

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 16, 2016 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. Call to Order.
2. 6:00 p.m. (*or as soon thereafter*) **CLOSED MEETING** – (For the purpose to consider offer of real property)
 - A) Seneca Roadway Easement Status.
3. Adjournment.

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The special closed meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Nagel presiding.

Members present: Mayor Nagel, Battcher, Heiland, Jaszewski, Nuesse

Members absent: Wills.

Also present: City Adm. Donabauer, City Engineer Jason Femrite, PZ Adm. Smith-Strack

The following item was discussed in detail:

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- A) Seneca Roadway Easement Status.

No action was taken. Discussion centered on gaining access to the new industrial park and what options were available to the City to do so. Six options were reviewed and discussed at length, which consisted of a land swap, purchasing property, access via Hwy 5 and/or neighboring property, and eminent domain. It was understood that access to the industrial park must be obtained first in order for things to move forward and improvements to be installed for shovel ready lots. It was also understood that a project, such as Cemstone relocating, was needed to help move the project along; and also apply for grant money to bring the cost of improvements down. It was the consensus of the Council that keeping Cemstone in Arlington was the highest priority. Concern was expressed about paying inflated land prices.

Engineer Femrite talked about infrastructure costs and what could be potentially covered by grant money. He stated that construction in 2016 is not very likely (at least for industrial park) at this point due to timing (contractors are committed to other projects that and applying for grant money takes time to get approved); it would be more feasible to plant for 2017.

It was the consensus of the Council to contact Cemstone representatives and have them look at the industrial park and the property in option #6 to see which property would best suit their needs (along with what kind of timeline they are considering), and then go from there with either gaining access to the industrial park and installing improvements or getting improvements to the property in option #6.

Smith-Strack will contact DEED to get grant information (to see what possible funds may be available pending project size, more specifically options 2 and 3). She will also inquire with MnDOT on the TED grant funding.

Motion by Heiland, seconded by Battcher, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Liza M. Donabauer, City Administrator

Rich Nagel, Mayor