



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
July 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilbert at 5:33 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post

Guests: City Engineer Dan Boxrud and SEH staff native plantings specialist Joel Asp

APPROVE AGENDA

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion of Sunram Construction Projects

Mr. Asp began the discussion concerning the 2009 DT SWM Project at Lakeside Park by observing that, in his opinion, the plantings within the project area were progressing on an "average" basis. Meaning that some areas were very good, some okay, and some very poorly particularly in the filter bed A and B areas. He updated the council on the results of an on-site meeting with the contractor the day before where a list of punchlist of items was agreed to by Sunram. It appears that the biggest past deficiency has been the lack of consistent watering by the contractor. Finally, Mr. Asp communicated that the timing expectations for planting development in such a project should be in the three to five year range for full establishment and that patience would be required. It was suggested that perhaps educational signage for park visitors could be posted in the project area that describes the project water quality objectives as well as a planting establishment timeline.

Mr. Asp then commented on the 2008 Wayzata Boulevard Gateway Landscaping Project. It was his opinion that the no mow grass was present throughout the project area, that the trees and shrubs were doing well, and that certain maintenance tasks (mowing, applying herbicide, and some weeding) would have to be done by the City of Long Lake on a more systematic basis in the future to insure that the no mow fescue mix crowds out the rye grass and weeds. He estimated that this may be an up to three year process. Mr. Asp again reminded everyone that this is not like a home landscaping project with immediate results, and will take time to mature.

City Administrator Performance Review

Mayor Gilbert distributed City of Long Lake Performance Appraisal Forms to all councilmembers and asked that they be completed and returned to him for summarization scoring to be discussed at a future work session with Mr. Post.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council directed Mr. Post to contact former City Attorney Arlo Van Vegte to obtain a proposal for legal services concerning enforcement of the city's land use ordinances in the Rudd Automotive zoning compliance matter.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,
Terrance Post, City Administrator