

**MINUTES  
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
JANUARY 7, 2014  
5:35 P.M.**

**Mayor Hovland called the work session of the Edina City Council to order at 5:35 p.m.**

***ROLL CALL***

Answering roll call were: Members Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson and Mayor Hovland.

Edina's legislative delegation, Senator Melissa Franzen, Representative Ron Erhardt and Representative Paul Rosenthal attended the meeting.

Edina City Staff attending the meeting: Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Technology Services Director; Annie Coyle, City Manager Intern; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Chad Millner, Interim City Engineer; and Scott Neal, City Manager. Also attending were Erin Campbell and Tom Poul, Messerli & Kramer, on behalf of the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC).

***2014 MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM***

Tom Poul and Erin Campbell reviewed the 2014 MLC Legislative Program which consists of three main themes: 1) promote accountability and transparency in the State/local fiscal relationship; 2) invest in job retention and growth; and 3) support local government policies that promote fairness and equity. The Council and legislators discussed the various areas furthering this program might impact including: changes to the property tax system, changes to DEED's tools and incentive for attracting and retaining business, supporting flexibility in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) policies, opposing unfunded mandates and the possibility of supporting street improvement districts. It was noted that the 2014 session would not begin until February 25th and has been dubbed the "Unsession" by Gov. Dayton.

***AREAS OF INTEREST SPECIFIC TO EDINA***

Manager Neal introduced for discussion with the legislators and City Council the following areas of interest to Edina: 1) potential special legislation allowing the renewal of the Southdale TIF District; 2) legislation that could impact municipal liquor operations; 3) clarifying legislation regarding municipal sales tax exemption; and 4) aviation noise, the perceived increase in levels and subsequent impact on property values.

The City Council and legislators had discussion about possible legislation and how the City could assist in forwarding their positions on the areas of interest.

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:58 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