

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, JAN. 25, 2013
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR JAN. 25, 2013

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- 1. Green Step Cities** – At its final Council meeting of 2012, the Maple Grove City Council approved a resolution for the city to join the Green Step Cities program, making it the 50th city in the program. Edina remains one of only four cities that maintain “Third Step” status, the highest level of recognition in the program. Eagan, St. Anthony and Falcon Heights are the others.
- 2. Special City Council Meeting** – The Council will meet in special closed session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 to conduct my annual performance review. Harry Brull will facilitate the review.
- 3. 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 Assistance Susan Howl.
- 4. Parks Maintenance** – I will host a series of one-on-one meetings with Parks Maintenance Division employees later today to discuss their ideas, suggestions and preferences for whether their division should remain in the Parks & Recreation Department or be shifted into the Public Works Department.
- 5. 2013 Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program** – Bids for our proposed 2013 Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program projects are due on Febr. 25. Bids will be analyzed by staff and presented to the City Council for award on March 11.
- 6. Southdale Rededication** – Simon Properties will host a rededication weekend at the mall 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.
- 7. Swim Club Relations** – Representatives from the Aquajets Swim Club have requested a meeting with Parks & Recreation Director Ann Kattreh, City Attorney Roger Knutson and me to discuss the pool time allocations for the summer. We will meet with the Aquajets to discuss the operational impact of the Jan. 22 Council action on the Edina Swim Club residency requirement prior to finalizing the 2013 summer pool time allocations.
- 8. Aviation Noise Update** – It appears that the soonest the FAA will come back to discuss the imposition of the RNAV-related flight track changes at MSP airport is 2014. Nonetheless, I will attend a formative meeting Feb. 28 of southwest Minneapolis neighborhood representatives who are planning to form an airport advisory committee of some sort. I will report on their plans to the City Council next week.
- 9. Employee Advisory Committee** – Human Resources Director Lisa Schafer is leading a new initiative to increase the level of involvement employees have in their fringe benefit programs. The initiative is to the creation of a new employee committee called the Employee Advisory Committee (EAC). The main function of the EAC is to assist the City in our ongoing analysis and communication of benefit plans and employee policies that best utilize our finite resources to attract and retain high performing employees by providing

feedback to Human Resources and Administration regarding employee benefits and policies and by helping to educate and inform other employees about benefits issues and complexities.

10. Proposed Sales Tax on Clothing – As a city with two major shopping centers and a thriving downtown business district, it would be wise for City Council Members to have some public discussion about whether or not the City has a position on the proposal to extend the sales tax to include clothing. Clothing retailers are going to be strongly opposed to the proposal. It would be good if we could be prepared for the inevitable question of whether or not the City Council supports the proposal.