

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, FEB. 24, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR FEB. 24, 2012

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- 1. State of the Community** – Mayor Jim Hovland, Edina Public Schools Ric Dressen and I will deliver the 2012 State of the Community address at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on Monday, Feb. 27. The presentation will be recorded and available on the City’s streaming sites later in the week.
- 2. Byerly’s Site Redevelopment** – At its March 14 meeting, the Planning Commission will discuss a sketch plan proposal for redevelopment of the Byerly’s site. The project proposal includes a new 51,800-square-foot Byerly’s store with a 96-unit apartment on top. Additionally, a second building is proposed for the site that would include 19,000 square feet of retail on the first level and a 67-unit apartment above. Both buildings would be eight stories.
- 3. Joint Meeting With Planning Commission** – The Council’s joint meeting with the Planning Commission about the GrandView Small Area Plan will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 28 starting at 7 p.m.
- 4. Redistricting** – The proposed boundary line between House Districts 49A and 49B bisects the buildings at 7220 and 7200 France Avenue. This is problematic for not only the residents of those two buildings, but complicates the administration of elections as well. The State did the same thing in 2004. Sen. Geoff Michel assisted the City in 2004 with the special legislation that was enacted correcting this problem. City Clerk Deb Mangen has reached out to Sen. Michel again in his role as the Chair of the Subcommittee on Redistricting to assist the City with remedying the problem. She has also informed both Rep. Keith Downey and Rep. Pat Mazoral of the issue.
- 5. Brookview Avenue Redevelopment** – JMS has scheduled a neighborhood meeting to present the details of its proposed subdivision at 6120 Brookview Ave. to neighbors. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 29 at 6 p.m. at 6120 Brookview Ave. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposal at its March 14 meeting.
- 6. Metro Cities** – Due to term limits, Metro Cities will have three open Board seats for terms beginning in July. Members are eligible to serve two, two-year terms. Our Board consists of 19 city officials, and is comprised of elected and appointed officials. The Board is responsible for overseeing Metro Cities’ budget, strategic work and legislative priorities, and makes appointments to the Met Council TAB, TAC and GIS Boards. The Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. If you’re interested in a board seat, send a letter of interest and resume to Laurie Jennings at laurie@metroci-tiesmn.org by Friday, March 2.
- 7. Ice Arena Revenue** – Revenue at Braemar Arena is up 132 percent over the same period in 2011, but still 21 percent below pace to meet our 2012 budget revenue forecast.

- 8. Union Contract Update** – Human Resources Director Lisa Schaefer and I met with representatives from Local 49 today. We continued to make positive progress with them toward a contract settlement.
- 9. Liquor Ordinance Meeting** – City Clerk Deb Mangan, Police Chief Jeff Long, Chemical Health Coordinator Kathy Iverson and I met today to discuss the proposed amendment to the City’s liquor ordinance which would reduce the City’s regulation of drink prices at licensed establishments. We are working on a recommendation for the Council to consider at your March 20 Council meeting.
- 10. Employee News** – Police Chief Jeff Long received a Leadership Award from Connecting With Kids at its annual Leadership breakfast this week.

I will do an exit interview with Utility Engineer Jesse Struve on Monday, Feb 27.

We swore in new Police Officer Chris Tkachuck on Thursday, Feb. 23.