

**MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
JANUARY 7, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson and Mayor Hovland.

**III. MEETING AGENDA APPROVED**

**Member Bennett made a motion, seconded by Member Sprague, approving the meeting agenda.**

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED**

**Member Swenson made a motion, seconded by Member Sprague, approving the consent agenda as follows:**

**IV.A. Approve regular, work session, and closed meeting minutes of December 17, 2013, and special meeting minutes of December 10, 2013.**

**IV.B. Receive payment of the following claims as shown in detail on the Check Register dated December 19, 2013, and consisting of 33 pages; General Fund \$646,458.45; Police Special Revenue \$4,182.25; PIR Debt Service Fund \$13,654.98; Working Capital Fund \$45,837.57; Equipment Replacement Fund \$14,600.92; Art Center Fund \$2,963.38; Golf Dome Fund \$355,401.95; Aquatic Center Fund \$145.35; Golf Course Fund \$10,367.33; Ice Arena Fund \$38,277.52; Edinborough Park Fund \$3,922.47; Centennial Lakes Park Fund \$3,412.52; Liquor Fund \$209,713.82; Utility Fund \$444,597.68; Storm Sewer Fund \$29,834.23; Recycling Fund \$34,192.80; PSTF Agency Fund \$885.75; TOTAL \$1,858,448.97 and for receipt of payment of claims dated December 26, 2013, and consisting of 28 pages; General Fund \$100,535.33; Police Special Revenue \$688.06; Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety \$10,573.79; Working Capital Fund \$29,859.70; Equipment Replacement Fund \$6,112.18; Art Center Fund \$7,056.51; Golf Dome Fund \$1,114.99; Aquatic Center Fund \$115.64; Golf Course Fund \$1,542.00; Ice Arena Fund \$7,947.41; Sports Dome Fund \$9,146.00; Edinborough Park Fund \$5,224.47; Centennial Lakes Park Fund \$7,807.67; Liquor Fund \$261,881.88; Utility Fund \$61,717.87; Storm Sewer Fund \$10,077.50; PSTF Agency Fund \$2,042.91; Centennial TIF District \$5,435.50; Southdale 2 District \$474.00; TOTAL \$529,353.41; for receipt of payment of claims dated January 2, 2014, and consisting of 26 pages; General Fund \$385,339.65; CDBG Fund \$108,222.00; Working Capital Fund \$5,255.69; Equipment Replacement Fund \$2,510.40; Art Center Fund \$1,783.93; Golf Dome Fund \$7,854.22; Golf Course Fund \$17,369.66; Ice Arena Fund \$22,753.97; Edinborough Park Fund \$15,167.69; Centennial Lakes Park Fund \$1,932.35; Liquor Fund \$217,004.43; Utility Fund \$149,899.54; Storm Sewer Fund \$6,685.00; PSTF Agency Fund \$5,550.20; Payroll Fund \$5,957.80; TOTAL \$953,286.53; and, Credit Card Transactions dated October 26 – November 25, 2013; TOTAL \$26,367.19**

**IV.C. Authorize Engineering Services for West 54<sup>th</sup> Street – Bid Documents and Construction Phase Services**

**IV.D. Approve Re-appointment of Mayor Pro Tem**

**IV.E. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-01, Designating Official Newspaper For 2014**

**IV.F. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-02, Signatory Resolution**

**IV.G. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-03, Designation of Director/Alternate Director of Suburban Rate Authority**

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- IV.H. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-04, Designation of Director/Alternate Director of LOGIS
- IV.I. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-05, Authorizing Facsimile Signatures
- IV.J. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-06, Designating Official Depositories
- IV.K. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-07, Appointment to Edina Fire Relief Board
- IV.L. Set 2014 Date for Board of Appeal & Equalization on Monday, April 21, 2014
- IV.M. Approve Annual Appointment of Assistant Weed Inspector
- IV.N. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-12 Approving Edina Precincts 17 & 18 Boundary Changes
- IV.O. Award of Bid – Contract No. ENG13-5 France Avenue Improvements, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Thomas and Sons Construction, Inc. at \$3,033,892.33

Rollcall:

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

**V. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**V.A. MIKE FREEMAN, HENNEPIN COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman stated his appreciation for Police Chief Long and the City's first rate Police Department. He reported on trends in criminal activity, noting that from 2006 to 2012, violent crime in Edina dropped 65%, with property crime down 15%.

The Council thanked Mr. Freeman for his work on behalf of Edina.

**VI. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

No one appeared to comment.

**VII. REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS**

**VII.A. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09 ADOPTED – SUPPORTING THE MOVE MN CAMPAIGN**

Mayor Hovland noted the Resolution had been modified to emphasize equitable funding and sustainable solutions. **Member Swenson introduced and moved adoption of revised Resolution No. 2014-09, for support of the Move MN Campaign.** Member Bennett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

**VII.B. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08 ADOPTED – ACCEPTING VARIOUS DONATIONS**

Mayor Hovland explained that in order to comply with State Statutes; all donations to the City must be adopted by Resolution and approved by four favorable votes of the Council accepting the donations. **Member Bennett introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2014-08 accepting various donations.** Member Brindle seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

**VII.C. REAPPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES – APPROVED**

Member Brindle made a motion, seconded by Member Bennett, approving the following reappointments with terms expiring on February 1, 2017: Art and Culture Commission: Barbara LaValleur, Thomas Rauechle; Board of Appeal & Equalization: Ron Anderson, Michael Friedberg, Jeff Johnson; Construction Board of Appeals: Kip Peterson; Community Health Commission: Melina Bothun-Hurley, Alison Pence; Park Board: David Deeds; Planning Commission: Ken Potts; and, Transportation Commission: Katherine Bass, Emily Boettge, Jennifer Janovy.

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

**VII.D. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10 ADOPTED – RESCINDING ACQUISITION AUTHORITY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3944 WEST 49-1/2 STREET**

The Council discussed the resolution language and asked questions of Attorney Knutson. Council consensus was reached to revise the resolution as follows: Page 2, third WHEREAS, to indicate: “...because it has been represented to the City that the owners prefer to pursue this alternative instead of continuing negotiations with the City because the acquisition price negotiated for this alternative transaction exceeds the purchase price offered by the City to construct a public parking expansion, and;” **Member Sprague introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2014-10, Rescinding Acquisition Authority for Property Located at 3944 West 49-1/2 Street, as revised above.** Member Bennett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

**VII.E. SKETCH PLAN FOR PENTAGON PARK – REVIEWED**

Community Development Director Presentation

Community Development Director Teague presented the sketch plan proposal and two options to redevelop Pentagon Park along 77<sup>th</sup> Street, noting the total site was 43 acres in size and expected to redevelop over the next two to fifteen years. There would be mixed uses including office, retail, and a multi-storied hotel with housing remaining as a potential. Mr. Teague advised that an eight-story hotel was approved but not constructed so that approval had expired. He answered questions of the Council relating to the building height under PUD regulations.

Proponent Presentation

Scott Takenoff, Development Manager of Hillcrest Partners, presented the pending Pentagon Park PUD application, noting Hillcrest Partners would assure ample security for the City to meet all mutual expectations. He stated as part of the first PUD step, Hillcrest Partners would agree with: a higher percentage of green space than required; the majority of stormwater management being a public amenity; encouraging stormwater treatment/management at a higher standard than Code required; encouraging bicycle and pedestrian traffic; upgrading a minimum of two transit shelters; upgrading 77<sup>th</sup> Street; creating a design consistent with LEED standards; use of solar on the buildings north of 77<sup>th</sup> Street; upgrading pedestrian infrastructure; and, upgrading of Parklawn. Mr. Takenoff indicated Hillcrest Partners does not yet know the hotel height but it might be above 12 stories and require a Comprehensive Plan change. He stated Hillcrest Partners was working with Ehlers and staff on the option of Tax Increment Financing, which would be presented to the Council on February 18, 2014.

Tom Whitlock, President of Damon Farber Associates, and Bob Close of Bob Close Studio, presented a slide show and described elements of the two project options.

The Council discussed the sketch plans, asked questions of the proponents and Mr. Teague, and made the following suggestions for consideration of a well-crafted PUD: developing a hybrid plan (such as using the west section of Option 2 with the east section of Option 1 to assure connectivity) that included a creative trail alignment and shape of water amenity; keeping building height to the Comprehensive Plan limit and not exceed 12-stories in the southerly section; locating buildings closer to the street; integration of step-down podium height throughout the project and especially towards the neighborhood to the north side; eleven-foot street widths with narrower side streets to allow wider sidewalks/enhanced pedestrian environment and green spaces; restaurant use open into evening hours; embracing the park and inclusion of elements to welcome foot and bicycle traffic; providing additional plan specificity; shadow studies; and, retaining a residential housing element. The Council acknowledged the enhancements beyond Code requirements offered by the proponent in consideration of making a PUD request.

Mr. Takenoff thanked the Council for its comments and indicated 2014 would be a year of planning to add specificity with 2015 being a year of construction.

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**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS**

**VIII.A. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Hovland acknowledged the Council's receipt of various correspondence.

**VIII.B. MINUTES:**

- 1. EMERGENCY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION, NOVEMBER 14, 2013**
- 2. EDINA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, NOVEMBER 21, 2013**
- 3. VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 22, 2013**

Informational; no action required.

**IX. AVIATION NOISE UPDATE** – Received

**X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Received

**XI. MANAGER'S COMMENTS** – Received

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business on the Council Agenda, Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, January 21, 2014.

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James B. Hovland, Mayor

Video Copy of the January 7, 2014, meeting available.