

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009
5:35 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall. Answering rollcall were: Members Bennett, Brindle, Housh, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Staff present included: Gordon Hughes, City Manager; Heather Worthington, Assistant City Manager; John Wallin, Finance Director; Eric Roggeman, Assistant Finance Director; Ceil Smith, Assistant to the City Manager; Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Marketing Director; and Debra Mangen, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland stated the purpose of the meeting was to continue the Council's review of the proposed 2010 Operating Budget.

- City Manager Hughes briefly outlined the proposed measures to reduce costs for the 2010 Operating Budget which included:
 - Wage freeze for full time employees in 2010
 - \$25.00 per month increase in full time benefits
 - Car allowances removed
 - Mandatory furlough days
 - Dial-A-Ride Removed - service level will be reduced as County takes over function
 - Drop Metro Cities membership - reducing expenses \$11,000
 - Reduce Human Services by \$10,000
 - Reduce Historical Society by \$5,000
 - Reduce Energy & Environment Commission by \$25,000
 - Police, one detection position will be left open
 - Fire Department removed \$75,000 from OT budget, will reduce training, inspections and public education programs, rely more on volunteer paid-on-call fire fighters
 - Park & Recreation Department - full time open position will remain open, 4 part-time positions will be removed (weed, trees, greenhouse/flower & Courtney Fields), reduce \$14,000 by closing Countryside & Strauchauer Parks skating rinks and closing all rinks by mid February, no filming of July 4th parade

The Council and staff discussed the proposed 2010 budget. It was agreed that on October 6, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. there would be further review of the smaller departments with a review of the Boards and Commissions at the October 20, 2009 work session at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, October 6, 2009.

James B. Hovland, Mayor