

**CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

6:00 P.M.

Monday, February 9, 2026

Present: Richard DeRosier
Shane Hoff
Ben Bautch
James FitzGerald

Excused: Mayor Wade LeBlanc

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Joshua Stier, City Engineer Bolton & Menk
Belinda & Chad Krivan
Steve & Cheryl Marolt
Ron & Barb Bautch
Erica Jensen
Alex Burcum
Marcia Oates

Acting Mayor DeRosier called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Acting Mayor DeRosier described the purpose for the hearing is to obtain comments regarding the Proposed Improvement No. 2026-1A, Adams Blvd. North of Banks Blvd. and Arthur Circle and MN Statutes, Chapter 429 Property Assessments and no action will be made by the Council.

Joshua Stier of Bolton & Menk explained the details of the proposed improvements to Adams Blvd. North of Banks Blvd. and Arthur Circle Citywide Street and Utility Project including street reconstruction, pavement, curbs/gutters, sidewalks, driveways, water, sewer, and storm water line replacements. Stier reviewed combining the water main looping with the water treatment plant project for cost efficiency, pavement and sewer line conditions, reducing sidewalks to one side of street to save money, and timeline of project. He reviewed the MN 429 Statutes and how the assessments were applied to residential based on 1 ERU and were applied based on size of property lot. He clarified that the slide was an example, but the proposed assessment for this project is \$9500 for 1ERU and that individual property owners' assessments were available at the hearing for their review. He explained the Owners Rights to Object and Appeal, which must be done in writing by the property owner by the end of the Public Hearing and then property owner must file with the Court. Stier provided information regarding payment options for the assessed properties, interest charges, owners having the option to pay in full prior to being submitted to the County (November 15th), timeline for interest accrual. Stier further discussed deferment options where the assessment is deferred but interest continues to accrue, for those who are 65 or over, who are retired due to disability, and those serving active military.

Steve Marolt, 54 Arthur asked for clarification regarding utility replacement lines being placed under the streets, driveway approach drainage concerns, trees being removed on boulevards, and sewer line replacement by homeowners.

Chad Krivan, 34 Arthur asked for clarification regarding depth of utility lines and expressed concern regarding not receiving notice of public hearing in the mail.

Discussion regarding USPS and non-delivery of notices that were sent out January 26th, as notarized in the affidavit of mailing, that an additional hearing may be set, and there will be a final hearing scheduled in the fall after bids are received.

Marcia Oates, representing resident of 40 Arthur, expressed concern regarding access to homes during construction and if utility lines to home need to be replaced and when the optimal time for replacement would be.

Ron Bautch asked for information regarding increasing size of driveway approaches when replaced.

Councilor Bautch advised anyone owning an RV should consider parking it elsewhere during construction.

Acting Mayor DeRosier advised there would be access for emergency vehicles during construction.

Discussion regarding proposed additional grant funding being secured to assist in the project.

Acting Mayor DeRosier asked if there were any written or verbal comments received.

Acting Mayor DeRosier asked for public comments.

Acting Mayor DeRosier called for any additional public comments.

Acting Mayor DeRosier called for a final time any other comments. Hearing none he requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to adjourn the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:

Richard DeRosier, Acting Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator