



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
August 1, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Hultmann at 5:34 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 Skjaret, seconded by Olson, to approve the Agenda. Ayes: all.*

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Discuss Preliminary 2012 Budget Development**

Administrator Post referred to an updated 2012 budget baseline analysis that reflected a certified 2012 Local Government Aid (LGA) amount of \$26,410. Discussion on this item considered the receipt of such state aid, given the State of Minnesota ongoing budget issues, to be problematic. Direction was to exclude LGA as a 2012 General Fund revenue item. If LGA were received, to utilize the funds for one-time capital items rather than for funding operating expenditures. Other discussion items included the shift in market valuation between residential and commercial property with residential having to pick up a larger slice of the "levy pie"; need to incorporate a CIP expenditure amount in the budget given the relative health of the capital funds; support for a 1.0% salary range move; higher MCEs wastewater treatment costs probably necessitating a 10% sanitary sewer rate increase; and strategic planning items including succession planning, collaboration with other communities, and the local tax rate "cost of independence". Direction was given to staff to target a 2.0% preliminary 2012 operating levy increase (i.e. this would result in a total overall debt and operating levy increase of 1.3%) and to explore other city collaboration opportunities in the public works function.

**Discuss CSAH 112 / Lake Street Intersection Signalization Improvements**

With the information from Hennepin County Engineer Grube that any City of Long Lake project expenditures would not be reusable when the segment reconstruction was underway, it did not appear financially prudent to proceed with the proposed project. However, staff was directed to pursue, and report back, on costing related to the "countdown timers" and the installation of an Opticom system for public safety purposes at the intersection.

**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