

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, JAN. 18, 2013  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR JAN. 18, 2013

## FRIDAY REPORT



- 1. Aviation Noise Update** – Assistant City Planner Kris Aaker and I attended the Jan. 16 meeting of the Metropolitan Airport Commission’s Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) to formally present the City Council’s request that it add a new Community Representative position for the City of Edina. The NOC did not approve our request. However, they were unanimously supportive of Edina joining the cities of Inver Grove Heights, Burnsville, Apple Valley, St. Paul, St. Louis Park and Sunfish Lake as a NOC at-large city. The NOC asked its staff to prepare an amendment to the bylaws to make this change effective. Members will consider the bylaw amendment at their meeting in March.
- 2. Regional Legislative Breakfast** – The MLC’s regional legislative breakfast meeting will be held at the Braemar Clubhouse on Friday, Feb. 1 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Council Members may RSVP directly to Messerli & Kramer or to Executive Assistant Susan Howl.
- 3. Joint Meeting with State Legislators** – Our 2013 joint meeting with Edina’s state legislative delegation is scheduled for the City Council’s Feb. 5 work session. Representatives Ron Erhardt and Paul Rosenthal will join us. Senator Melissa Franzen has a previous commitment and will not be able to join us. She will host a local meeting in City Hall for constituents interested in economic development matters on Friday, Jan. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m.
- 4. Golden Valley 9-1-1 Contract** – In last week’s *Friday Report*, I reported that staff would advance this contract amendment to the Council in February. The amendment is ready, so it will be included on the Council’s Jan. 22 meeting agenda. There are two key provisions in the amendment. The first reduces the price of the contract to Golden Valley to the level that is commensurate with our actual costs. The second reduces the notice time we require for them to cancel the agreement. In the current agreement, the notice time is one year. In the proposed agreement, the notice time is three months. We know that Golden Valley is likely to cancel the contract to join the County’s new 9-1-1 center, but the date of their cancellation is uncertain due to the undetermined construction timeline for the new center. We are comfortable, however, that we will be able to accommodate a three-month notice with no problems to our staffing or operations.
- 5. Enterprise Edina** – Our video production staff are wrapping up production of the pilot episode of “Enterprise Edina,” a new monthly program about local businesses. Chamber of Commerce President Lori Syverson hosts the show. The Chamber is the fiscal sponsor of the new show. The pilot episode was filmed in downtown Edina at Mozza Mia and covers how the local restaurant makes its fresh mozzarella and margherita pizza.
- 6. Townes Road Wetland** – Staff will initiate a clean-up project of the Townes Road wetland next week, weather permitting.
- 7. Southdale Rededication Event** – Simon Properties will host a rededication event at the mall on the weekend of April 12-13. Details will follow, but Council Members will be invited to attend and participate in some of the events/ceremony.

8. **Veterans Memorial** – Rep. Ron Erhardt and Rep. Paul Rosenthal are co-sponsors of HF0082 in the Minnesota House of Representatives. The bill provides a state grant of \$225,000 to the City of Edina for the purpose of building a Veterans Memorial. Staff will track the bill's progress and testify in support of it, should that be requested by the sponsors.
  
9. **Southdale Center TIF Loan** – I included a note about this item in last week's *Friday Report*, but it bears repeating. Simon Properties has met all the requirements of the TIF loan agreement with the City. Simon invested approximately \$16.2 million into the common areas of the mall. This exceeded the minimum required investment of \$15 million. 113 new full-time-equivalent jobs were created by the new tenants that were attracted by the new improvements. In addition, 220 new full-time-equivalent positions were created with the recent opening of Herberger's. The City has secured the easements for the future water treatment plant and the future transit center. The City has also secured conditional lease rights to the mall's third-floor retail space. The loan agreement requires Simon to reimburse the City for the expenses incurred by the City to create the agreement, which resulted in a final loan agreement of \$4,863,335.77, which was disbursed to Simon prior to Dec. 31, 2012, per our agreement.
  
10. **Name Your Neighborhood** – The City Council will hold a public hearing on the Neighborhood Association Initiative on Tuesday, Jan. 22.
  
11. **9-1-1 Dispatcher Labor Relations** – The City has been directed by the State's Bureau of Mediation Services (BMS) to cease collective bargaining contract negotiations with the 9-1-1 dispatchers bargaining unit. The unit is represented by Local 320 of the Teamsters. The employees in the bargaining unit have petitioned the BMS to supervise an election by the employees as to what union will represent them to the City for the purposes of collective bargaining. Apparently, there is interest in the group in changing representatives from the Teamsters to the Minnesota Public Employees Association. The change can occur if it is approved by a majority vote of the members. We have not been informed of when the vote will occur. When the question of who represents the employees is sorted out, we will resume negotiations. Their contract expired on Dec. 31, 2012.