

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Heritage Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Sept. 10.
- Park Board, 7 p.m. Sept. 10.
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Sept. 11.
- Energy & Environment Commission, 7 p.m. Sept. 12.
- Edina City Council, 7 p.m. Sept. 17.

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A summary of the Sept. 3 Edina City Council meeting

Contract with Richfield Approved

The Edina City Council approved a four-year contract to provide 9-1-1 emergency dispatching services to the City of Richfield.

The City of Richfield will pay all initial costs associated with the transition. Thereafter, Richfield will pay Edina \$14,058 per month through 2014. The cost per month will be revised to \$12,363 per month in 2015 and subsequent years.

Edina currently dispatches for the City of Golden Valley through 2014. It is expected that Edina's call volume will increase by about 45,000 calls per year to approximately 125,000 combined calls per year for all three cities.

The contract is expected to be approved by the Richfield City Council at an upcoming meeting. Once approved, Edina will begin dispatch services for Richfield on or around Dec. 1.

Council Approves Preliminary Levy and Budget

The Edina City Council adopted the City's preliminary tax levy and operating budget for 2014 setting the preliminary property tax levy at \$27,473,155.

Total of all levies would increase by \$725,771, or 2.7 percent, from the 2013 property tax levy.

The approved 2014 preliminary tax levy is the City's maximum property tax level for 2014.

The Council can decrease, but not increase the 2014 property tax levy. However, expenditures and revenues could change before the final budget adoption.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the final levy and operating budget at its Dec. 3 meeting.

Council OKs Final AUAR for Pentagon Park Site

The Council approved a final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) update for Pentagon Park.

An AUAR is an assessment to determine environmental impacts over a specific geographic area that would be caused from future urban development.

The AUAR, conducted by WSB & Associates, was distributed to Hennepin County, the Metropolitan Council and MnDOT for a 10-day comment period.

No agency objected to the AUAR update. Hennepin County believed the report was incomplete, though it was not an objection.

The study area contains a mixture of light industrial/warehouse, commercial, office and residential uses. There is a total of 1.9 million gross square feet of space.

Council Discusses Community Space in Grandview District

The Council discussed the next steps of the decision-making process to redevelop the City's former Public Works facility at 5146 Eden Ave.

The Development Framework envisions a mixed-use building on the site that would include a community space as well as private development. The Grandview Citizen Advisory Team (CAT) is currently working on a Request for Information (RFI) to identify a development partner for the site.

A development partner would contribute essential real estate expertise so that a financially feasible project can be designed that contributes to the community vision and is well received in the marketplace.

After discussion, the Council agreed that it was important to maintain momentum on the RFI and to allow flexibility for the development partner to be creative with options for community space.

The Council directed staff to work with the CAT to prepare a brief community needs survey. The Council also asked that an analysis of the City's infrastructure in the Grandview area and a city-wide recreation facility inventory be prepared. This additional data would be shared with a development partner to assist them in refining the vision for the site.

The Council established a target of January 2014 for the CAT to complete the RFI for a partner to redevelop the vacant site. The CAT was directed to recommend a development partner for the Council's consideration in 2014.