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Minutes of the Public Hearing held by the Chippewa-Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding the application from the City of Eau Claire titled "Type I Sewer Service Area Plan Amendment- Orchard Hills" to amend the Chippewa-Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service Area

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Held at: Chippewa Valley Technical College, Casper Room, 620 W. Clairemont Ave. Eau Claire, WI

MPO Council Members Present (13): Gary Spilde - Village of Lake Hallie (Chair), Jim Dunning – Eau Claire County (Vice-chair), Dean Mueller – Chippewa County, Matt Brien – City of Altoona, Terry Weld - City of Eau Claire, Wes Vleck – Town of Brunswick, Larry Marquart – Town of Hallie, Mark Brennan – Town of Lafayette, Dan Green – Town of Pleasant Valley, Jessica Janssen – Town of Seymour, Jennifer Meyer – Town of Union, Mike Peterson – Town of Washington, Alice Droske – Town of Wheaton, Brett Geboy – Eau Claire County (non-voting)

Members without representation present (3): City of Chippewa Falls, Town of Eagle Point, Town of Tilden

Staff Present: Eric Anderson – Director - Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO; Edwin Rothrock - Chippewa-Eau Claire MPO, Chris Straight – West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC), Michael Mills – WCWRPC, Hailee Bushman – WCWRPC, Lynn Nelson – Director - WCWRPC

Minutes

1. Chairman Spilde called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. 55-60 members of the public were in attendance. The Public Hearing was agenda item #9 during a regular MPO Policy Council Meeting which started at 5:30 p.m. The additional time was given to allow any late-comers to the Policy Council meeting to sign up to speak at the Public Hearing.
2. Mr. Straight presented the WCWRPC Staff Report on the proposed Amendment. The report recommended that the MPO Policy Council recommend that the WDNR approve of the proposed Amendment request with several conditions. Mr. Straight answered a few questions from the Members regarding the presentation.
3. By agreement of the MPO Policy Council at the August 24th, 2022, meeting, the City of Eau Claire and the Towns of Brunswick and Washington each received five minutes to present their views on the proposed Amendment.

Mr. Dave Solberg, PE, Director of Engineering for the City of Eau Claire, presented the City's position in support of the proposed Amendment with an accompanying slide show.

Mr. Wes Vleck, Chair of the Town of Brunswick Town Board, presented the Town's position in opposition to the proposed Amendment.

Rick Manthe, Attorney for the Town of Washington, presented the Town's position in opposition to the proposed Amendment.
4. Mr. Anderson presented a summary of written comments received during the open comments period. Of the twenty-four pieces of correspondence received, twenty-two were opposed to the proposed Amendment, two were in favor of the Amendment. The public was invited to submit written comments, via email or postal mail, in the published Official Notice of the Public Meeting. Submissions received prior to the deadline listed in the Notice were included in the Policy Council meeting packet for Members. Mr. Anderson gave a verbal summary of two comments received after the deadline.
5. By agreement of the MPO Policy Council at the August 24th, 2022, meeting, each member of the public who wished to speak would have two minutes to address the MPO Policy Council on the subject of the proposed Amendment. At the entry door to the meeting area, attendees were offered the chance to fill out a Speaker Card. Those wishing to speak were required to fill out the card. The Speaker Card asked for: name, address, whether the

person wanted to speak at the meeting, their position on the proposed Amendment, and organizational affiliation (if any). Those not wishing to speak could also fill out the Card indicating if they were in favor or opposed to the proposed Amendment.

Of the twelve public speakers, nine were opposed to the proposed Amendment and three were in favor of the proposed Amendment. The order of the speakers was based on the order in which the Speaker Cards were received.

Of the thirty-three attendees who did not choose to speak but filled out a card expressing their opinion, all were opposed to the proposed Amendment.

6. Chair Spilde closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:15 p.m. and returned to the regular Policy Council meeting.