

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 15, 2000
7:00 P.M.**

ROLLCALL Answering rollcall were Members Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, and Mayor Maetzold.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland approving the Council Consent Agenda as presented.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

Motion carried.

POLICE COMMENDATIONS PRESENTED Police Chief Siitari presented a Distinguished Service Award to Jonathon Miller, Minneapolis, who apprehended a felon in the act of robbing a citizen at Southdale. He also presented Police Departmental Commendations to Brandon Deshler and Erik Amundson who apprehended a career criminal who was charged with burglary, false imprisonment, auto theft and fleeing the police.

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND DAY PROCLAIMED Motion of Member Johnson, seconded by Member Faust adopting the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Edina High School Concert Band has rehearsed and performed since the founding of Edina High School in 1949; and

WHEREAS, under the inspired leadership of its conductors – Butler, Eitel, Melichar, Elledge and Webb – the Band has achieved a record of 46 consecutive years of “Superior” rating at the Minnesota State High School League contests; and

WHEREAS, “Superior” is the highest achievable rating by a high school band in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, this year the Band celebrates its 47th anniversary of POPS Concerts which have entertained more than a quarter million people; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,800 of the Band’s musicians have achieved local, national and international acclaim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Edina by action of its City Council does hereby proclaim February 24, 2000, to be:

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND DAY

in the City of Edina, Minnesota.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2000.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

Motion carried.

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Mayor Maetzold presented the proclamation to Ruth Gough, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Edina Concert Band. Ms. Gough presented "Concert Band" buttons to the Council and urged everyone to attend one of the upcoming "Pops" concerts.

***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2000, APPROVED Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2000.**

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD, TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL SYSTEM INMPROVEMENT TS-31 ORDERED Affidavits of Notice were presented, approved and ordered placed on file.

Presentation by Engineer

Engineer Hoffman explained the public hearing for the proposed traffic signal came as a result of traffic study recommendations by the City's traffic consultant, SRF and neighborhood/staff review of traffic in the Parkwood Knolls and surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Hoffman explained the location of the proposed traffic signal using a graphic from the City's Transportation Plan. The graphic depicted the locations of all existing and proposed City of Edina, Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, and "multi-jurisdictional" signal lights within the City of Edina. He reminded the Council that this proposed signal is not a petitioned improvement, therefore, a four-fifths vote of approval is necessary to move the project forward.

Assistant Engineer Houle briefly outlined the proposed Traffic Signal TS-31 feasibility report. He noted the proposed signal would be installed at the intersection of Vernon Avenue and Gleason Road. Mr. Houle said the project was initiated after several traffic studies from 1973 until the present for the Parkwood Knolls neighborhood identified Vernon/Gleason intersection as in need of signalization. This installation would be part of the transportation comprehensive plan.

Mr. Houle said that increased traffic on Lincoln Drive and Vernon Avenue has caused safety concern for pedestrians and vehicles entering the roadways. He added that the increased traffic on Vernon Avenue has brought about safety and capacity concerns especially east-bound vehicles entering Vernon at Vernon and Gleason. This intersection was reviewed by Hennepin County in 1996 and does meet some of the 11 signal warrants. However, the intersection has a priority rating of 26 and usually the rating needs to be 30 or higher to get County approval. He reported that the comment line gathered 30 responses, of which 19 were Edina residents and 28 favored the signal installation. The proposed project includes the following components:

- Education of traveling public of available alternative routes to the north;
- Reconfigure intersection of Londonderry Road and Lincoln Drive;
- Improve pedestrian safety at Vernon Avenue and Arctic Way/Tamarac Avenue;
- Install signal at Vernon Avenue and Gleason Road
- Continue study of Lincoln Drive and Vernon Avenue

Mr. Houle outlined the project costs for the proposed improvements:

Londonderry Road and Lincoln Drive	\$76,000
Arctic Way and Vernon Avenue	\$3,000
Vernon Avenue and Gleason Road Signal*	<u>\$168,000</u>
Total Project Cost	\$247,000

*Paid for out of MSA funds and requires Hennepin County and MnDOT approvals.

Member Johnson asked if staff recommended the signal be installed even if Hennepin County did not approve it? Mr. Houle replied that he believed Edina would not be allowed to install the signal without Hennepin County's approval. Mayor Maetzold asked why Hennepin County would not approve the installation if they were not responsible for the cost? Mr. Hoffman explained that Hennepin County receives numerous signal requests and has had to enact a prioritization system in order to keep the signal system effective. However, if Hennepin County's approval can be obtained, then most likely staff can negotiate the desired outcome with MnDOT.

Member Faust commented that the sign at Gleason and Vernon requesting citizen comment was good and she would like to see this used again.

Member Hovland asked what has been done to notify the City of Minnetonka about the safety and traffic concerns in Edina resulting from the office park's commuter traffic? He asked if it was known whether Minnetonka would be willing to sign the preferred route to the north? He suggested that Edina use some type of flyer to notify commuters of the preferred route. Mr. Houle stated that some signage does exist, but it could possibly be improved and agreed that a flyer, possibly a joint flyer with Minnetonka would be effective in informing commuters of the preferred route.

Member Johnson stated he also liked the comment sign used to gather citizen input regarding the potential signal installation. He added that he would be very supportive of the signal's installation.

Mayor Maetzold asked if the installation of a four foot concrete island will help deter drivers running the Arctic Way stop sign. Mr. Houle replied that experience has shown reducing the lane width slows drivers increasing the likelihood of their obeying the stop sign.

Public Comment

Thomas Recht, 6108 Habitat Court, President of Habitat Homeowners Association stated their concerns over the increase in traffic. Mr. Recht urged the Council to keep the Habitat Court residents in mind when managing traffic.

James Safely, 6715 Parkwood Lane, stated he approved of the proposed traffic light. He asked that the Parkwood Knolls area not be blocked off from the rest of the community. Mr. Safely urged that the proposed traffic light installation not be coupled with any turn restrictions. He explained that this would cause him to take a circuitous route through other neighborhoods.

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Mr. Safely added that he did not want to live in a walled community. Mayor Maetzold clarified that the references to "No turn" on Dovre Drive would only be from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. and only after the traffic signal would be installed. In addition, Mayor Maetzold added that the City intends to survey the entire neighborhood before making changes.

Richard Bastyr, 6504 Aspen Road, complained about the speed cars travel, especially out of school. He suggested re-stripping Vernon Avenue. Mr. Bastyr supported the traffic signal and asked for more police enforcement in the area, because in his opinion, speed is as much an issue as density.

Alvin McQuinn, 5225 Blake Road, said he owns a company at Smetana and Bren Road employing 150 people. He has contacted MnDOT several times about the ramp meter to 169 north. Mr. McQuinn reported this ramp meter comes on each day at 3:00 p.m. and accumulates traffic on the ramp. Its frequency should be increased, because it is a serious problem. Mr. McQuinn said that perhaps the City of Edina would have more influence than he has had. He also requested no turning restrictions be put into place since it would complicate matters even more. Mayor Maetzold explained that the City has been involved in ongoing conversations with MnDOT. Mr. Hoffman added that adjusting one ramp meter has implications up and down the system.

Member Johnson moved to close the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. Member Hovland seconded the motion.

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold
Motion carried.

The Council briefly discussed the timing of the potential signal improvement and intersection improvements and the need for additional enforcement near the United Health Care access. Following the discussion, **Member Johnson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-17
ORDERING GLEASON ROAD AND
VERNON AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL
CONTROL IMPROVEMENT NO. TS-31**

WHEREAS, the Edina City Council on the 18th day of January, 2000, fixed a date for a Council hearing on the proposed street light installation, Improvement No. TS-31 and

WHEREAS, ten days' mailed notice and two weeks' published notice of the hearing was given, and the hearing was held thereon on the 15th of February 2000, for Improvement TS-31 installation of Traffic Control Signals at Gleason Road and Vernon Avenue, at which all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council has duly considered the views of all persons interested, and being fully advised of the pertinent facts, does hereby determine to proceed with the construction of said improvement, including all proceedings which may be necessary in eminent domain for the acquisition of necessary easements and rights hereby designated and shall be referred to in all subsequent

proceedings as Improvement No. TS-31 installation of Traffic Control Signals at Gleason Road and Vernon Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Improvement No. TS-31 installation of Traffic Control Signals at Gleason Road and Vernon Avenue is hereby ordered as proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes:

1. Improve pedestrian safety at Vernon Avenue & Arctic Way /Tamarac Avenue by adding concrete medians on Vernon Avenue at this intersection and moving the crosswalk to the westerly side of the intersection.
2. Reconfigure intersection of Londonderry Road & Lincoln Drive by channeling traffic with concrete medians and adding a free-right lane for eastbound to southbound traffic.
3. Education of traveling public of alternate routes to the north in lieu of using Dovre Drive through the Parkwood Knolls neighborhood by placing signage at Lincoln Drive and Dovre Drive and providing handouts to local businesses.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2000.

Member Kelly seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

Resolution adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 850-A16 ADOPTED REZONING TO PCD, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT APPROVED HAUGLAND COMPANY Affidavits of Notice were presented, approved and ordered placed on file.

Presentation by Planner

Planner Larsen explained the subject property is located in the southeast quadrant of Trunk Highway 169 and Londonderry Road. The property is vacant and zoned R-1, Single Dwelling District. The proponents have requested that the site be designated as Commercial and can be rezoned to PCD-1, allowing development of a small retail strip center. The site currently is treated as part of the right-of-way, and carries a designation of Single Family Residential. Staff researched the history of the site and it appears the property has been ignored in the Comprehensive Plan. The parcel was originally part of the property to the east, which is now United Health Care. The property was developed in the mid 60's as an office/industrial facility. Part of the property was acquired by Hennepin County for the construction of Highway 169. Following construction, the unused property was re-acquired by the owners of the United Health Care site. No development proposals have ever been reviewed for the property. It appears that the site may have originally been zoned industrial along with the balance of the site. The zoning and Comprehensive Plan maps appear to treat the property as part of the interchange right-of-way. The site contains an area of 1.75 acres.

Mr. Larsen stated that Council on December 21, 1999, granted preliminary rezoning for the proposed development. The proponents have now requested the Final Rezoning. Mr. Larsen explained that final plans illustrate a multi-tenant retail building of 10,800 square feet which is 1,000 square feet larger than in the preliminary plans. The number of parking places have increased to 83 spaces from 67 spaces. Edina Code requires 67 spaces for this sized building. The proposed development complies with all Edina Code requirements for final rezoning

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approval. Mr. Larsen reported that the Edina Planning Commission recommended the Council grant final rezoning from R-1, Single Dwelling District to PCD-1, Planned Commercial District and that the designation of commercial be applied to the Edina Comprehensive Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan subject to three conditions:

1. Developer's Agreement covering widening of Lincoln Drive and providing center turn lane adjacent to site.;
2. Easement to accommodate modification of the Lincoln Drive and Londonderry Road intersection; and
3. Watershed District permit.

Mr. Larsen pointed out that also on the Council's agenda for consideration was an ordinance amendment changing the accessory uses in the PCD-1 districts. This amendment relates to the current requests dealing with drive-through's.

No public comment was given.

Following a brief discussion **Member Hovland introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption subject to three conditions:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-20
APPROVING AMENDMENT TO
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Edina, Minnesota, that the Comprehensive Plan of the City be amended by changing the designation for the property located at Tracts A and B, Registered Land Survey No. 1378, Hennepin County, Minnesota on the 1980 City Land Use Map from single family to commercial.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2000. Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

Resolution adopted.

Member Hovland introduced the following ordinance and moved first reading of the ordinance with waiver of second reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 850-A16
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE (NO. 850)
BY REZONING PROPERTY TO
PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (PCD)
FROM SINGLE DWELLING DISTRICT (R-1)**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDINA, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Subsection 850.06 of Section 850 of the Edina City Code is amended by adding the following thereto:

"The extent of the Planned Commercial District (PCD-1) is enlarged by the addition of the following property:

Tracts A & B, Registered Land Survey No. 1378

The extent of the Single Dwelling District (R-1) is reduced by removing the property described above from the Planned Office District."

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed and adopted this 15th day of February, 2000.

Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

Ordinance No. 850-A-16 adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED TO APRIL 4, 2000, FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, FAIRVIEW SOUTHDAL HOSPITAL Affidavits of Notice were presented, approved and ordered placed on file.

Presentation by Planner

Mr. Larsen reported that Fairview Southdale Hospital has requested approval for an expansion that would include remodeling existing space, expanding outpatient services, additional medical office space and construction of structured parking on the existing surface parking lot west of France Avenue. The proposal requires the Council approve a Final Development Plan and a Conditional Use Permit. The expansion would take place in three phases. Phase 1 would be a two-story addition (one-story with basement) to the west side of the existing building. Phase 2 would further expand the first floor, add three levels of medical office space (65,700 square feet) above this expansion and would construct a 984 space parking structure west of France Avenue connected to the hospital by a skyway over France. Phase 3 would reorient the hospital's main entrance from the north to the west side of the building and complete the proposed interior remodeling. Mr. Larsen added that City staff requested the hospital complete an environmental assessment worksheet which the Council has received. He said that Statute requires no action for 30 days after publication of the worksheet which was published February 7, 2000. Therefore, Mr. Larsen recommended that action would need to be continued until at the earliest March 21, 2000. The proposal requires two variances. He explained that the ramp has been pushed as far north as possible to maximize the setback from 65th Street. As a result, a 32-foot setback variance is requested is equal to the height of the ramp. The second variance is at the southwesterly corner of the ramp where the ramp provides 31 feet of setback and 35 feet are required resulting in a variance of 4 feet.

Mr. Larsen said that when all three phases of the expansion are complete, the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for the site will be 1.06 which exceeds the maximum FAR of 1.0 for the Regional Medical District. He noted that this FAR does not take into account the property west of France owned by the hospital (the parking structure). When given credit for the property west of France the FAR drops to 0.88 and would comply with Edina Code.

Parking regulations base requirements upon the number of beds and employees. Staff has found this standard does not work to evaluate parking for a modern hospital campus. The parking consultant has estimated an overall demand of 5 spaces for 1,000 square feet of completed project. The proposed ramp would provide 1,137 (originally 984) parking spaces and based upon parking counts and experience at other suburban hospitals it is believed the proposal will adequately meet the demand.

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Mr. Larsen reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Final Development Plan and Conditional Use Permit for the Fairview Southdale Hospital expansion subject to the following conditions:

1. Watershed District permits;
2. Hospital participation in street and intersection improvements set out in the traffic impact analysis section of the EAW.; and
3. Redesign of ring route and parking area west of the addition to be reviewed by staff.

Following the Planning Commission meeting, Planning and Engineering staff met with hospital representatives to consider site plan changes which would reduce hard surface and add landscaped area along the France Avenue side of the hospital. As a result of those discussions, a revised site plan and landscaping plan have been submitted. The revised plan eliminates the separate parking and ring route areas west of the building, reduces parking and hard surface area, while providing additional landscaped areas. The parking area west of the building will be used primarily for handicapped parking. The parking north of the building will continue to be short term physician parking. Mr. Larsen said the changes appear to represent a significant improvement and staff recommends approval of the change.

He added that partially in consideration for the site plan changes; the hospital is requesting consideration of a slightly larger parking ramp. The expanded ramp would increase capacity from 984 stalls originally proposed to 1,137 stalls. The expansion would occur on the west side of the structure. This expansion would meet setbacks and not require a variance. The additional spaces would replace those lost through the redesign of the site plan, and would provide a cushion to handle occasional peak demand times for the hospital and clinic. The expanded ramp would remain at four levels. He concluded that staff recommended approval of the revised ramp plan.

Member Faust asked if the parking west of France would be free or fee parking; if the Phase 2 parking could be required before the Phase 1; whether the expansion to the ramp requires a variance; and how high would the skyway be above France Avenue? Mr. Larsen replied he assumed it would be fee parking, that the parking would be completed as soon as possible, however, according to the traffic study of the EAW the surface lot should be able to handle Phase 1 parking needs. He added that the expansion to the parking ramp does not require a variance, and that the skyway was planned to be 18 feet above France Avenue. Member Faust commented that she wants to see the parking constructed during the first phase.

Proponent Presentation

Mark Enger, Administrator, Fairview Southdale Hospital, thanked the Council for the opportunity to present the hospital's proposed expansion plans. He noted that Fairview will celebrate its 35th year of service during 2000. Mr. Enger said the proposed expansion was in response to additional demands for service. As the suburban population has increased, demographics changed and technologies have advanced. Hospitals see large increases in calls for services in many areas.

Mr. Enger said the team has been working for almost two years to develop the proposed expansion plans. He showed the Council and audience the architectural renderings of the proposed expansion. Mr. Enger reported the Board has approved \$35,000,000 of improvement in the Phase 1 & 2 expansions. The hospital intends to expand its surgical capacity and its cardiovascular services; to build structured parking on the surface lot, west of France Avenue to be attached to the hospital via a skyway; and add medical office space.

Mr. Enger stated that the hospital has attempted to be diligent in working with neighbors. They have hosted two community forums. Mr. Enger reiterated that the hospital is very committed to the community. Their intent is to create space available to the community when not used by the hospital. They are also very concerned about traffic. For this reason the ramp has been designed to disperse traffic.

Mr. Enger asked the Council for their support of the project. He introduced Mr. Richard Dahl, BWBR Architects, and Mr. Howard Preston of BRW Traffic Consultants.

Richard Dahl, BWBR Architects, explained he had been working with Fairview Southdale Hospital for two years. Mr. Dahl said four principles guided the proposal: proactive wellness; accessible facilities; flexibility of use; and cost effectiveness. Mr. Dahl reported the building design responded to space allocation, would be respectful of the existing hospital, and reinforces the sense of campus. The master plan will include: clinical components and support spaces, education facilities, quasi-public spaces, medical office building, parking ramp and a skyway spanning France Avenue.

Mr. Dahl explained Phase 1 is proposed to begin in Spring 2000 and be completed by Winter 2002. It will include 74,000 square feet of expansion occurring on the first and lower levels. Phase 1 also includes 52,000 square feet of remodeling on the first floor of the hospital. It will include the heart center (a cardiology suite of seven procedure rooms), surgery facilities will also be expanded by adding eight OR's and MRI will be relocated adjacent to the Emergency Department. Phase 2 will add the medical mall, parking ramp and skyway. Mr. Dahl said this phase would be targeted to begin construction during Spring 2001 and be completed Winter 2002. Phase 3 would include the completion of the medical mall, expansion of the post-operative recovery area, a 20-foot wide lower-level concourse to route public traffic from the new outpatient entrance. Mr. Dahl stated that Phase 3 would begin Spring 2002 and be completed Fall 2003. He added that during the third phase the main entrance would be reoriented to France Avenue and the interior space will be changed, thus necessitating the greatest demand for additional parking.

Member Johnson asked the proponents what the need was for additional medical offices? Mr. Enger replied there was an increased demand for office space, and that the plan would create office space around certain clinical specialties. Mayor Maetzold commented that Southdale was the only five star heart hospital in the upper midwest.

Member Faust expressed concern with construction parking. Where are all the construction workers parking? This could create a very difficult situation in an already strained area. She

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asked that by the time the hospital came back for its final approval in April; the construction parking should be worked out and reported to the Council.

Mr. Enger acknowledged the concern for construction parking. He said off-site parking would most likely be needed. Southdale Shopping Center may be a possible location.

Member Hovland said that Fairview Southdale has been a good corporate citizen. He applauded their desire to expand, improve accessibility and approachability. Member Hovland acknowledges the ramp west of France Avenue promotes these issues. He asked how many patients are expected daily? Mr. Enger replied estimates are 240 beds per day plus 120 emergency room visits. In addition, there will be increased outpatient use. It is anticipated that there will be up to 19,000 car visits per day. Member Hovland asked if the proposal looked to 2005 and beyond and about the demographics of the potential patient base. Mr. Enger said yes, it had and assumed a 3% annual growth factor. He added that 70% of the patients come from Edina with the remaining 30% from the Minnesota Valley area.

Member Hovland expressed concern with growth and increased traffic demands. He asked if perhaps MnDOT should be asked to create direct access to Valley View and to the ramp. Member Hovland also asked if the increased number of employees had been factored into the traffic calculations.

Howard Preston of BRW explained that as part of the traffic study, BRW conducted a technical analysis of what the current traffic is and what the future will bring. He said he worked with the City Engineering Department and has suggested that Drew Avenue be widened from 66th Street to 65th Street to accommodate traffic. Mr. Hoffman added there is a plan to construct three lanes at the bottom of Valley View Road's exit from Crosstown Highway and to bring the traffic directly into the ramp without cars ever needing to go as far east as France.

Public Comment

Pacy Erck , 6315 Colony Way. Ms. Erck, President Colony Homeowners Association, stated she represented 500 residents from 308 units. They are concerned about traffic. Ms. Erck reported that parking issues already exist. Colony resident are very concerned with the congestion on Drew Avenue and about pedestrian traffic coming from the parking ramp. With the redesign of 66th Street now only right turns are allowed onto Barrie Road. Ms. Erck urged the Council to require the parking structure be in place before any other expansion is built. Construction of this magnitude will take two to three years and keep 500 people frustrated and in jeopardy.

Linda Schmidt, 6483 Barrie Road, complained that the morning traffic on Barrie Road speeds now. She urged that traffic be directed to avoid Barrie Road.

Doug Murray, 6566 France Avenue, stated he is the Legal Chair for the Point of France Board of Directors. Mr. Murray echoed the traffic concerns of the previous speakers. He stated he had a number of questions about the parking structure and stated it will decrease the value of

a number of Point of France homes. Mr. Murray urged that the structure be extensively screened and that any trees planted be mature trees. Point of France has concern with the ramp's height and its rectangular shape. Mr. Murray asked what about future expansion of the ramp. Mayor Maetzold noted that the Council may only deal with the current proposal. Mr. Murray continued questioning whether the proposal was the best use of the space. He pointed out that many accidents occur at 65th Street and France Avenue and urged the Council to proceed with caution.

Doug Erickson, 5020 Richmond Drive, stated he believed that the proposed expansion was a nightmare waiting to happen. Mr. Erickson urged caution in any approval because of the impact on France Avenue traffic.

Katherine Abbott, 6566 France Avenue South, stated she lives overlooking a traffic jam. Ms. Abbott said she had no notice of any proposed expansion until last week. She asked the City to get control over the height of the ramp and to ensure there is adequate screening. Ms. Abbott asked if there would be another opportunity to review the proposal.

Unidentified Women, 6315 Colony Way, asked if there were any guarantee the parking would be built. She questioned whether people will be able to cross France Avenue after the construction.

Council Discussion/ Action

Mayor Maetzold asked if the Council wished to close the public hearing.

Member Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing. No second. Member Johnson withdrew his motion for lack of second.

Member Kelly stated he did not support the hospital expansion as proposed.

Member Faust asked if there was a height restriction on the ramp and if the hospital increased the traffic on Drew Avenue could they be required to install sidewalk on Drew? Mr. Larsen answered the parking structure could have three additional levels added in the future He added it could be recommended that the hospital participate in the cost of installing sidewalk. Manager Hughes said that sidewalk could be looked at now and added as a condition of approval. Member Faust stated that she believed if the hospital is creating a problem, they should be required to solve it.

Member Hovland commented the expansion is extremely complex. He indicated he had concerns with traffic related issues. Mr. Hoffman explained that it has been intended to bring traffic from Valley View to the proposed parking structure. This would attempt to keep the parking traffic off France Avenue. Guidance signs would be installed on the Crosstown Highway.

Mr. Preston of BRW added the traffic has been analyzed and it is the hospitals desire to divert as much traffic from France Avenue as possible. He noted that perhaps 30-35%

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hospital traffic comes from the west and will be directed to Valley View Road. He added that about 36% of the traffic comes from the east and it was hoped to direct them onto 66th and Drew using lights and intersection improvements to move traffic off France.

Member Hovland stated he continued to be troubled by the statistics shown in the traffic analysis.

Mayor Maetzold said he could not be at the March 21, 2000, Council meeting and since it seemed more discussion of this issue was needed; he suggested the item be carried over until April 4, 2000. Consensus of the Council was to carry the item over to April 4, 2000.

Linda Schmidt, 6483 Barrie Road, said she frequently travels on Valley View and she is concerned that increased traffic will cause traffic back-up onto the freeway.

Member Johnson moved to continue the public hearing until April 4, 2000, and to grant the City a sixty day extension from action until, May 11, 2000.

Member Kelly stated he was opposed to granting a 60-day extension from action. He continued adding he could support a hospital expansion, however, in his estimation, the proposal makes a bad situation worse. He suspects the site will be overbuilt. Member Kelly said he found nothing aesthetically appealing for the Highway 62/France major city intersection. The landscaping proposed was poor and the set of variances requested very ambitious. He challenged the architects to redo their design and come up with answers to the concerns expressed by Council and citizens and urged them to not only address the hospital's desires, but also the communities'. Member Hovland seconded the motion.

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Maetzold

Nay: Kelly

Motion carried.

PRELIMINARY REZONING AND PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVED, FRAUENSHUH COMPANIES, NORTHEASTERN QUADRANT OF HIGHWAY 169 & I-494 Affidavits of Notice were presented, approved and ordered placed on file.

Presentation by Planner

Mr. Larsen explained the subject property is approximately 13 acres and zoned Planned Office District, POD-1. The property is vacant. Its northerly 75 feet are subject to an NSP easement for an overhead transmission line. The central portion of the site contains a pond covered by an easement in favor of the state highway department and a large portion of the site is impacted by wetlands and flood plain.

Mr. Larsen noted the City of Edina owns the property having acquired it from the FDIC in 1991. He said the City has entered into a purchase agreement with the Frauenshuh Company to acquire and develop the property. The site became part of the City of Edina as a result of a land exchange with the City of Bloomington that included portions of the Raddison South

Hotel. The action to zone the property for office use occurred while the property was still a part of the City of Bloomington.

The current proposal would subdivide the property into two lots, rezoning the large lot (Lot 1) to POD-2 leaving Lot 2 zoned POD-1. POD-1 limits building height to four stories while POD-2 districts do not have height limits. Lot 1 would be developed immediately and Lot 2 held for future development.

The building proposed for Lot 1 would be seven stories in height and contain a gross floor area of 168,258 square feet. The building would be supported by a seven level parking structure containing 681 spaces. Total on-site parking is proposed at 703 spaces, while Edina Code requires 673 spaces for a building this size.

Mr. Larsen noted that two variances are requested with the proposed plans, both front street setback distances. The proposed building is 122 feet 8 inches high measured from grade to the top of the penthouse. The ramp measures 75 feet in height. Setback variances of 87 feet 8 inches for the building and 40 feet for the ramp are required.

The proposed building will be served by an extension of the West 78th Street/frontage road that now ends at the east side of the site. The new road will extend west and then north to the Valley View/169 interchange.

Mr. Larsen reported that the Planning Commission recommends Preliminary Rezoning and Preliminary Plat approval subject to: Final Plan Approval, Watershed District Permit and Permits from MnDOT.

No public comment was heard.

Member Johnson made a motion, seconded by Member Kelly to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold
Motion carried.

Member Kelly introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption as follows::

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-21
GRANTING PRELIMINARY PLAT
APPROVAL TO BRAEMAR SECOND ADDITIOIN**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Edina, Minnesota, that that certain plat entitled, "BRAEMAR SECOND ADDITION", platted by Frauenshuh Companies, and presented at the regular meeting of the City Council on February 15, 2000, be and is hereby granted preliminary plat approval with three conditions: Final Plat approval, Watershed District Permit and Permits from MnDOT.

Passed this 15th day of February, 2000.

Member Faust seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold
Resolution No. 2000-21 adopted.

Member Kelly moved granting first reading to Ordinance No. 850-A-17 rezoning the property from POD-1 to POD-2.

Member Faust seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

First Reading granted to Ordinance No. 850-A-17.

OUR LADY OF GRACE BUILDING EXPANSION APPROVED, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GRANTED Affidavits of Notice were presented, approved and ordered placed on file.

Presentation by Planner

Mr. Larsen informed the Council that Our Lady of Grace received a conditional use permit in February 1999, allowing an expansion of their school. That construction has been completed and occupied. The church has now applied for a new permit to allow two smaller additions to the older portion of the school. The additions would provide a new library, a computer lab, support rooms and an elevator. Accessibility improvements would also be accomplished when the additions are constructed. The library addition would occupy a portion of the inner courtyard of the older school building and the elevator would be located on the north side of the same building. Mr. Larsen added that the proposed additions comply with all zoning ordinance standards and the added rooms do not require additional parking. He reported that the Planning Commission recommends approval of the requested Conditional Use Permit for Our Lady of Grace's building expansion.

Public Comment

Doug Erickson, 5020 Richmond Drive, stated he was probably the closest neighbor to the church. He asked why there had been no neighborhood meeting and where the proposed site access would be for construction. The contractor, Jeff Smith, Opus, replied that because there had been no comments made at the Planning Commission meeting and this was a small addition, no meeting had been scheduled. Mr. Smith said during construction the site would be accessed via the back alley between the garage and school. Mr. Erickson expressed concern that no more trees be lost to construction. Mr. Smith assured Mr. Erickson that no trees should be lost during the additions.

Member Hovland made a motion, seconded by Member Faust to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

Motion carried.

Member Hovland introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-22

BE IT RESOLVED by the Edina City Council that the Conditional Use Permit for Our Lady of Grace Church, 5071 Eden Avenue be and is hereby granted. Member Kelly seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

Resolution adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-4 AMENDING SECTION 850 ADDING CERTAIN DRIVE THROUGH AS ACCESSORY USES IN PCD-1 ADOPTED Mr. Larsen explained the reason for the proposed ordinance amendment. He noted that following the preliminary approval for the development by the Haugland Companies, staff reviewed existing code requirements for drive through facilities. The pertinent code section specifically prohibits drive through facilities for restaurants and financial institutions, thereby, suggesting that drive through facilities for other uses are allowed. Staff felt the proposed amendment would clarify this ambiguous section of code. Mr. Larsen reported the Planning Commission recommended the Council adopted the proposed ordinance amendment clarifying the accessory use in the PCD-1 district.

No public comment was heard.

Following a brief discussion, **Member Kelly introduced the following ordinance, and moved first reading with waiver of second reading:**

**EDINA ORDINANCE NO. 2000-4
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 850**

THE CITY OF THE CITY OF EDINA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Subsection 850.16 is hereby amended by adding the following accessory use in PCD-1:

“Drive through facilities, except those accessory to i) financial institutions, and ii) food establishments as defined in Section 720 of the City Code.”

Section 2. Effective Date This ordinance shall be in full effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2000.

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Mayor

Member Hovland seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

Ordinance No. 2000-4 adopted.

***BID AWARDED FOR FIVE SQUAD CARS (POLICE DEPARTMENT) Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for five full-size Police squad cars to Superior Ford under State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Agreement No. 424587 at, \$106,635.00.**

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***BID AWARDED FOR DODGE DAKOTA PICKUP 4X4 (FIRE DEPARTMENT) Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for one**

Dodge Dakota Pickup 4x4 for the Fire Department to Olivia Chrysler Center under Minnesota State 2000 Contract #17, at \$19,053.00.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***BID AWARDED FOR GMC SAFARI VAN AWD (FIRE DEPARTMENT)** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for GMC Safari Van AWD for the Fire Department to Falls Automotive under Minnesota State 2000 Contract #424724 at \$20,140.00.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***BID AWARDED FOR ANNUAL BID TO CRUSH OLD CONCRETE AND ASPHALT** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for crushing old concrete and asphalt collected during the year to recommended low bidder, Premier Aggregates at \$3.25 per ton.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***BID AWARDED FOR ANNUAL PURCHASE FOR POLICE UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for the annual purchase of Police uniforms and equipment to recommended low bidder, Uniforms Unlimited and not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***BID AWARDED FOR ONE CHEVROLET IMPALA (POLICE DEPARTMENT)** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for one Chevrolet Impala for the Police Department to Grossman Chevrolet under State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Agreement No. 424589, at \$18,572.00.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***BID AWARDED FOR WOODDALE PARK PLAYGROUND SITE IMPROVEMENTS** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for Wooddale Park Playground Site Improvements to recommended low bidder, Koolmo Construction at \$119,410.00.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***BID AWARDED FOR ANNUAL FERTILIZER PURCHASE FOR BRAEMAR AND FRED RICHARDS GOLF COURSES** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for annual fertilizer purchase for Braemar and Fred Richards Golf Courses to North Star Turf Supply under Hennepin County Bid #0242A9, at \$23,770.80.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***BID AWARDED FOR FOUR GREENSMaster 3100 GREENSMOWERS** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland for award of bid for four Greensmaster 3100 greensmowers to recommended low bidder, MTI Distributing Company at \$54,430.00.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***TRAFFIC SAFETY STAFF REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 1, 2000 APPROVED** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland approving the Traffic Safety Staff Review of February 1, 2000, as Section A, 1:

- a. No signage, etc., directing truck traffic northbound on France Avenue, south of West 51st Street to go west on West 51st Street and then back east on West 50th Street;
 - b. No separate signal phase for east/west traffic on West 50th Street at France Avenue. Use together with left turn bans as needed;
 - c. "No Left Turns" posted for both eastbound and westbound West 50th Street traffic at France Avenue;
 - d. Cut angle on barricades on northeast corner of West 50th Street and France Avenue to allow for access and better turn movements westbound to northbound;
 - e. Cut width/angle of barricades on east side of France Avenue at West 49 ½ Street to allow for left turn northbound to westbound and through lane;
 - f. Have a loading zone on west side of France Avenue just south of West 49 ½ Street as exists today modified for certain construction events;
 - g. Remove parking slots on east side of France Avenue from West 49 ½ Street north for an additional two spaces to facilitate movement northbound; and
 - h. Remove parking on France Avenue between 49th and 49 ½ Street from February 15, 2000, to October 1, 2000.
2. Council, as recommended by staff, send a letter to Hennepin County asking for their current plans regarding CSAH 31 (Xerxes Avenue) between Highway 62 and West 66th Street; and

Section B and C.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

ANTENNA REQUESTED APPROVED - CO-LOCATION CIVIL DEFENSE TOWER, GLEASON ROAD AND JOHN HARRIS DRIVE Assistant Manager Anderson explained that US West Wireless has requested to co-locate on a civil defense tower on the west side of Gleason Road approximately 100 feet south of the intersection of Gleason Road and Braemar Boulevard. Their request is to replace the 45-foot pole with a new 64-foot metal pole. The installation would be the same style of pole as the Blake Road and Fox Meadow Lane tower. The financial terms would be identical to the Blake/Fox Meadow tower except that US West will be responsible for a new civil defense siren for the site since the greater height requires a bigger siren to accommodate coverage area. Staff recommends approval of co-location and lease terms.

Mr. Anderson explained that the proposed lease rate would be at \$750 per month or \$9,000 per year. The initial term would be five years with an option for four consecutive periods of five years each with an option payment of \$500. Landscaping would be included to screen the ground equipment. The City would have access to the tower at any time and upon termination of the lease, the City would take ownership of the pole.

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Following a brief Council discussion, **Member Faust made a motion approving the antenna request for co-location and lease terms of a civil defense tower, constructed of wood and located at Gleason Road and John Harris Drive.**

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold
Motion carried.

***NO PARKING RESOLUTION ADOPTED T.H. 100 AND WEST 77TH STREET** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland introducing the following resolution and moving its adoption:

RESOLUTION No. 2000-24

RELATING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON

S.A.P. 120-136-13 (W. 77th Street) from Metro Boulevard to Computer Avenue, in the City of Edina, Minnesota.

THIS RESOLUTION, passed this 15th day of February, 2000, by the City of Edina in Hennepin County, Minnesota. The Municipal corporation shall hereinafter be called the "City", WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the "City", has planned the improvement of MSAS 136, W. 77th Street from Metro Boulevard to Computer Avenue.

WHEREAS, the "City", will be expending Municipal Street Aid Funds on the improvement of this Street, and

WHEREAS, this improvement does not provide adequate width for parking on both sides of the street; and approval of the proposed construction as a Municipal State Aid Street project must therefore be conditioned upon certain parking restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the "City", shall ban the parking of motor vehicles on both sides of MSAS 136, W. 77th Street from Metro Boulevard to Computer Avenue, at all times.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2000.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REAPPOINTMENT TO HUMAN RELATION COMMISSION CONFIRMED** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland confirming the action of the Edina School Board in re-appointing Betsy Flaten to the Human Relations Commission for a term ending February 1, 2003.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***ANNUAL BRIDGE CERTIFICATION REPORT RECEIVED** Motion made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hovland accepting the Annual Bridge Certification report as presented.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

***RESOLUTION 2000-23 ADOPTED SUPPORTING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING LEGISLATION** Member Johnson introduced the following resolution, seconded by Member Hovland and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2000-23

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TRANSPORTATION
FUNDING - YEAR 2000**

LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES

WHEREAS, the City of Edina supports the constitutional dedication of 100% of the motor vehicle sales tax to transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edina supports an immediate one-time investment of state funds to jump-start any longer-term transportation funding efforts, as support earmarking a commitment this year.

WHEREAS, the City of Edina supports a long-term approach to transportation funding needs, and we commend the Governor for making a long-term funding proposal.

WHEREAS, the City of Edina supports a balanced transportation package that addresses the statewide needs of highways and transit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edina supports a major effort to address bridge deficiencies across the state and encourages policy-makers to investigate creative new approaches to funding transportation infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Edina supports a Gallup Poll to seek grassroots input to an initiative labeled "KEEP MINNESOTA MOVING - SPEED-UP TRANSPORTATION FUNDING."

Dated this 15th day of February, 2000.

Motion carried on rollcall vote - five ayes.

PROPOSED REFERENDUM PROJECT DISCUSSED Member Faust stated she had concerns about the potential referendum. She expressed her concerns: not enough time to discuss issues, whether the City or School should hold election; school capital improvements on a City referendum; and timing of the project. Mayor Maetzold stated he understood the City wanted the projects outlined in the preliminary TSP report. Member Johnson also expressed concern that many components of the proposed project seemingly benefit only the school district and that perhaps more time needs to be spent reviewing the projects. Member Kelly said he disagreed that the Council had already gone through the list of potential projects and had already gotten an opinion from the City Attorney as to the legality of the project. Member Hovland added he thought the Council would have more discussion after they hear back from the School District regarding the operation of the improved facilities. The Council agreed that they would hold further discussions after receiving results of the public opinion survey.

CLAIMS PAID Motion made by Member Johnson approving payment of the following claims as shown in detail on the Check Register dated February 9, 2000, and consisting of 27 pages: General Fund \$182,329.46; Communications \$630.19; Working Capital \$12,900.82; Art Center \$5,284.15; Golf Dome Fund \$5,046.12; Swimming Pool Fund \$631.24; Golf Course Fund \$10,566.35; Ice Arena Fund \$18,756.03; Edinborough/Centennial Lakes \$11,328.32; Utility Fund \$72,213.53; Storm Sewer Utility Fund \$784.35; Recycling Program \$37,935.20; Liquor Dispensary Fund \$198,608.98; Construction Fund \$ 4,773.41; TOTAL \$561,788.15; and for confirmation of payment of claims as shown in detail on the Check Register dated February 1, 2000, and consisting of 7 pages: General Fund \$655,625.04; Communications \$60.00; Working Capital \$264.45; Art Center \$567.49; Golf Dome Fund \$1,236.96; Swimming Pool Fund \$376.99; Golf Course Fund \$3,936.53; Ice Arena Fund \$13,927.33; Edinborough/Centennial Lakes \$2,436.46; Utility Fund \$32,200.77; Storm Sewer

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Utility Fund \$350.23; Liquor Dispensary Fund \$88,836.91; TOTAL \$799,819.16. Member Hovland seconded the motion.

Rollcall:

Ayes: Faust, Hovland, Johnson, Kelly, Maetzold

Motion carried.

There being no further business on the Council Agenda, Mayor Maetzold adjourned the Council Meeting at 11:15 P.M.

City Clerk