

**MINUTES  
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
NOVEMBER 20, 2012  
5:11 P.M.**

***CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL***

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Sprague, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Member Brindle was absent and excused.

Edina City Staff attending the meeting: Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Technology Services Director; Ari Klugman, City Manager Intern; Roger Knutson, City Attorney; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Long, Police Chief; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Scott Neal, City Manager; Bill Neuendorf, Economic Development Manager; Marty Scheerer, Fire Chief and Cary Teague, Community Development Director.

Manager Neal stated the Council had indicated a desire to discuss the City's liquor ordinance and some potential areas that may need to be updated. Members of the Council indicated a desire to review the portion of the code that requires on-sale intoxicating liquor license holders to maintain a ration of liquor sales to food of 40/60. Staff presented a survey of 15 metro suburbs' sales ratios which showed Edina to have the lowest allowed percentage of alcohol to food sales. Discussion included: change in type of business with more small plates costing less than an expensive drink, patrons ordering one dinner and splitting it while each individual has their own beverage, would a change have an effect on enforcement, did the change in allowing "happy hour" change the sales ratios in the current license year. The Council indicated no desire to change the seating ratio or to allow games of skill beyond what has already been allowed. Staff was directed to gather more information and compile the reported sales of existing license holder when they submit their renewal documentation and bring the data back for a conversation in the early second quarter of 2013.

Marty Scheerer, Fire Chief gave a presentation on rental housing. Mr. Scheerer stated the City adopted the International Property Maintenance Code in 2010 giving it the ability to investigate and control communicable diseases and regulate public and private housing. He explained the City responded to approximately 150-200 complaints annually, typically regarding noise, maintenance or potential negative behavior of residents. The discussion following the presentation included concerns expressed by residents to Council members over maintenance of housing stock, number of cars parked adjacent to a residence, condition of exterior of dwelling and property, behavior of residents and tenants' issues with landlords. Council indicated that based on the number of calls to Council members; there may be more complaints than have been received by City staff. The Council expressed an interest in some form of mandatory registration of rental housing as a possible step in the direction of licensing. Staff will bring back to a Council a registration program for review and property owners and tenants were encouraged to contact the City regarding their views on a potential rental housing licensing program.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, December 4, 2012.

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Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

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James B. Hovland, Mayor