



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: August 18, 2015
REGULAR
ITEM # 7

AGENDA ITEM: 5th Street Design Standards – Approve Landscaping and Lighting Design

SUBMITTED BY: Jack Griffin, City Engineer

THROUGH: Clark Schroeder, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Kyle Klatt, Community Development Director
Mike Bouthilet, Public Works
Cathy Bendel, Finance Director
Ryan Stempski, Assistant City Engineer

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS (if removed from the Consent Agenda):

- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

POLICY RECOMMENDER: Planning / Engineering.

FISCAL IMPACT: No immediate impact.

The 5th Street Design Standards inform the developers how to design and construct 5th Street within each of their respective development projects. At this time, there is no City cost contribution for these improvements.

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider approving the Landscaping and Lighting Design details to be incorporated into the 5th Street Design Standards. If removed from the Consent Agenda, the recommended motion for this action is as follows:

“Move to approve the Landscaping and Lighting Design details to be incorporated into the 5th Street Design Standards to inform the design and construction for all portions of the 5th Street North MSA Collector Street from Inwood Avenue to Manning Avenue.”

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

5th Street North from CSAH 13 (Inwood Avenue) to CSAH 15 (Manning Avenue) will become the backbone of future development along the I94 corridor, essentially becoming the primary access in and out of the future neighborhoods and commercial properties. The street will be designed to meet State Aid Urban Design standards [8820.9936] with a 40 mph posted speed and is projected to carry 5,000 vehicles per day on average by year 2030.

The quality of the street and its connections are critically important. The purpose of the proposed street standards are to 1) improve the function and appearance of the street, 2) encourage pedestrian and bicycle use, and 3) reduce the potential for speeding. From a Community Development perspective, the design of 5th Street is intended to provide a consistent street plan from Manning Avenue to Inwood Avenue that serves to connect the various unique neighborhoods using a common design theme.

Over the past year City staff has been working to develop and finalize Design Standards and Guidelines to inform the design and construction details for 5th Street. A council workshop was held on August 11, 2015 to present the final landscaping and street light details. The details have been updated to incorporate the input received at this workshop.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve the Landscaping and Lighting Design details to be incorporated into the 5th Street Design Standards. If removed from the Consent Agenda, the recommended motion for this action is as follows:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 5th Street Collector Design Guidelines.
2. Street Boulevard Landscape Plan detail.
3. Center Median Landscape Plan detail.
4. Evans light pole and fixture exhibit.