

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

**3:30 P.M. - Wednesday, March 17, 2021
City Hall Council Chambers**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS - ADMINISTRATION

1. MN West - Terry Gaalswyk Presentation
2. Council Vacancy Discussion

C. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS - PUBLIC WORKS

1. Worthington Fireworks Display Discussion

D. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC WORKS MEMO

DATE: MARCH 17, 2021
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

CASE ITEM

1. WORTHINGTON FIREWORKS DISPLAY DISCUSSION

Worthington has traditionally had a fireworks display on July 4th of each year to celebrate the holiday. This display has been a collaborative effort between the City of Worthington and the Chamber of Commerce. Each of these entities would pay 50% of the \$12,000.00 display. In 2015, the City of Worthington, along with the Lake Okebena Improvement Association, added a fireworks display on July 3rd at the end of the Beach Bash celebration. The City has contributed \$1,500.00 of the \$4,000.00 display and the Lake Association has contributed the remaining balance.

Due to Covid, the 2020 Beach Bash was cancelled and the City was informed that there would not be any funds contributed by the Lake Okebena Improvement Association, to the July 3rd display. City staff decided that we would continue to have both displays and would use budgeted city money to fund the July 3rd display.

In December of 2020, city staff was informed that the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce, was removing their contribution to the July 4th fireworks display, due to budgetary concerns. Due this development and the uncertainty of this year's Beach Bash, staff would like council's direction on this year's city fireworks display.

Council Action; Direct staff to order and plan for this year's fireworks display.