

**Orono City Council
Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Walsh, Council Members Richard F. Crosby II, Victoria Seals and Matt Johnson. Representing staff were City Administrator Dustin Rief and City Clerk Anna Carlson.

Meeting Start Time: 6:05 p.m.

1. Policy Discussion

City Administrator Dustin Rief presented an email he received in regards to County Funding for roads and bridges. Rief explained that in 2015, state legislation was passed to reallocate \$32 million of the sales tax collected from leased vehicles from the State's general fund, half would go to Greater Minnesota Transit and half would be distributed between five of the seven metro counties through the County State Aid Highway fund. In effort to balance funding for transit and roads and bridges, the law excluded Hennepin and Ramsey counties from receiving their percentage of funding. Distributing Hennepin and Ramsey county proceeds to the other five metro counties puts cities in these counties at a disadvantage when it comes to accessing funds for county road and bridge projects. Rief asked if the City Council would like to send a letter of support of two bills (HF 2194 and SF 20187) to Hennepin County Officials to generate support to eliminate the exemption of Hennepin and Ramsey counties and to distribute the sales tax on leased vehicles, per county state aide formula, to all metro cities.

The City Council unanimously agreed.

Rief explained that he and the Fire Chief have reviewed the services received under the current contract. Rief explained that the city may need to reevaluate the services currently received versus what services are needed.

There was discussion regarding the use of medical services, calls, and other services provided by various resources. Also discussed were ways in which the city could look in to evaluating their needs and begin the conversation with Long Lake.

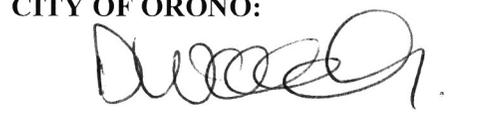
Mayor Dennis Walsh concluded the discussion by mentioning that Orono Administration needs to assess their needs, look over the details of the services received, and work together as a business unit with Long Lake Administration to work out a new contract that fits the City's needs.

Meeting End Time: 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:


Anna Carlson, City Clerk

CITY OF ORONO:


Dennis Walsh, Mayor