

**MINUTES  
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
DECEMBER 17, 2013  
5:08 P.M.**

**Mayor Hovland called the work session of the Edina City Council to order at 5:08 p.m.**

***ROLL CALL***

Answering roll call were: Members Bennett, Brindle, Sprague and Swenson. Mayor Hovland entered the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Attending from the Parking Advisory Team were: Alan Ackerberg, Gene Haugland, Klaus Freyinger, Kathryn Paulsrud,-Rachael Thelemann, Jenifer Kent, and Jim Nelson.

Edina City Staff attending the meeting: Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Technology Services Director; Annie Coyle, City Manager Intern; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Long, Police Chief; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Chad Millner, Interim City Engineer; Scott Neal, City Manager; Bill Neuendorf, Economic Development Director; Brian Olson, Public Works Director and Cary Teague, Community Development Director. Also attending were city consultants: Dan Coyle, Kimley-Horn and Associates and Mark Ruff, Ehlers & Associates.

***50<sup>th</sup> & FRANCE AVENUE BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING AND WAYFINDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE***

Economic Development Manager Neuendorf and Consultant Coyle presented an update of the parking and wayfinding improvements proposed for the 50<sup>th</sup> and France Business District. Mr. Coyle outlined the project understanding and process followed to date. The proposed improvements included: essential repairs totaling \$3,400,000; competitive improvements totaling \$3,600,000 and possible parking expansion of \$350,000. Increased annual operating and maintenance costs were discussed along with potential financing mechanisms for the improvements. There was consensus that high-tech wayfinding/sensor systems, and elevator improvements, may be able to more effectively meet current and future capacity needs than previously thought. There was also consensus that the City may need to leverage its Edina Realty Building purchase to create additional parking stalls down the road, once Phase I improvements (2014) have been made to the existing ramps, and new data on overall ramp utilization has been collected. The Council agreed to consider funding capital needs while still leaving ongoing maintenance to district property owners. Everyone agreed that clean, well lit, ADA-compliant, secure parking facilities were necessary to keep the district thriving, and also that employee parking and ramp time limit policies needed to be re-examined.

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, January 7, 2014.

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James B. Hovland, Mayor