

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Transportation Commission, 6 p.m. Oct. 20
- Human Rights & Relations Commission, 7 p.m. Oct. 25
- Art Center Board, 4:30 p.m. Oct. 27
- City Council, 7 p.m. Nov. 1
- Heritage Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Nov. 7

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A summary of the Oct. 18 Edina City Council meeting

Council reviews enterprise budgets and plans

At a work session prior to its regular meeting, the Council reviewed the operating budgets, capital improvement requests and business plans of Braemar Arena, Braemar Golf Course and the Edina Art Center.

Council Members gave managers of the facilities a handful of ideas to consider as they reviewed the business plans, which were formally received at their regular meeting. The new Braemar Arena Manager was directed to begin selling dasher board advertising in one arena and work with the Edina Hockey Association to transition operation of the concessions stand back to the City. The Golf Course Manager was directed to continue working on plans for capital improvements, including reconfiguration of the driving range and construction of cart paths. The interim Art Center Director was asked to reexamine programming at the facility.

The Council is expected to review the City's tax levy and General Fund budget in November and will hold a public hearing on the final budget Dec. 6.

Council accepts national award

Connecting With Kids Executive Director Heather Haen Anderson presented the City Council with America's Promise Alliance's "100 Best Communities for Young People" award.

Edina achieved national recognition earlier this month as

one of America's Promise Alliance's "100 Best Communities for Young People" for the second year in a row for its initiatives to help young people, including support of Edina A Better Chance Foundation, Edina High School May Term and Tri-City Health Partners. The competition recognizes communities across the country that focus on reducing high school dropout rates and providing service and support to their youth.

Edina will receive a \$2,500 grant, signage identifying the community as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People and access to America's Promise Alliance's community development resources.

Council green lights expansion of South View

The Council approved an expansion of a local middle school.

Edina Public Schools plan to build a 5,600-square-foot, two-story addition to South View Middle School, 4725 South View Lane. The addition will include a new kitchen for the cafeteria and various classroom space. The building addition would be setback 117 feet from the front property line along Concord Avenue, to match the existing setback of the school.

The Council unanimously approved a Conditional Use Permit required for the project.

Council approves final assessments

The Council approved final assessments for 10 recently

completed street projects after holding public hearings at which no one testified.

All final assessments were less than estimated at the time the projects were approved. The Council approved special assessment for the following:

- Braemar Hills Neighborhood, \$6,724.23 per residential equivalent unit
- Pamela Park Neighborhood, \$5,343.65
- Interlachen Circle, \$7,561.46
- Parkwood Knolls Neighborhood, \$10,801.42
- Interlachen Bluff, \$9,361.52
- Bror Road Neighborhood, \$4,833.11
- Moccasin Valley Road Neighborhood, \$6,643.85

The Council also approved special assessments for maintenance in two of Edina's business districts. The 50th & France maintenance assessment decreased from 78.26 cents per square foot in 2010 to 62.03 cents in 2011 due to completion of some streetscape improvements in the area. Staff continues to work with the property owners in the area to develop a proposal for a master plan for streetscapes and parking ramp improvements, which might be presented to the Council in December.

The Grandview maintenance assessment decreased from 5.08 cents in 2010 to 3.21 cents in 2011 due to fewer plant replacements.