



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
June 7, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Hultmann at 5:37 p.m.

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

**Guests Present:** Park Board Chair: Brian Torney; Orono High School students and staff

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Terrance Post

**APPROVE AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Chillstrom, seconded by Olson, to approve the Agenda. Ayes: all.*

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Tobacco-Free Parks Presentation by Orono High School (OHS) Students**

After a brief introduction by an OHS teacher, students involved in the Youth in Action service club made various prepared comments including communities that have adopted such policies, costs of smoking, types of enforcement, and positive impact on younger children. Park Board chair Torney commented that a similar OHS group had made a similar presentation at the last Park Board meeting and that the Park Board recommended adoption of such a policy. Council discussion ensued with direction that the OHS student group be invited back for a similar presentation at the next Council meeting to encourage more public input in the decision to implement such a policy.

**2012 Baseline Budget Discussion Including Recommended Fee Schedule Changes**

Administrator Post directed Council to review a 2012 "baseline" budget overview spreadsheet that highlighted various items changing from 2011 to 2012. Post commented that two key assumptions in the baseline were a 0.0% salary range move and that all capital expenditures would be funded from capital funds. Post pointed to the various General Fund surplus (deficit) implications under different operating levy change scenarios. Councilmember Skjaret and Hultmann indicated they would be supportive of a 1% salary increase. Councilmember Olson was concerned about the 2012 shift from commercial/industrial to residential due to valuation changes and the related impact on homeowners property taxes. Councilmember Chillstrom believed that, in spite of valuation reductions, homeowners would not be surprised by property tax increases. Councilmember Carpenter indicated that he was bothered by the lack of capital funding from the levy assumption and believed that it would be prudent to have capital funding as a levy-supported budget item. Carpenter also commented that it may be helpful to take a multi-year budget approach to assist in organizational succession or reorganization planning. Regarding the fee schedule recommendations, no objection comments were made.

**Donation "Firehouse" Garden Update Discussion**

Mayor Hultmann indicated that the current plan was not to install a permanent water connection near the garden plot because of the uncertainty of future year garden operations. Instead, the current plan was to install a Long Lake hydrant meter to a Holbrook Park fire hydrant and extend hoses approximately 400 feet from the hydrant meter to the garden plot area. Water Usage would be billed by Long Lake to one of the Garden volunteers (i.e. April Wysocki).

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Hultmann adjourned the work session meeting by general consent at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrance Post  
City Administrator