

Executive summary

Title: Future study session agenda planning

Recommended action: The city council and city manager to set the agenda for the regularly scheduled study session on June 10, 2019.

Policy consideration: Not applicable.

Summary: This report summarizes the proposed agenda for the regularly scheduled study session on June 10, 2019. Also attached to this report is:

- Study session discussion topics and timeline
- Proposed topic for future study session discussion:
 - o *Pledge of allegiance - proposed by councilmember Mavity*

Financial or budget considerations: Not applicable.

Strategic priority consideration: Not applicable.

Supporting documents: Tentative agenda – June 10, 2019
Study session discussion topics and timeline
Study session topic proposed for future study session discussion

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Approved by: Tom Harmening, City Manager

June 10, 2019

(Councilmember Miller out)

6:30 p.m. Study session – Community room

Tentative discussion items

1. **Future study session agenda planning** – Administrative services (5 minutes)
2. **Police advisory commission work plan update** – Police (30 minutes)
The city council has requested a meeting with the chair of each board/commission to review 2019 work plans. Police advisory commissioners will attend the study session on June 10 to discuss their 2019 work plan.
3. **PLACE Via project update** – Community development (45 minutes)
PLACE Via Sol and Via Luna projects update and EDA property purchase extension request.
4. **Accessory dwelling units/home-based business** – Community development (60 minutes)
The approved comprehensive plan indicates the city intends to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Staff will facilitate a policy discussion to better understand city council's views on how ADUs should be allowed. This will provide both staff and the planning commission with clearer direction at the outset for how to craft regulations. More recently, interest in home occupations has surfaced. It has been suggested that ADUs and home occupations have some similar policy considerations. Staff will share with city council the current home occupation regulations and summarize items the planning commission would like to review.

Communications/meeting check-in – Administrative services (5 minutes)

Time for communications between staff and council will be set aside on every study session agenda for the purposes of information sharing.

Written reports

5. Update on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy
6. Texa Tonka study update
7. Mobility sharing update
8. Historic Walker Lake – electrical undergrounding

Study session discussion topics and timeline

Discussion topic	Comments	Date Scheduled
Revitalization of Walker Lake area	Part of preserving Walker building reports: 8/28/17, 9/25/17, 1/22/18, design study 2/12/18, update 4/23/18, design study update 8/27/18; SS report 2/11/19	May 28, 2019
Ordinance regarding home occupations (Firearm sales)	Discussed 5/21/18 & 7/23. Written report provided at 9/24 study session. PC currently reviewing ordinance options. Policy on city facilities adopted 10/15. Going to PC	2 nd reading June 17, 2019
Accessory dwelling units/home-based businesses		June 10, 2019
C-1 zoning district retail and service use restrictions	Discussed on 6/11/18; referred to PC. Discussed 11/26/18; SS report 2/25/19; Discussed 3/11/19 – further discussion requested by council	July 8, 2019
Election holiday discussion		3 rd Qtr.
Crime free ordinance/affordable housing strategies	Discussed 5/14/18. 1 st reading housing trust fund 10/1/18; Other affordable housing strategies/Crime Free Ordinance – Nov/Dec, 12/10 and 12/17/18 and 1/14/19 council discussion; Certain provisions of crime free ord. suspended; Work group being formed; CFO work group discussed on 3/25/2019; Work group had first meeting in May; Next meeting is in June	TBD; Pending workgroup recommendation
Immigration & supporting families	Discussed 8/6 and referred to HRC. HRC held comm. mtg. in Oct. Council/HRC discussion on 12/10; referred back to HRC for refinement of recommendations.	TBD
Discuss and evaluate our public process		TBD
Easy access to nature, across city, starting with low-income neighborhoods		TBD
One-for-one replacement policy for NOAH properties		TBD
STEP discussion: facilities	Discussed on 1/14/19; Tom H, Derek R. and Astein O. toured the Central Community Center and are continuing discussions	TBD
Westwood Hills Nature Center Access Fund	*On hold pending discussion with school district.	*On hold
SEED's community greenhouse/resilient cities initiative	*On hold until Food Access and Security study is complete and recommendations have been made.	*On hold
Discuss Council Norms	Reviewed on 5/7/18; adoption postponed on 5/21/18. Discussed at Jan. Retreat; discussed on 3/18/19	



**City Council
Study Session Topic Proposal**

Date: May 13, 2019

Prepared by: Anne Mavity

Proposed agenda topic: Pledge of Allegiance

Brief Description of topic (no more than 200 words):

Throughout cities in MN, about half do the pledge each meeting and half do not. (Someone should check on that number).

Because Eisenhower added "under god" to the pledge during the communist scare in the 50s it strikes many people as unwelcoming and against the principles of SLP charter.

We are all extremely patriotic and love our city, our state and our country. Constantly pledging to this is unnecessary. If Boys Scouts or other came to council we could certainly do a ceremonial pledge.

How does this topic align with the council strategic priorities? If not, why should the council consider the topic:

It doesn't - that's the point. We would be more welcoming and inclusive without it. Including more welcoming for noncitizens who may live in our community.

**** All completed forms must be sent to Tom Harmening, City Manager tharmening@stlouisparkmn.gov and Maria Carrillo Perez, Management Assistant mcarrillo-perez@stlouisparkmn.gov by the Tuesday before a City Council Study Session ****