

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 15, 2011
5:09 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, Swenson, and Mayor Hovland.

Human Rights and Relations Commissioners in attendance were: Jessica Kingston, John Cashmore, Lisa Finsness, Bob Mayer, Meg Grace Newell, Janet Seidman, Russell Stanton, Student Members Zack Antar and Daria Brosius and Chair Arnie Bigbee.

Staff attending the meeting included: Scott Neal, City Manager; Ceil Smith, Assistant to the City Manager, Jennifer Bennerotte, Director of Communications and Marketing; Susan Howl, Human Services Coordinator; and Debra Mangan, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland stated the purpose of the meeting was to review several issues of mutual concern. Following introductions of all present, Mayor Hovland asked Chair Bigbee to lead off the HRRC's agenda.

HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRRC) ACCOMPLISHMENTS Chair Bigbee asked various Commissioners of the HRRC to take turns reviewing the success of adoption of the Domestic Partnership Ordinance, the upcoming anti-bullying event that will include a screening of the film "Bullied"; and passage of the Council's resolution urging legislation relating to the definition of employee and dependent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Council and HRRC Commissioners discussed: the potential of allowing student members to vote, the attendance policy of the City relative to Boards and Commissions, the responsibility for proposing the Human Services Budget annually, the responsibility for the Edina Resource Center budget, and proposed contractor requirement concerning domestic partner benefits. Consensus of the Council regarding the discussion items were: Student members will not be voting members at this time, the attendance policy for boards and commission will not be changed, the HRRC was asked to develop a model for the Human Service budget recommendation, staff will take over the Edina Resource Center budget and the HRRC will continue to study recommendation of a requirement that contractor's provide domestic partnership benefits.

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, March 1, 2011

Debra A. Mangan, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor