

BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL

Work Session Agenda

Monday, January 13, 2020

**City Hall
5:30 P.M.**



1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

2. PHASE 3 ANNEXATION

3. 2020 LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY DISCUSSION

4. ADJOURNMENT



City Manager's Office

TO: Honorable Mayor Albrecht and City Council
FROM: Nate Mathews, City Manager *Nate*
DATE: January 8, 2020
RE: January 13 Work session: Phase 3 Annexation and 2020 Legislative initiatives

Phase 3 Annexation

As you are aware the City and Northern Township have entered into an Orderly Annexation agreement calling for a 3rd phase of annexation to occur in 2020. We previously discussed having the Phase 3 annexation occur in June 2020; however, due to 2020 being a Census Year and also a General Election year, I would like the Council to consider commencing the annexation process as soon as possible.

I feel it is in the public interest to annex this property prior to the official 2020 Census (which starts on April 1) and annexing earlier also allows our City Clerk the time to create the required new City Boundary and Ward lines, which need to be approved by the MN Municipal Boundary Adjustment Office. By starting the annexation process in January, we will have a cleaner Census and the necessary time to process the annexation with the State to allow people that are being annexed to file for city office. We would like a discussion about commencing the Phase 3 Annexation Resolution at our next Council meeting, January 21.

2020 Legislative Strategy discussion

Bradley Peterson will be joining us for our meeting. We will be discussing the layout of the current landscape in St. Paul, and what to expect this session as we submit legislation and lobby for both the bonding bill and food and beverage tax. It will be important to discuss with Bradley how we want to shape the food and beverage tax language (for example for capital replacement needs at the Sanford Center and operations, or just capital replacement needs). Additionally, please be prepared to look at your calendars for some early dates we would be scheduling for legislator meetings.