

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Workshop
May 20, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a workshop on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Fasbender, Councilmembers Fox, Haus, Lawrence, Leifeld, Pemble, and Vihrachoff

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh

Guests Present: Dr. Tammy Champa, Superintendent
Carrie Tate, Chairperson
Jessica Dressely, Vice Chairperson
Mark Zuzek, Treasurer
Matt Bruns, Director
Philip Biermaier, Director
Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, Director

Mayor Fasbender called the workshop to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed councilmembers, School Board members, and staff.

Wietecha reviewed past and current partnerships with the School District. Discussion on the current Arena project and joint interests.

Discussion on PFAS in the municipal wells and the recent community meeting. The District has invested in new filters for drinking fountains and have requested quotes to address the water at entry point to the schools. Discussion on funding and information for residents to make informed decisions. Discussion around the need for education about PFAS and the resources available through the City website, as well as MN Department of Health.

Discussion on other shared impact projects like the Hwy 61 corridor project and the importance of communication and appreciation for early involvement. The District shared information about availability and types of housing and its impact on the District. Current enrollments and efforts to attract and retain students and their families to the District were also discussed. Councilmembers and Board members discussed common goal around building an educational environment and a housing environment that attracts students/families that gives them a sense of belonging and feeling welcome.

Group discussion on how we support each other's priorities. The importance of communication about projects or other opportunities to collaborate on a regular basis was discussed. Possible

joint marketing of the City & School District and community messaging would demonstrate that the leadership is working together for the same vision.

Members expressed appreciation for the opportunity to come together and look forward to ongoing opportunities to connect.

ADJOURNMENT

Workshop adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk