



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
April 5, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Hultmann at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor: Tim Hultmann; Council: Brian Carpenter, Don Chillstrom, Liz Olson, and Tom Skjaret

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post

APPROVE AGENDA

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

2012 Baseline Budget Discussion

Administrator Post began the discussion by indicating that the earlier-than-normal discussion of this topic was prompted by the summary information provided to him by City Assessor Mike Schacterle regarding preliminary "Pay 2012" estimated real estate market valuation. Post provided a spreadsheet that documented that total valuation has dropped 11.9%, or almost \$30 million dollars, when compared to final "Pay 2011" valuation totals. Discussion then ensued regarding the relationships between local tax rates, the city levy, valuation changes, and the portion of the total valuation changing between residential and commercial/industrial valuations. Post also distributed a spreadsheet that identified that portion (\$147,525) of the "Pay 2012" levy dedicated to existing debt services requirements for outstanding bonds. In spite of a valuation decrease, this portion of the levy could not be reduced. Post also provided a proposed 2012 Budget Calendar which indicated the milestone dates of September 6, 2011 to adopt the Preliminary Levy and Budget, and the December 20, 2011 date for Final Pay 2012 Levy and Budget adoption.

All agreed that 2012 was going to a particularly challenging budget year. Councilmember Carpenter asked staff to analyze non-property tax revenues in the area of licenses and permits to assure that Long Lake was competitive with other similarly-sized communities.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was brief discussion concerning if the subject of a rental property license was still in the 2011 work plan. Post responded that the Planning Commission may be looking at this subject after the "Green Technology" Ordinance amendment task is completed.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Hultmann adjourned the work session meeting by general consent at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrance Post
City Administrator