

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Workshop
January 17, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a workshop on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Volunteer Room at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Fasbender, Councilmembers Folch, Fox, Haus, Leifeld, Pemble, Lund

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
City Attorney Kori Land
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
Community Development Director John Hinzman

Mayor Fasbender called the workshop to order at 5:05 pm., welcoming Council members and City Attorney Kori Land. Land provided an overview of the 2-part workshop for elected officials. Land explained the types of cities that exist in Minnesota. Hastings is a Plan A, Charter city. The Charter outlines the powers of the Mayor, Council and those delegated to the City Administrator. Land reviewed some of the Council's adopted Rules of Decorum and Charter language.

Land then described the Open Meeting law and which meetings are impacted by this law. A meeting is defined as hosting a quorum of Council, discussing/deciding/receiving information, and conducting official city business.

Land provided an overview of public hearings and the public hearing law. Zoning or land-related as well as assessments and bonding require public hearings.

Land described the Data Practices Act and its impact on the work of Council. Communication between a councilmember and resident is private. Complainant data on properties are confidential.

Constituent concerns that are raised to Council members may often relate to nuisances or other ordinance violations. In many cases, these are to be referred to appropriate City staff. The City has several options to address ongoing nuisances that violate ordinance. These include administrative citations, abatement, or statutory injunction, hazardous building statute, or criminal citations.

Workshop will continue on Monday, February 6, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Leifeld motioned to adjourn the workshop 6:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Pemble.

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk