



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 19, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Hultmann at 5:03 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post

Guests Present: Planning Commission Chair: Robert Erickson; Hennepin County Engineer: Jim Grube; Hennepin County Assessors: Jim Atchison and Earl Zent; MCWD AIS Director: Craig Dawson

APPROVE AGENDA

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discuss Preliminary CSAH 112 Design Considerations

Post introduced Grube and referenced previous discussion on this topic at the January 19, 2013 Council Planning retreat. Grube commented that their seemed to be general support regarding reducing speed limits, deciding a vision for transit accommodations later on, and support for the off-road trail being related to costs and funding for this amenity. Grube distributed initial Engineer's cost estimates for Long Lake and Orono noting the relative high cost for right of way acquisition; differences in county cost-sharing formulas between cities under or over 5,000 population; and the fact that lighting, landscaping, and utility undergrounding were not included in the cost estimates. Olson noted that a sidewalk already exists on the south side of project segment 2 (i.e. Willow to Brown Road) and questioned the amount of estimated construction costs (\$100,000) as a local cost share instead of being a project cost. Hultmann wanted to know if the upcoming March 20, 2013 Open House attendees would be advised of what "outside the curb" amenities would cost. Grube mentioned that Long Lake would be eligible to participate in the county Roadside Enhancement Program (REP) cost-sharing policy because of its population being less than 5,000 as well as suggesting that the City consider creating a variance category for non-conformity caused by government taking of property. All councilmembers voiced support for maintaining the traffic signal at CSAH 112 and Lake Street despite warrants issues.

Discuss 2013 Valuation Assessments

Assessor Atchison distributed a February 19, 2013 memorandum to the Council regarding a review of 2013 single family residential assessments and walked through the document for discussion purposes. In summary, Atchison advised the Council that a number of errors had led his staff not to approve the assessment as submitted; he had ordered the City Assessor to revalue approximately one-third of the residential housing stock by March 18, 2013; and the Board of Review Hearing be rescheduled from April 16, 2013 to April 23, 2013 with a continuation hearing (if necessary) be scheduled for May 7, 2013. He indicated that this was an aggressive schedule, but necessary to meet county time requirements at the back end.

Discuss MCWD 2013 Boat Inspection Grant Program

Post indicated that this was a follow-up to a previous work session meeting discussion item. Post introduced Dawson to address questions previously asked by the council. Dawson shared that he was relatively new to his MCWD position and could not address specific questions related to the DNR. Dawson discussed the MCWD grant program relied upon a Delegation Agreement contract for services with cities or Lake Associations, required DNR Certified Inspectors (he thought the 2013 cost from an employment agency would be in the \$16 per hour range), thought that the inspection program was as much about education as it was enforcement, and that level 1 Inspectors did have the statutory right to deny lake access for non-compliance situations. Skjaret commented that he was opposed to such inspections as they constituted an unlawful search and may result in being denied access to a public body of water - in his opinion.

Discuss Planning Commission 2013 Work Plan

Post indicated that one of the outcomes of the January Council retreat was to schedule a joint meeting to discuss 2013 work plan objectives. Post noted that an invitation was given to Planning Commissioners at the February 12, 2013 meeting and that only Chair Erickson was in attendance. Post listed several work plan topics discussed at that meeting including Planning Commission participation in developing a RFP for resale of the Virginia Avenue parcel, re-examine why the Village Commercial Zoning District exists, and being aware and pro-active of the Federal RLIUPA legislation. Discussion ensued including the Council generally not being supportive of additional business licensing, not wanting to see outside storage at the Gear West former carwash building location including rowing boats, determining if the carwash building "private club" is an allowable use, and requiring that no boats being left overnight at Nelson Lakeside Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

Post noted that Planning Commissioner Jon Crump had tendered his resignation from the Planning Commission at the last meeting due to a likely outstate move because of a job opportunity.

ADJOURN

The work session was adjourned by general consent at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrance Post, City Administrator