

**MINUTES
OF THE JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL AND
EDINA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
HELD AT CITY HALL
JULY 7 2015
5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pro Tem Swenson called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLLCALL

Answering roll call were: Members Brindle, Stewart and Mayor Pro Tem Swenson. Member Staunton arrived at 5:15 p.m. Mayor Hovland arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Edina City Staff attending the meeting: Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications & Technology Service Director; Ross Bintner, Environmental Engineer; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Devin Massopust, City Management Fellow; Chad Millner, Engineering Director; Scott Neal, City Manager; Mark Nolan, Transportation Planner; Brian Olson, Public Works Director; Eric Roggeman, Finance Director; Kyle Sawyer, Assistant Finance Director; Andrew Scipioni, Engineering Technician; Carter Schulze, and Assistant City Engineer.

SIDEWALK AND STREET MAINTENANCE

Engineering Director Millner and Public Works Director Olson led the Council through their 2015 State of the Streets update. They explained how the maintenance of local roadways affects the average pavement condition index (PCI), the desire to increase Edina's PCI to 80 and the need for additional funding of approximately \$200,000 in annual maintenance funding that would be needed to achieve that goal. Sidewalks were also discussed regarding the potential development of a policy and map outlining sidewalk maintenance. Neighborhoods desire for identification signs was reviewed with a couple options to be developed and brought back for future review.

UTILITY RATE STUDY

Finance Director Roggeman introduced Nick Anhut and Jessica Cook of Ehlers & Associates. Ms. Cook led the presentation of the Utility Rate Study that included the proposed change in water billing from cubic feet to gallons, the need for increases to the City's sewer availability charge (SAC) and water availability charge (WAC) and potential conservation rates. Recommendations included an increase to the water rate of 4.75% plus the changes in how the bills are calculated, an increase to the sewer rate of 4.5% and increases to the SAC and WAC fees for 2016 to \$1,000/SAC and \$2,000/WAC with 7% annual increases thereafter. It was recommended that Storm Sewer rates be increased 6.75%. These increases and changes will allow for the capital necessary maintaining infrastructure.

WHITE OAKS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Heather Wallace, President of the White Oaks Improvement Association made a presentation to the Council regarding the wooded area adjacent to 4700 Town Road. Several members of the Association attended. Their issue was the degradation of the tree population and water quality since water was diverted from Arden Avenue during a previous street improvement project. Council expressed the hope that a creative solution satisfying the homeowners and meeting the City's need for storm water management could be included in the design of the 2016 street reconstruction project.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, July 21, 2015

James B. Hovland, Mayor