

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS  
MARCH 2, 2021**

The workshop meeting of the Council of the City of Vadnais Heights was held on the above date and called to order by Mayor Gunderson at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Mayor Heidi Gunderson, Council Members: Greg Urban, Patricia Youker, Steve Rogers and Erik Goebel. The following member was absent: None.

Also present were: City Administrator, Kevin Watson; Assistant City Administrator, Tim Sandvik; Planning/Community Development Director, Nolan Wall; Public Works Director/City Engineer, Jesse Farrell; Fire Chief, Chris Hearden; City Attorney, Erich Hartmann; and Deputy Clerk, Peggy Aho.

Mayor Gunderson closed the meeting to the public at 5:31 p.m. and the Council went into a Closed Session.

At 6:19 p.m., Mayor Gunderson reopened the Workshop meeting.

**1. Refuse/Recycling/Organics Update**

Assistant Administrator Sandvik gave an overview of the contract the City has with VHG which is a five year contract. The scope of the contract includes residential up to 8 units or less, weekly refuse pickup, different bin sizes, spring clean-up day, and assistance with public education.

Mayor Gunderson asked if the City communicates to the public why it contracts with VHG. Council Member Goebel suggested marketing that the City does get a market share of the recycling revenue.

Gunderson suggested that staff put something in the next newsletter about the VHG contract.

**2. Other Staff Items:**

Planner/Community Development Director Wall showed the Council a preview of the OpenGov online permitting software that the City recently implemented and talked about how it revolutionizes how City does its permitting. He thanked the Council for supporting the investment.

Wall gave a brief update on development activities for the coming year. He said that At Home Apartments should be closing on the property. He noted other projects in the City: Atomic Architectural Sheet Metal, Bear Roofing, Creekview, Frattalone Mondello Shores, Luther Cadillac, Moore's Vincent Estates, and Oak Knoll.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 motion by Patricia. Adjourned.