

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
JULY 21, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Answering rollcall were Members Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, Swenson, and Mayor Hovland.

III. MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

Member Brindle made a motion, seconded by Member Swenson, to table Item IV.E. Resolution No. 2015-71 Joint Powers Agreement with Edina Public Schools for Valley View Road Transportation Study indefinitely and to table Items VIII.A. Affordable Housing Policy and VIII.C. Greater Southdale Area Planning – Stage 2 Work Plan Proposal to the August 5, 2015, City Council Meeting.

Member Stewart made a motion, seconded by Member Brindle, approving the meeting agenda as revised.

Ayes: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, Swenson, Hovland
Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED

Member Staunton made a motion, seconded by Member Stewart, approving the consent agenda as revised to remove Item IV.F. Resolution No. 2015-72 Approving Final Plat, 5825 Ashcroft Avenue, Jeffrey and Janine Johnson, as follows:

IV.A. Approve regular and work session meeting minutes of July 7, 2015

IV.B. Receive payment of the following claims as shown in detail on the Check Register dated July 9, 2015, and consisting of 33 pages; General Fund \$481,904.14; Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund \$29,257.50; Working Capital Fund \$13,400.22; Equipment Replacement Fund \$7,153.00; Art Center Fund \$2,490.11; Golf Dome Fund \$884.02; Aquatic Center Fund \$15,356.32; Golf Course Fund \$31,403.31; Ice Arena Fund \$35,556.98; Sports Dome Fund \$60,739.96; Edinborough Park Fund \$3,975.59; Centennial Lakes Park Fund \$3,202.93; Liquor Fund \$227,228.95; Utility Fund \$445,276.76; Storm Sewer Fund \$757.79; PSTF Agency Fund \$3,054.96; Centennial TIF District \$30.00; Grandview TIF District \$726.00; Southdale 2 District \$525.00; TOTAL \$1,362,923.54 and for receipt of payment of claims dated July 16, 2015, and consisting of 41 pages; General Fund \$440,874.21; Police Special Revenue \$5,670.09; Arts and Culture Fund \$1,500.00; Working Capital Fund \$54,510.18; Equipment Replacement Fund \$25,346.53; Art Center Fund \$6,975.16; Aquatic Center Fund \$3,145.51; Golf Course Fund \$37,061.60; Ice Arena Fund \$71,488.32; Sports Dome Fund \$1,340.50; Edinborough Park Fund \$4,207.32; Centennial Lakes Park Fund \$11,450.89; Liquor Fund \$200,937.67; Utility Fund \$259,585.52; Storm Sewer Fund \$19,159.45; Recycling Fund \$36,187.38; PSTF Agency Fund \$1,047.64; Centennial TIF District \$892.50; Payroll Fund \$10,565.51; TOTAL \$1,191,945.98; and, Credit Card Transactions dated April 28 – May 25, 2015; TOTAL \$47,690.34

IV.C. Request for Purchase, Award of Bid Contract ENG 15-12 Edina Industrial Park Lighting Improvements (Phase2), awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Muska Electric at \$230,593.25

IV.D. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-70, Approving France Avenue Median Lighting Construction Cooperative Agreement

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- ~~IV.E. Resolution No. 2015-71, Approving Joint Powers Agreement with Edina Public Schools for Valley View Road Transportation Study – This item was tabled indefinitely~~
~~IV.F. Resolution No. 2015-72, Approving Final Plat, 5825 Ashcroft Avenue, Jeffrey and Janine Johnson~~
IV.G. Authorize Agreement with HealthEMS
IV.H. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-75, Authorizing Interfund Loan – Pentagon Park Tax Increment Financing District
IV.I. Request for Purchase, About Town Paper 2015, awarding the bid to the recommended low bidder, Anchor Paper at \$27,324.00

Rollcall:

Ayes: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

IV.F. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-72 APPROVING FINAL PLAT, 5825 ASHCROFT AVENUE, JEFFREY AND JANINE JOHNSON – ADOPTED

Member Swenson noted that she voted against this item previously and could not vote in favor of it as part of the Consent Agenda. **Member Stewart introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2015-72 Approving a Final Plat at 5825 Ashcroft Avenue.** Member Staunton seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, Hovland

Nay: Swenson

Motion carried.

V. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

V.A. JUNE SPEAK UP EDINA REPORT PRESENTED – TOPIC: COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Coordinator Gilgenbach presented a summary of June opinions, both pros and cons, collected through Speak Up, Edina relating to communications.

V.B. EXPLORE EDINA ANNUAL REPORT – RECEIVED

Manager Neal shared that over a year ago the Council adopted a lodging tax in order to form the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. When the Convention and Visitor's Bureau was formed it was asked to prepare and present an annual update to the Council.

Lori Syverson, Explore Edina President, introduced Shelly Loberg, Explore Edina Marketing Director, and explained that the goal and mission was to attract visitors to Edina.

Ms. Loberg noted that shopping was the number one attraction for tourists in Edina. She discussed the target demographic, marketing activities, and plans for 2015 through 2016.

Ms. Syverson presented a financial review of June 2014 through June 2015.

The Council asked questions relating to anecdotal evidence, Edina's hotels, and events coming to town.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD – Affidavits of Notice presented and ordered placed on file.

VI.A. PROPOSED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH XCEL ENERGY, ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12 – DISCUSSED AND STAFF DIRECTION GIVEN

Manager Neal shared that on March 3, 2015, the Council was presented with a proposed process for renewal of the Xcel Energy franchise agreement. Input was sought from the Energy and Environment Commission, Council, staff, and the public. Manager Neal described the five material changes in the proposed agreement including Xcel's response to each change. In addition to the five material changes, the Energy and Environment Commission recommended the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Xcel to create the Edina Clean Energy Partnership. Manager Neal requested input from the Council on the agreement so that it could be formally presented to the company.

Mayor Hovland opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Public Testimony

John Howard, 5812 61st Street W, addressed the Council.

Member Staunton made a motion, seconded by Member Stewart, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, Swenson, Hovland
Motion carried.

Michelle Swenson, Xcel Energy, answered a question of the Council relating to the 90-day requirement to remedy visually defective equipment. Ms. Swenson explained that 90 days was sufficient, but Xcel was uncomfortable with the language, finding that visually defective equipment was ambiguous and open to interpretation. The Council suggested that Xcel propose specific language to address visually defective equipment.

Manager Neal answered a question of the Council relating to the conservation fee and the Climate Action Plan from 2008. He explained that the City was not on track for the 15% reduction called for in the Climate Action Plan, noting it was a complex issue. It was hard to identify an exact reduction, but the City had been keeping accurate data and should be able to track changes.

The Council discussed the material changes and responses from Xcel and provided feedback to Manager Neal for the formal meeting the following week with Xcel Energy.

VII. COMMUNITY COMMENT

No one appeared to comment.

VIII. REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

VIII.A. AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY – TABLED

This item was tabled to the August 5, 2015, City Council meeting.

VIII.B. SKETCH PLAN – BANK OF AMERICA, 6868 FRANCE AVENUE – REVIEWED

Community Development Director Teague shared that the Council was asked to consider a sketch plan proposal to tear down the existing 3,098 square-foot Think Bank and construct a new 7,190 square-foot Bank of America. Three variances and site plan review would be required to consider a formal application.

Aaron Greene, Gensler Development, presented a drawing of the flagship building that Bank of America was proposing to build. Merrill Lynch would also be a tenant in the building and each would have separate entrance/exit to the building. Mr. Greene noted the sidewalks, stormwater ponds, and landscaping that had been added or improved since the Planning Commission meeting on July 8, 2015.

Engineer Millner answered a question of the Council relating to removing the free right turn on France Avenue.

Anita Thomas, JLL Construction, answered questions of the Council relating to building color and materials, stormwater pond maintenance, and turning the length of the building onto France Avenue.

VIII.C. GREATER SOUTHDALE AREA PLANNING – STAGE 2 WORK PLAN PROPOSAL – TABLED

This item was tabled to the August 5, 2015, City Council meeting.

VIII.D. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-73 ACCEPTING EDINA CRIME FUND DONATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE PRO DEFENDER CAMERA SYSTEM – ADOPTED

Deputy Police Chief Jeff Elasky thanked the Edina Crime Fund for its overwhelming generosity.

Member Brindle shared that she was a member of the Edina Crime Fund, a non-profit group that had existed for almost forty years. She explained the Crime Fund was donating \$47,150.00 to the Edina Police

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Department for the purchase of a Mobile Pro Defender camera system. The system would be used to deter crime and could be used at special events for home viewers.

Member Stewart noted that he was a business consultant who had been courting Mobile Pro and asked if there was a conflict of interest. Attorney Knutson answered that the City did not have a financial interest because the Crime Fund was purchasing a product from Mobile Pro. **Member Brindle introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2015-73 Authorizing Acceptance of Edina Crime Prevention Fund Donation.** Member Swenson seconded the motion.

Ayes: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

VIII.E. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-74 ADOPTED – ACCEPTING VARIOUS GRANTS AND 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 Swenson introduced and moved adoption of Resolution No. 2015-74 accepting various grants and donations.** Member Stewart seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Brindle, Staunton, Stewart, Swenson, Hovland

Motion carried.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

IX.A. CORRESPONDENCE

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

IX.B. MINUTES:

1. **PLANNING COMMISSION, JUNE 24, 2015**
2. **HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD, JUNE 9, 2015**
3. **PARK BOARD, JUNE 9, 2015**
4. **ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION, FEBRUARY 26, MARCH 26, APRIL 23, AND MAY 28, 2015**
5. **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION, JUNE 11, 2015**

Informational; no action required.

IX.C. ADVISORY COMMUNICATION FROM ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC ART EDINA BUDGET INCREASE – RECEIVED

IX.D. ADVISORY COMMUNICATION FROM ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF ACQUISITION OF A K9 SCULPTURE – RECEIVED

The Council requested staff to add this item to a future City Council meeting agenda in order to formally receive a gift.

X. AVIATION NOISE UPDATE – Received

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS – Received

XII. MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Received

XII.A. DRONES

XII.B. LIQUOR ORDINANCE REVIEW

XII.C. PARKS MASTER PLAN

XII.D. CENTURY LINK'S APPLICATION FOR A CABLE COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the Council Agenda, Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, August 5, 2015.

Video Copy of the July 21, 2015, meeting available.

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor