



*City Council Memorandum*

**To:** Mayor Fasbender & City Council Members  
**From:** Nick Egger – Public Works Director  
**Date:** March 20, 2020  
**Item:** Resolution – Postpone Assessment Hearing due to COVID-19 Pandemic

**Council Action Requested:**

Council is requested to adopt the attached resolution postponing the Assessment Hearing for the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements program.

**Background Information:**

Council acted on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to order the public hearing for assessments on this project for April 6<sup>th</sup>. With the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic creating numerous logistical challenges surrounding how to efficiently and effectively conduct public open meetings, staff is recommending postponing this hearing until a later date. Staff will make a recommendation on a new date and bring forward a new resolution for the Council's consideration of a new hearing date once there is more certainty on timing of when City operations and business can return to near "normal".

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact of delaying this hearing. Adopted assessments that remain unpaid after November 30<sup>th</sup>, must be certified to the property taxes in early December to initiate the annual installment repayment process, so there is plenty of time remaining to reschedule this hearing.

**Attachments:**

- Resolution 02-01-20 setting original public hearing date (for reference)
- Resolution Postponing April 6 Public Hearing on Special Assessments

**CITY OF HASTINGS**  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION POSTPONING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS  
2020 NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Council adopted Resolution 02-01-20 on February 3, 2020 setting a date, time, and place for a public hearing to be held regarding proposed assessments for the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements, and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic has required aggressive social distancing practices among the entire population, thereby creating logistical challenges for units of government to facilitate remote meetings of elected bodies where public hearing proceedings can be conducted in a manner that is equally effective as those conducted in a physical gathering space such as City Hall.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS AS FOLLOWS;** that

1. The public hearing specifically regarding proposed assessments for the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements originally scheduled for 7:00 PM, Monday, April 6, 2020 at City Hall at 101 E. 4th Street, is hereby postponed until a new date can be selected.
2. The City will provide mailed notification to owners of all properties on which the special assessments for the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements are to be considered.
3. At such time when a new date is selected for said public hearing to be rescheduled, a new notification will be published and mailed in accordance with the requirements of MN Statutes, Chapter 429.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HASTINGS, MINNESOTA, THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**

Ayes:

Nays:

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*Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

*Julie Flaten, City Clerk*

**CITY OF HASTINGS**  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Resolution No. 02-01-20

**RESOLUTION RECEIVING FEASIBILITY & ASSESSMENTS REPORT, DECLARING THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED,  
AND ORDERING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE 2020 NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, a report has been prepared by the City Engineer and submitted to the City Council with reference to the following project:

**2020 NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS – street reconstruction** with new base material and pavement including concrete curb and gutter improvements and localized storm sewer system upsizing, extensions, repairs and replacements on 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Pine Street to Tyler Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Street, and 25<sup>th</sup> Street; **street reclamation** with new pavement including spot curb and gutter repairs and localized storm sewer system extensions, repairs and replacements on Cannon Street from Vermillion Street to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street; **sidewalk replacement** along 15<sup>th</sup> Street; and **sidewalk extension** along Cannon Street from 31<sup>st</sup> Street to Hackberry Drive;

**AND WHEREAS**, the total cost for the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements project is estimated to be **\$3,400,000**,

**AND WHEREAS**, **\$769,115** is proposed to be special assessed,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS AS FOLLOWS;** that

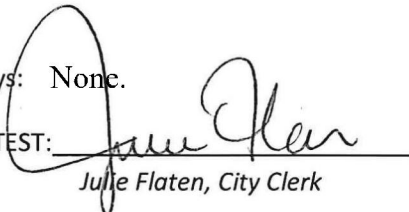
1. The City Council hereby receives said Feasibility & Assessments Report and will consider the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements project in accordance with said report.
2. The Council will consider assessments of the benefited abutting property for a portion of the cost of the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements project, pursuant to Chapter 429 of the Minnesota Statutes. The amount of proposed assessments for said project is hereby declared to be: **\$769,115.00**.
3. A public hearing for the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements will be held at 7:00 PM, Monday, March 2, 2020 at City Hall at 101 E. 4th Street, and the City shall give mailed and published notice of such hearing and improvements as required by law.
4. A separate public hearing will be held specifically regarding proposed assessments for the 2020 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements at 7:00 PM, Monday, April 6, 2020 at City Hall at 101 E. 4th Street, and the City shall give mailed and published notice of such hearing and assessments as required by law.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HASTINGS, MINNESOTA, THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.**

Ayes: Balsanek, Braucks, Folch, Leifeld, Lund, Vaughan and Fasbender

Nays: None.

ATTEST:

  
Julie Flaten, City Clerk

  
Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor