



**COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING  
CITY HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

Mayor Louismet opened the meeting at 7:31 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room. The meeting was immediately recessed and reconvened in the City Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance included: Kevin Edberg, Steve Engstran, Heidi Hughes, Dan Jones and Bill Walsh. Staff members in attendance included: City Manager Lindy Crawford and Assistant City Manager Rick Juba.

**1. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS DISCUSSION**

City Manager Crawford reviewed two options produced by Wold Architects to renovate the Council Chambers. Both options would cost approximately \$272,000 and include the following elements:

1. Two 98" monitors for audience viewing, replacing existing monitors.
2. Adds a producer window below the display monitor.
3. Replaces existing hearing assist system.
4. Replaces existing microphones to a wireless option.
5. Adds monitors within the dais for Council and staff viewing.
6. Places a permanent speaker podium.
7. Adds an emergency egress through the AV closet.
8. Creates a permanent wall leading to an emergency exit through the AV closet.
9. Creates a permanent wall replacing the operable wall. Behind the operable wall is staff offices.
10. Moves the dais forward to allow for six feet (6') passage behind the dais.
11. Increases the staff seating from four (4) to five (5) in Option B or six (6) in Option A.
12. Replaces carpet, wall treatments, improves some lighting, and adds acoustic panels for improved sound.

Following discussion the consensus of the City Council was to not move forward with a substantial renovation of the Council Chambers at this time. There are some funds available for technology upgrades through the Ramsey-Washington Suburban Cable Commission and those should be utilized before they expire in October 2023.

**2. ICMA VIDEO DISCUSSION**

City Manager Crawford shared she was presented with an opportunity through the International City/County Management Association to produce a five minute video highlighting the City of White Bear Lake. The video would be presented at the Association's national conference in September and then become the property of the City. The City's cost to participate would be \$24,500. The consensus of the City Council was to pass on this offer.

Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.