



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
January 3, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Staff Present: City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Guests: Bob Erickson, Long Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

APPROVE AGENDA

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discuss Kenny's Market Site

Mayor Hultmann indicated he had been approached by a party interested in redeveloping the former Kenny's Market site for a gas station/convenience store use. Such a use would require a rezoning of the property, and the interested party requested the Mayor gauge the Council's interest in entertaining a rezoning application for development of a convenience store. Mayor Hultmann displayed a sample site plan he had received outlining their proposal. Council members discussed the proposed use, alternate sites that might better accommodate a convenience store, and potential issues including stormwater mitigation that would be inherent to the proposal. It was agreed that it would be more appropriate for the developer to appear before the Planning Commission to make their case for why a rezoning should occur; however, overall the Council's initial reaction to rezoning the former Kenny's Market site for a convenience store use was less than positive.

Discuss 2012 Appointments

Mayor and Council discussed the various subcommittee, liaison and other annual appointments. Council member Carpenter agreed to serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore again for 2012. Council member Chillstrom expressed an interest in the LMCC representative position. Council members were in favor of keeping appointments unchanged from the previous year, with the exception of the LMCC representative position to allow Council member Chillstrom an opportunity to participate in that organization.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council member Skjaret noted that Albers Jewelry has an interest in relocating to a stand-alone building owned by Cliff Otten, but would want to purchase the building rather than rent the space. He also commented that he had heard word of a Mexican restaurant currently in negotiations with the owner of the Long Lake Town Center to occupy the former Peppercorn Grill space.

Lastly, Council member Skjaret questioned the status of the ongoing neighbor dispute on Underhill Circle.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Chilstrom, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the work session meeting at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk