

MINUTES
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE WORK SESSION
January 7, 2019
City Hall Conference Room A

PRESENT: Council Members Steve King, Laura Helle, Paul Fischer, Rebecca Waller, Jason Baskin, Joyce Poshusta Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin

ABSENT: Mayor Stiehm

STAFF PRESENT: Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang and City Clerk Ann Kasel

ALSO PRESENT: Honorary Council Member George Bass, Austin Daily Herald, Public

Council Member-at-Large Austin opened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Item No. 1 – 2019 Assessment Rates

Director of Public Works Steven Lang presented the 2019 assessment rates stating it is the City's goal to assess adjacent property owners 50% of the costs of street projects and in 2018 the City assessed 32.3% of the project costs. He proposed increasing the assessment rates for urban and commercial streets 3%. Therefore, the rate for 2019 will increase from \$45.25 per lineal foot to \$46.75 per lineal foot for residential street reconstruction and \$64.75 per lineal foot to \$66.75 per lineal foot for commercial properties. Other rates would also be increased slightly. He noted that construction rates are increasing at a greater rate than the City has increased the assessment rates. He stated that the City guarantees that the road will last 35 years and the City has policies in place for different types of properties.

Council Member Helle asked how Mr. Lang decided on the 3% increase.

Mr. Lang stated the City is trying keep up with increasing construction costs while managing citizen objections.

After additional discussion, moved by Council Member Helle, seconded by Council Member King, to recommend approval of the Engineering Department's proposed 2019 assessment rates. Carried.

The matter will be placed on the January 22, 2019 Council Meeting.

Item No. 2 – Open Discussion

Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin noted the Council Committees will be looked at the next work session.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adjourning the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann M. Kasel
City Clerk