

**CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION**

Monday, June 14, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Councilors Geissler, Hauschild, Nelson Peterson, Mayor Boucher

ABSENT:

CITY STAFF: John Mulder, City Administrator; Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Joe Wicklund, Communications Director; Steve Overom, City Attorney

OTHERS: Jim Crace, Brad Sykta, Jeff Schiltz, Marty Olson

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Recreation Initiative:

Legislative Update: The Conference Committee released the text of the tax bill and the language related to Hermantown's sales tax request. The conference committee included all three projects, but there was some confusion about the dollar amounts listed in the bill because of the included interest costs on the Fichtner Park dollar amount. After a lengthy discussion, the Council directed staff to urge the Committee to list it as one project and to clarify the dollar amounts.

Inquiries for Federal Dollars: We have submitted requests to both Representative Stauber's office and Senator Klobuchar's office. We were not included in the projects that were submitted to Representative Stauber's office. We have not heard back from Senator Klobuchar. Those requests were attached for your information. Staff will follow up on the status of the request.

Referendum Process – The City's limited role: The City can play a role in providing factual information regarding the referendum question, but cannot use City funds for a campaign related to the referendum question. An advocacy related to the question on the ballot must be done by outside parties.

Naming Rights Discussion: The Council discussed at length the value of the naming rights and the process. Grant Hauschild volunteered to help clarify the process.

School Discussions: Jeff Schiltz and John Mulder are scheduled to meet with Wayne Whitwam on Thursday June 17th. Agenda includes:

- Update on Hermantown Recreational Initiative
- Potential land swaps.
- Naming rights discussions (including the existing rink).
- Other potential items such as locker rooms, ice plant, etc.

Construction Delivery Methods: We will schedule a meeting in July or August to hear a presentation from ICS about their methodology.

Recess: The meeting recessed at approximately 5:51 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk