

BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL

Work Session Agenda

Monday, January 29, 2018

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



1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

2. DISCUSSION: HOCKEY DAY – Kevin Waldhausen & Tom Kuesel
 - Site
 - Jersey

3. ADJOURNMENT

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City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Nate Mathews, City Manager *Nate*
DATE: January 24, 2018
RE: 2019 MN Hockey Day Work Session

At our upcoming January 29 work session, we will be discussing the 2019 MN Hockey Day event with members of the event committee.

The purpose of the work session is to hold a general Council discussion about the planning and next steps for this event, and request the City Council to consider two things: 1) formalizing/committing the use of city property at the South Shore, and 2) the ability to dress the statue of Paul Bunyan with a MN Wild jersey for promotional reasons before and during the event.

Last year I discussed the potential use of some South Shore lots/Event center parking lots with the Hockey Day event planning organizers, MN Wild representatives, and Fox Sports North staff. We toured around Bemidji together to collectively identify a good location for the event in preparation for the Bemidji proposal that was recently reviewed and accepted. As the event is now official, it will be important to further discuss land use needs in more formal detail with the event organizers as a Council.

Regarding the dressing up of the Paul Bunyan statue, this issue has been considered by the Council previously, most recently in 2014. At that time a decision was made by the City Council to deny a request by the Shriners to put a large hat on Paul Bunyan, called a fez, and also disallow all future requests to dress Paul and Babe up for promotional events due to the tradition of allowing tourists to take pictures and to avoid continual and potentially controversial requests. The Hockey Day committee is requesting the Council to reconsider this decision and policy.