

**WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS
OCTOBER 3, 2023**

OPEN MEETING

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

The following members were present: Mayor Mike Krachmer and Council Members Steve Rogers, Erik Goebel, Kelly Jozwowski, and Katherine Doll Kanne. The following member was absent: none.

Also present were: Assistant City Administrator, Kaylin Clement; Planning/Community Development Director, Nolan Wall; Public Works Director, Jim Hauth; Fire Chief, Chris Hearden; and Deputy Clerk, Phillip Lundquist.

OTHER STAFF ITEMS

None.

FIRE STATION STUDY

Bruce Schwartzman, Craig Carter (virtual), and Michael Healy of BKV, architectural firm, presented the findings of the Fire Station Study. Many benefits to updated fire stations for mental and physical health. Completed a condition assessment, and space needs assessment. Operation assessment is currently in progress. Also presented were master planning concepts, and preliminary cost estimates. Worked with staff to develop 20+ year space needs. Additional space needs presented. Several options for upgrades and improvements were presented. High and low cost estimates were presented for three renovation options and one replacement option. Question of timing of the project to make the bonding process.

HOUSING STUDY UPDATE

Tom Leighton of Stantek was present to provide an update on the comprehensive housing study and a high-level overview of some of the findings. Presentation went through economic base and demographics before going into housing inventory, market context and development dynamics. Unlike other suburban cities there are more workers that live elsewhere and work in Vadnais Heights than live in Vadnais Heights and work elsewhere. Several highlights of existing demographics and housing stock and trends in the metro and city were presented. Future discussion of what this data means for local policy.

FUTURE COUNCIL REQUESTS

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KW", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Watson, City Administrator