend, 2120 117th Lane, stated there are too many trees on the curve and the line of sight on London is impaired. He requested the trees be trimmed.

Travis Dahlen, 2116 120th Avenue NE, stated there are 2,000 cars per day and by 2025 there will be 5,000. He stated the traffic needs to be diverted to Main Street or 109th Avenue which can handle the traffic. He noted the road does not have a shoulder where there are mailboxes. He stated the temporary street closure is for up to 90 days and is to study options.

Erik Peterson, 2210 122nd Circle NE, stated closing the road at London Street is a mistake and suggested closing the road at Kenyon Street instead. He stated there should be stop signs at every intersection.

Matt Beenen, 2132 120th Avenue NE, stated he is unclear on where a temporary closure will be. He requested the Council do what is best for the neighborhood. He commented speeders will continue to speed and is in favor of detouring the traffic and use the temporary closure to find solutions for the neighborhood.

Kent Bender, 825 124th Avenue NE, stated he was part of the Trail Advisory Committee. He stated stop signs and speed bumps do not slow traffic. He commented people have died on other City streets and the roads were not closed. He stated the slow-traffic turtle-shaped signs in the right-of-way cause the traffic to swerve and should not be in the road. He noted narrow streets and curves are used to calm traffic but that does not work. He stated the City should not close 119th Avenue.

Daniel York, 2128 119th Avenue NE, stated he is on the Planning Commission. He stated his kids cross the road every day and the road that was planned years ago is no longer working.

Andy Kuempel, 2219 119th Avenue, stated he lives where most of the accidents have happened. He stated the road is a large problem. He stated he brought the petition to the City in 2009 to close the road and is requesting his street be made safe.

Mayor Ryan closed the public hearing at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Ryan thanked the residents for their comments. He stated 119th Avenue is a collector road and the City needs further engineering study before any decisions can be made. He stated a road closure is not the answer. He commented the study will determine options for the road such as stops signs, speed humps, closure, etc. He stated there should be no parking on MSA roads and wanted to wait to see what SEH Engineering determines.

Councilmember Swanson stated this is the second meeting regarding this traffic concern, as a neighborhood meeting was held in May. He stated he has read every letter concerning this topic and responded to some. He stated education, engineering and enforcement are important for traffic. He stated two additional Police officer positions are being proposed for the 2017 budget to help with City-wide traffic concerns and that he wants to wait for the engineering study before making a decision.

Councilmember Bourke stated traffic issues are City-wide. He stated the City will monitor the bad spots and increase enforcement, and the Council is working on establishing a Traffic Commission for people to bring forward traffic issues throughout the City.

Moved by Councilmember Bourke, seconded by Councilmember King to immediately install temporary stop signs at Isanti Street, Owatonna Street, and Cloud Drive; install two flashing speed signs; and create a right-in/right-out only at Radisson Road.

Amended motion adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

Councilmember King stated traffic is a City-wide systemic issue. He stated closing 119th at London will only divert traffic to the other streets which cannot handle the traffic. He stated changes are needed on 119th. He stated 119th is a MSA route and the City would have to pay back State funds for a road closure. He stated he is not opposed to taking back 119th as a City road which will allow the City to make changes to the road and add traffic calming devices. He stated if the actions taken do not work, the Council can decide to change them. He is in favor of adding stop signs and establishing a Traffic Commission.

Councilmember Herbst stated the City's policy needs to change for stop sign installation. He stated he is in favor of more Police enforcement. He commented 25 mph is fast enough on City streets. He said he is in favor of installing the stop signs immediately. He stated the right-in/right-out only will need to be discussed with the engineering firm and inquired about the firm's timeframe. City Manager Arneson replied the report will be ready by the first part of July.

Councilmember Herbst suggested amending the motion to install the temporary stop signs and flashing speed signs and then wait on the right-in/right-out only until after the study is received.

Mayor Ryan stated he agrees with installing the temporary stop signs but the City should wait until the engineering report on where the stop signs are to be installed.

Councilmember Bourke stated the stop signs need to be installed immediately and can be moved if needed.

Moved by Councilmember Bourke, seconded by Councilmember King to amend the motion to consider how the City can install a right-in/right-out only at Radisson Road at the July 14, 2016, Council meeting once the engineering study is received.

**Councilmember Bourke - Yes
Councilmember Herbst - Yes
Councilmember King - Yes
Councilmember Swanson - Yes
Mayor Ryan - Yes**

Amendment adopted unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King

Councilmember Swanson stated he would support temporary stop signs until the engineering report. He stated he does not support right-in/right-out only which will remove the MSA designation. He stated the City is unable to reduce speed limits as only MnDOT can reduce speeds. He noted the legislature would have to change the law.

Councilmember Herbst called the question.

City Manager Arneson clarified that the motion is to install temporary stop signs at the intersections of 119th Avenue and Isanti Street, Owatonna Street, and the west leg of 119th Circle, to install two flashing speed signs at locations determined by the engineering study, and to consider further the possibility of a right-in/right-out only at Radisson Road.

Councilmember Bourke requested the timeframe for installing the signs. City Manager Arneson replied the temporary stop signs can be installed quickly and the City will need to post signs announcing traffic pattern changes. He stated staff will need to purchase the flashing speed limit signs.

Mayor Ryan commented the stop signs can be moved if they are not in the right spots.

Councilmember King stated he is in favor of a right-in/right-out only at

Radisson Road.

Councilmember Herbst stated he is in favor of creating a Traffic Commission.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Herbst, seconded by Councilmember Bourke, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Aye: 5 - Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Swanson, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst and Councilmember King