



### *City Council Memorandum*

**To:** Mayor Fasbender & City Council Members  
**From:** Nick Egger – Public Works Director  
**Date:** March 23, 2020  
**Item:** Postpone Public Hearing for Municipal Consent – Highway 316 Project

**Council Action Requested:**

Council is requested to approve postponing the Public Hearing required for the Municipal Consent process to the Highway 316 project.

**Background Information:**

In accordance with MN Statutes, Chapter 161, the Council previously scheduled a public hearing for April 6<sup>th</sup> to receive comments on the layout for the planned Highway 316 Improvements project. 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. The City is still required by statute to make a resolution providing Municipal Consent within 90 days of the originally set hearing date of April 6<sup>th</sup>. As such, the new hearing date will most likely be in late May or early June to maintain this timeframe requirement.

Staff will bring forward a request for the Council's consideration of a new date once there is more certainty on timing of when City operations and business can return to near "normal". Notice postponing this public hearing will be published in the Hastings Star Gazette on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and notice of the new hearing date will be published 30 days in advance of the new hearing date.

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact of delaying this hearing.