



# MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** 3/15/16

**REGULAR**

**ITEM:** 11

**AGENDA ITEM:** Downtown and Village Parkway Lighting Design

**SUBMITTED BY:** Stephen Wensman, Planning Director

**THROUGH:** Clark Schroeder, Interim City Administrator

**REVIEWED BY:** Chad Isakson, Assistant City Engineer

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**SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Introduction of Item .....Staff
- Report/Presentation.....Staff
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

**POLICY RECCOMENDER:** City Staff and Design Team

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:**

Washington County, City of Lake Elmo and SEH (Design Consultant) are working to finalize the design for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Downtown streetscape and landscape improvements. The proposed improvements and associated costs have been previously presented and incorporated into the City CIP and at the September 2015 council meeting the City Council directed the design team to make some changes, including removing from the project the burying of overhead utilities and other changes. The design team has refined the design (lighting type and spacing) to reduce the lighting fixtures and intensity and is requesting the City Council approve the revised lighting design. The decision is important in order to stage other construction improvements including power utilities and paving and to provide enough lead time to work with Xcel Energy to finalize the lighting design and installation.

Similarly, The Village Parkway is taking shape in Easton Village and a decision is needed by the City as to what lighting will be installed along the parkway. For consistency, Staff would recommend using a lighting design that is complimentary to the Downtown project.

Details of the proposed lighting will be provided at the City Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the lighting improvements for the Downtown, Street Drainage and Utility Improvement project, both Phase 1 and Phase 2, as presented by the City, Washington County and SEH (Design Consultants).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Lighting Photometric Plan prepared by SEH, Inc.