



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
March 20, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Hultmann at 5:33 pm.

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

Absent: Councilmember Brian Carpenter (Excused)

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; and Planning Consultant: Ann Perry, Resource Strategies Corporation

APPROVE AGENDA

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion of Potential Zoning Code Amendments

Post briefed the Council that the only Zoning Ordinance mechanism that present applicants have to follow is to request a variance from current requirements. This situation exists for two pending Land Use Applications (i.e. Tonka Auto & Marine and the Long Lake Rowing Club). Variance justification is problematic given the "practical difficulty" standard for other uses on the site. After discussion, staff was directed to contact the current planning case applicants and determine if they wished to withdraw applications, with corresponding application fee refunds, and resubmit once the Planning Commission and the City Council consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow Interim Use permits.

Discussion of Potential I & I Measures

Post informed the Council of a recent joint Long Lake/Orono Utility Subcommittee meeting also attended by Olson and Skjaret where this discussion topic came up. After discussion, staff was directed to inform the Planning Commission to reprioritize work plan assignments and concentrate on an Interim Use amendment first, followed by downtown parking evaluation, and lastly a City noise ordinance before reengaging in an evaluation of a private property sanitary sewer lateral pipe "point of sale" ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

The work session was adjourned by general consent at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrance Post, City Administrator