

**MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL HELD AT EDINA SCHOOL
DISTRICT OFFICES, 5701 NORMANDALE ROAD
FEBRUARY 26, 2001
5:30 P.M.**

ROLLCALL Answering rollcall were Member Housh and Mayor Maetzold. Member Kelly entered the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Member Kelly left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Maetzold stated the purpose of the special meeting was to allow the City Council to discuss the potential referendum and the joint agreement with the School District concerning the proposed park improvements. He noted that on February 15, 2001, a public hearing was held allowing testimony and that numerous letters have been received from residents.

He said that Art Downey, would make a presentation regarding the new swimming pools, the new referendum dollar amounts would be discussed, and then the Council would like the School Board's priorities and comments relative to the proposed referendum to assist the Council in their deliberations.

Art Downey presented the Edina Swim Club's request for a 50-meter pool to be built at Valley View Middle School instead of the proposed 25-meter pool. The Council and School Board thanked Mr. Downey, but suggested that if the Swim Club was serious in their desire for a 50-meter pool they present to the Council and Board concrete methods of their intent to fund the \$100,000 plus annual operating costs for a 50-meter pool.

The Council and School Board discussed whether changes to the proposed project would necessitate resubmission to the Department of Children and Families at the State. The Board indicated they would support the 50-meter pool if the operating costs were guaranteed, they would suggest the Kuhlman Field bubble be moved elsewhere or deleted and that they would still support artificial turf on Kuhlman without the bubble. The Board also indicated that perhaps there could be community use of the Southview "Middle" field if it were limited to younger participants. It was suggested that the City concentrate on the public informational mailer, but that the School District's staff could work with a citizens committee if one formed.

There being no further business on the Council Agenda, Mayor Maetzold declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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