

**MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL HELD AT
EDINA FIRE STATION #1
JULY 5, 2006
5:00 P.M.**

ROLLCALL Answering rollcall were Members Housh, Hulbert, Masica, and Mayor Hovland.

Mayor Hovland said the purpose of the special work session was to tour the Edina Fire Station and receive information about potential remodeling of the Station.

Following a tour of the Station, Gary Hay, Architect said Station #1 was located ideally within the City of Edina because of its proximity to Highway 62. However, the Station was built in 1972 and was designed to serve a department that answered fire calls. He pointed out the Edina Fire Department has developed an emergency medical service that responds to numerous calls daily. Mr. Hay explained 70% of calls received by the Fire Department were actually EMS calls where someone was actually transported for service. He continued stating that of the remaining calls 30% were for fires and but only 30% of the fire calls were real incidents, with the remaining being false alarms not needing service.

Mr. Hay said there were many deficiencies in the existing station for medical response teams. He pointed out the fire fighting work force has changed over time and Edina has just hired their first woman paramedic/firefighter. The living spaces need to be remodeled to accommodate female paramedic/firefighters.

Mr. Hay presented his proposal for Fire Station #1. He showed a comparison of the existing areas and a proposed remodeling of the station within the existing structure, and a partial demolition/rebuild of the station. Mr. Hay also presented some preliminary program adjacencies of each alternative.

The Council discussed with Mr. Hay, Chief Scheerer and Manager Hughes the various components which should be addressed in any remodeling of the fire station. They discussed the challenges of modeling, partial demolition/reconstruction and a total demolition reconstruction, financing of any project, and the time line that would be followed. Consensus was that Mr. Hay should continue working on a concept design to be brought before Council at a regular meeting.

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mangen, City Clerk