

**JOINT MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL/WASHINGTON COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

Mayor Jud Marshall called the work session meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Council members Richard Brainerd, Jeff Ledermann and Jane Schneeweis were in attendance. Washington County Commissioners Fran Miron and Stan Karwoski, City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Engineers John Sachi and Nick Williams, Washington County Engineers Kevin Peterson, Frank Ticknor, Joe Gustafson, and Wayne Sandberg, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, Finance Director Scott Schaefer, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis. Nay: None.

**DISCUSS CSAH 12/TH 244 TURNBACK**

City Administrator Scott Neilson said tonight's work session is being held to give Washington County Engineers an opportunity to present to the Mahtomedi City Council their proposed design for County Road 12 from County Road 120 to Veteran's Memorial Park. He indicated this work session is intended to allow the City Council the opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed improvements.

Washington County Engineer Kevin Peterson stated the project will include 1.3 miles of roadway. This is a high volume route that includes freight/bus/truck and commuter traffic. He said Washington County received \$4,000,000 from the State as part of the turnback agreement. The proposed improvements include pavement improvements, replacement of a large culvert, pedestrian crossings and added turn lanes. He said there was an open house that was held March 5, 2020 where there were quite a few attendees and comments. He said they conducted a second virtual open house from December 15-31, 2020. There were 1164 online engagement visits and 192 comments. Mr. Peterson said they heard from the downtown business owners who indicated they cannot withstand another summer of construction and asked the County to take this into consideration. He said the community driven additions will be 11 foot lanes, continuous off road trail from Century Avenue to the trail at Old Wildwood Road, curb modifications at the Aldi crossing, traffic signal at Wedgewood Drive, extend sidewalk to Ridge Way, pedestrian crossing refuge at Ridge Way, causeway paved shoulder and a pedestrian crossing refuge at Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Peterson said the estimated cost for this project is \$3.2 to \$3.8 million, with the City's portion being \$550,000-\$700,000.

Finance Director Scott Schaefer said currently we have \$100,000 earmarked for this project in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Peterson stated the next steps in the process is to have the City Council pass a resolution of support, then final engineering and right-of-way acquisition, followed by Cooperative Agreements, contractor bids and finally construction in 2022.

City Council member Brainerd thanked County Staff for all of the information they gathered for this project. He said we can't accommodate everybody, but this does address most of the issues. He said the proposed plan looks good. He would like to see more information on the pedestrian refuges and see how they work with traffic flow. He would also suggest a light indicating a stop light is ahead to warn drivers of this intersection.


Wayne Sandberg, Washington County Deputy Director County Engineer said he is very proud of the County team that has put all of this information together. He said they worked with the community to come up with a good design.

County Commissioner Stan Karwoski thanked the Council and said there was good turnout for both open houses. He said the residents are extremely engaged. He said the watershed district is pleased with the proposed improvements.

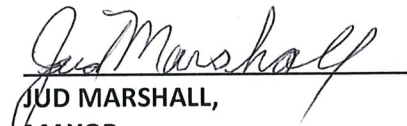
**ADJOURNMENT**

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to adjourn the work session at 6:45 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis. Nay: None.

**ATTESTED:**

  
JERENE ROGERS,  
ACCOUNT CLERK

**APPROVED:**

  
JUD MARSHALL,  
MAYOR