

**MINUTES  
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL HELD AT CITY HALL  
AUGUST 21, 2007  
5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. in the Community Room of Edina City Hall. Answering rollcall were: Members Bennett, Housh, Masica, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Staff present included: Gordon Hughes, City Manager; Heather Worthington, Assistant City Manager, Cary Teague, Planning Director; Wayne Houle, City Engineer, Mike Siitari, Police Chief; Jeff Long, Police Lieutenant; Marty Scheerer, Fire Chief; Steve Kirchman, Building Official; John Keprios, Park Director; Vince Cockriel, Park Superintendent; Steve Johnson, Public Works Coordinator; John Wallin, Finance Director, Eric Roggeman, Assistant Finance Director; Jennifer Bennerotte, Marketing & Communications Director; and Debra Mangen, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland said the purpose of the special work session was to review the 2008 Operating Budget.

Manager Hughes noted the Council held a public hearing on the 2008 budget at their August 7, 2007, meeting. He said the next steps would be to adopt the maximum levy at the September 4, 2007, meeting, to hold the Truth in Taxation Hearing in December and to adopt the final levy in December. Mr. Hughes said that he believed the following issues needed Council direction: 1) Historical Society's request for assistance in funding; 2) Public Art Committee's request for assistance; 3) Human Rights and Relations Commission RPC issues; 4) Dial-A-Ridge Program adjustment made reflecting the reduction in funding from the Metropolitan Council; and 5) Reserve Balance.

The Council conducted a review of the 2008 Draft Operating Budget asking staff for clarifications in some areas. They discussed the issues outlined by Mr. Hughes. Following their discussion, their consensus was to add \$10,000 to the annual budget on an ongoing basis for the Edina Historical Society, to leave the RPC monies of the Human Services budget in place, to direct staff to continue discussions attempting a re-instatement of Metropolitan Council funding, and to plan future discussion to determine the best course for the Public Arts Committee's request and regarding the reserve balance.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra Mangen, City Clerk