

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
OCTOBER 21 2014
5:35 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland convened the work session at 5:35 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall.

ROLLCALL

Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Member Sprague entered the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Staff attending the meeting included: Lindy Crawford, City Management Fellow; Tom Horwath, Forrester; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Chad Millner, City Engineer; Scott Neal, City Manager; Brian Olson, Public Works Director; Eric Roggeman, Finance Director; and Cary Teague, Planning Director.

BUSINESS MEETING

Finance Director Roggeman gave an update on the status of the 2014 Operating Budget revenues and expenditures as per the third quarter. Assistant Manager Kurt reviewed 2014-2015 Strategic Priorities. The Council discussed the reports and gave feedback to staff.

TREE ORDINANCE

Joining the meeting were Planning Commissioners Claudia Carr, Susan Lee and Michael Platteter. Director Teague gave a brief presentation of the updated draft tree ordinance dated August 17, 2014. Council members and Planning Commissioners discussed various aspects of the draft ordinance. Item of discussion included: desire for a more strongly articulated statement of purpose, should there be critical tree preservation plan standards, should mitigation include species and size, general tree protection standards, applicability to subdivisions, would such an ordinance apply to all residential property, and commercial property standards for tree preservation. The Council thanked the working group and requested that it and staff continue to work on the ordinance and bring it back to the Council with the requested changes.

There being no further business, Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, November 3, 2014

James B. Hovland, Mayor