

City of Stanwood
Special Workshop of the City Council
November 13, 2025 | 5:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sid Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Attendance

Councilmembers Present: Dani Gaumont, Marcus Metz, Darren Robb, Robert Hicks, Andreena Bergman, and Tim Schmitt. Steve Shepro was absent.

Staff Present: City Administrator Shawn Smith, Finance Director David Hammond, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, Communications & Marketing Specialist Niki Strachila, Business & Community Relations Coordinator Aaron Weinberg, City Engineer Alan Lytton, and City Clerk Lisa Sokolik.

Business owners present: Lei Wiley-Mydske of Stanwood Tattoo Co., Carrie Richardson Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission, Joanna Sikes of Meyer Art Center, Teresa LaFleur of Hidden Treasures on the Brick Road, Mark Siegel of Hidden Treasures on the Brick Road, Les Anderson of Stanwood Area Historical Society, and Bobby Guadamuz of Vida Verde Home

3. New Business

a. Brick Road Design Discussion

City Council invited West End business owners to have an open, collaborative conversation about priorities for the brick road. The feedback will be used to guide and finalize the Brick Road project design.

Community Development Director Patricia Love led the discussion, briefly going over the project priorities;

1. Historic Preservation: keeping the character of downtown and the brick road.
2. Pedestrian accessibility.
3. Business needs; in terms of access.
4. Drainage improvements.
5. Lighting improvements.

The city has gone through four design iterations. The original concept design was taken from the Twin Cities Mile work group. Love went over a few design options, then invited business owners to give feedback, make comments and suggestions.

Discussion themes brought up by business owners:

- Preserve "Old Stanwood"
- Create Event Space
- Promote Business Visibility and Vitality.

Council asked if actions can be taken now to fix some of the issues such as weight restriction, speeding, lighting, and signage. Love will put together a phasing plan.

Mayor Roberts said staff will bring something back that will hopefully please everyone in some way, knowing it will be hard to please everyone in full.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Attest:

Sid Roberts, Mayor

Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk