



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Louismet opened the meeting at 7:56 PM. Councilmembers in attendance included: Kevin Edberg, Steven Engstran, Heidi Hughes, Bill Walsh, and Andrea West. Staff members in attendance included: City Manager Lindy Crawford, Finance Director Kerri Kindsvater, Community Development Director Jason Lindahl, Public Works Director/ City Engineer Paul Kauppi, and Assistant City Engineer Nate Christensen.

1. Downtown Parking Lot Construction Discussion

Prior to completion of the Downtown Mobility and Parking Study, staff and the Council met to discuss the locations and funding history of five downtown White Bear Lake public parking lots, lot reconstruction timeline and estimated reconstruction costs, and potential funding options and impacts. The group also discussed the future downtown street reconstruction project as it relates to the project timeline, estimated project costs, and potential funding options and impacts.

After a robust discussion, it was the desire of the Council to first understand the full scope and costs of the entire street reconstruction project – parking lots and streets – and recommendations of the Mobility and Parking Study before providing direction to staff regarding funding options and a project timeline. Councilmember Walsh suggested the Council should meet with downtown businesses prior to the Council accepting the Mobility and Parking Study final report.

Councilmember Edberg excused himself from the meeting at 9:48 PM.

Adjourned 9:55 PM