

**MINUTES
OF THE JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL AND
50TH AND FRANCE BUSINESS OWNERS
HELD AT CITY HALL
MAY 1, 2012
5:05 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall. Answering rollcall were Members Brindle, Sprague, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Member Bennett entered the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Staff attending the meeting: Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Technology Services Director; Wayne Houle, City Engineer; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Scott Neal, City Manager; Cary Teague, Planning Director; Lisa Schaefer, Human Resources Director; John Wallin, Finance Director. Consultants attending included: Roger Knutson, City Attorney; Mark Ruff, Ehlers and Associates; Mark Hansen and Steve Oliver, Mohagan Hansen Architectural Group; and Scott Froemming, Walker Parking Consultants.

Mayor Hovland noted the purpose of the work session was to review with potential improvements to the 50th & France Business District Parking Structures and streetscape improvements and to briefly review proposed changes to the City Code Section 150 Personnel Policy.

Many representatives, both tenants and property owners were present from the 50th & France Business Association to respond to questions regarding the proposed parking ramp improvements.

Engineer Houle, Mark Hansen, Steve Oliver and Scott Froemming gave a presentation outlining the 50th & France Parking structures and Streetscape Improvements. The project would include: removing the middle ramp and rebuilding it with a six-level ramp, five above-grade levels and one below-grade, refurbishing the north and south ramps, paver replacement, irrigation system, landscape replacements and seasonal lighting. Total costs were estimated at \$13,679,858.

Engineer Houle distributed response devices to the Council, the property owners and tenants, and audience members. Mr. Hansen, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Froemming reviewed 45 images of various parking ramps to which the group chose their response from: 1. Strongly Dislike, 2. Dislike, 3. Neutral, 4. Like or 5. Strongly Like. Following the presentation, the group discussed the potential project and its financial implications for the business owners and tenants.

Lisa Schaefer, Human Resources Director, reviewed a proposed ordinance that would amend City Code Section 150. She explained that the current code contained the City's personnel policy and gave the reasons for removing the policy from the Code. Ms. Schaefer and Attorney Knutson explained the proposed ordinance amendment followed more closely the statutory Plan B format. Council's consensus was in agreement with the proposed amendment.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, May 1, 2012.

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor