

# Council Connection



#### Upcoming meetings:

- Park Board, 7 p.m. July 12
- Heritage Preservation Board, 7 p.m. July 12
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. July 13
- Energy & Environment Commission, 7 p.m. July 14
- City Council & HRA, 7 p.m. July 19

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## *A summary of the July 5 Edina City Council & HRA meeting*

### **Council approves taping schedule for Park Board, Transportation Commission**

The Council approved a taping schedule for Park Board and Transportation Commission meetings.

In June, the Council approved a policy for recording and broadcasting City meetings. Under the policy, meetings of the Park Board and Transportation Commission will be recorded and broadcast once each quarter. The Park Board will be videotaped in August and November 2011 and February, May, August and November 2012. The Transportation Commission will be videotaped in July and October 2011 and January, April, July and October 2012.

The Council also decided that the audio of meetings of all board and commission meetings that are not videotaped must be recorded.

### **Council receives 2010 CAFR**

The Council heard a presentation from the City's independent auditor and voted to receive the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for 2010.

The CAFR takes the Finance Department six months to put together and consists of more than 100 pages of financial data that attempts to summarize the City's financial activities and position. The CAFR format is regulated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Financial Accounting Standards Board, the State Auditor and others. Part of the independent auditor's job is to determine whether the City has complied with all regulations. The independent auditor gave Edina a "clean," or unqualified, opinion on the CAFR, which means the City complied with all the proper regulations in 2010.

In addition, the CAFR shows that the City had a successful year from a financial perspective. In the General Fund, revenues were above budget and expenditures were under budget. Some of the reduced expenditures were due to economic factors beyond staff's control, including prices for oil, gas, contracted services and other things the City buys. However, some of the reductions were also due to good decisions made by employees who figured out less ex-

pensive, more efficient and effective methods of delivering services to residents and customers.

### **Council decides against temporary sidewalk**

The Council decided not to construct a temporary sidewalk on Valley View Road.

Residents petitioned for a sidewalk on Valley View Road from McCauley Trail to Hilary Lane. The project was recommended as a roadway reconstruction and sidewalk construction project by staff. However, due to Municipal State Aid funding shortfalls, the project was scaled back to provide a temporary raised sidewalk along the north and east sides of the road. It is anticipated that the roadway reconstruction and boulevard-style sidewalk would be done in 2015.

Several area residents testified against the project, indicating their preference that the sidewalk not be considered until the street reconstruction project is planned. Council members found that the sidewalk was not necessary at the present time and voted against it.