

**MINUTES  
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
DECEMBER 18, 2012  
5:05 P.M.**

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

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 5:08 p.m.

Edina City Staff attending the meeting: Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Technology Services Director; Wayne Houle, City Engineer; Ann Kattreh, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; John Keprios, Director of Parks and Recreation; Ari Klugman, City Manager Intern; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Long, Police Chief; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Scott Neal, City Manager; Bill Neuendorf, Economic Development Manager and Cary Teague, Community Development Director.

Assistant Manager Kurt reviewed the 2013 Work Plan giving an update on the progress to date. Included in the 2012-13 Council Priorities were the following: 1) Advance Living Streets, 2) Support Redevelopment of Major Commercial Areas, 3) Evaluate Public Recreation Facilities/Enterprise Funds, 4) Encourage Neighborhood Associations, 5) Improve Decision-making through formalized policies, 6) Promote environmental and personal health. Also reviewed were the following City Leadership Priorities: 1) Improve work planning process, 2) Improve service through technology, 3) Hire and assimilate key leadership and staff positions, 4) Improve communication tools, 5) Set performance expectations by defining organization values, and 6) Improve decision making through formalized policies.

The Council discussed the 2012-13 priorities and asked questions regarding various aspects of Living Streets including development of a Comprehensive Sidewalk Plan and Safe Routes to Schools; the desire to include urban design principles when looking at redevelopment of commercial areas; 50<sup>th</sup> and France parking; prioritization for use of HRA funds; planned Braemar Golf Course improvements; any Art Center improvements should be portable; and concern over the future of the golf dome.

**Member Swenson made a motion, seconded by Member Brindle to move into closed session to discuss potential real estate acquisitions at 6:26 p.m.**

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, Hovland  
Motion carried.

**Member Sprague made a motion to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the work session at 6:55 p.m.** Member Bennett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, Hovland.  
Motion carried.

The work session reconvened at 6:55 p.m. Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, January 8, 2013.

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James B. Hovland, Mayor