



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 7, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilbert at 5:36 pm.

Present: Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sam Rettinger, Brian Carpenter, and Liz Olson

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Planning Commission Chair: Jon Crump

Absent: Excused Absence – Councilmember Sharon Henderson

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Rettinger, seconded by Olson, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion of Possible Zoning Code Amendments

Planning Chair Crump began the discussion by reminding Council of the impact of the recent Minnesota Supreme Court decision regarding the granting of variances. Crump then discussed various zoning ordinance amendment recommendations including "green technology", dealing with variance requests in the short term, and various sustainability practices. Council advised the Planning Commission to hold off until the 2011 legislative session has ended and consider zoning amendments at that time, although the Commission was encouraged to work on the "green technology" and sustainability recommendations in the interim.

Discussion of City Attorney RFP Review Process

Post advised the Council of the process used in 2004 when former City Attorney Chris Dietzen resigned because of being named to the Minnesota Appellate Court and the selection of current City Attorney Joel Jamnik in 2005. That process used a review committee interview approach consisting of two council members and the City Administrator to make a recommendation to the full Council. This process was acceptable to the council to be used again with Mayor Gilbert and Councilmember Carpenter volunteering to serve with Administrator Post on the review committee. The request was also made of the council to communicate to review committee members key issues and direction they would want to be addressed during the interview stage.

Discussion of Proposed 2011 General Fund Budget

Post distributed bench handout schedules pertaining to the proposed 2011 General Fund budget that identified variances in the 2010 yearend estimate as well as assumptions in the creation of the proposed 2011 General Fund budget. Post emphasized that the proposed 2011 budget was balanced and was supported by a 0.0% increase in the payable 2011 general operating property tax levy.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the work session meeting by general consent at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrance Post
City Administrator