



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
February 5, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Hultmann at 6:00 pm.

**Present:** Mayor: Tim Hultmann; Council: Donny Chillstrom, Kurt Kaminski, Liz Olson, and Tom Skjaret

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

**Guest Present:** Planning Commission Chair: Robert Erickson

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Discuss Possible Participation in 2013 MCWD Watercraft Inspection Cost-Share Grant**

Post referred to a January 30, 2013 letter from MCWD AIS program Director Craig Dawson that outlined the 2013 MCWD watercraft inspection program. Much discussion ensued with questions such as: the relationship with the DNR AIS education program, can water access be denied if AIS found and other legal ramifications, could the city grant cost-share be split with another city such as Orono, the inevitability of AIS spread to water bodies and how cost-effective will these mitigation programs be? Post was tasked to seek answers to these questions and share with Council when known.

**Discuss Priorities for Virginia Avenue Redevelopment RFP/Plan**

Post distributed relevant pages from the City's 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update that addressed the Virginia Avenue Area as a bench handout. Discussion focused on what level of high density residential would be acceptable, how many parcels could/should be included in a redevelopment project, possible vacation of a portion of Virginia Avenue, possible Met Council funding sources to assist developers in parcel assembly, the site being located such as to be considered a transit oriented development (TOD), and retail development prospects being dim for this area. Council was challenged to consider what minimum expectations they would collectively have for redevelopment in this area and how those expectations would be reflected in an RFP.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Post stated that he would try to have representatives from both the Park Board and Planning Commission at the February 19<sup>th</sup> work session meeting to discuss 2013 work plan priorities.

**ADJOURN**

The work session was adjourned by general consent at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terrance Post, City Administrator