

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR MAY 17, 2013

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- 1. Closed Session** – Just a reminder that we have scheduled a closed session with the City Council for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, to discuss a potential real estate transaction in the 50th & France business district. The closed session will be held in the Community Room. It will be immediately followed by the Council’s regular work session at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. 2014-2015 City Budget Formation Process** –At the May 21 work session, staff will present Council with the outline of the process and timeline for the 2014-2015 budget formation process. The City is again teaming up with the Citizens League to host three budget-related events called “Financing the Future.” Each workshop will be paired with a fun activity that also highlights City services. The events will be held 2-4 p.m. June 11 at the Edina Senior Center (Edina Bingo); 6-8 p.m. June 13 at Braemar Golf Course (Wine Tasting); and 6-8 p.m. June 19 at the Edina Senior Center (Family Friendly). A report summarizing the feedback from the sessions will be shared with Council during July.
- 3. Development News** – The Planning Commission will consider two large development proposals at its May 22 meeting. The first is the Final Development Plan for the redevelopment of the France Avenue Byerly’s site. The development includes a new 47,119-square-foot Byerly’s store, 21,933 square feet of additional retail and 234 rental apartments. The second development is a proposed 88,974-square-foot addition for a new Emergency and Urgent Care Center at Fairview Southdale Hospital. The addition is proposed on the north side of the building toward Minnesota Highway 62. The City Council will consider both of these proposals at its June 4 meeting.
- 4. Yorktown Park Community Garden** – The ground has been tilled and the fence is up. A grand opening event for the garden is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 20– rain or shine. A big “thank you” goes out to all the Public Works and Parks maintenance employees who helped bring this project from plan to reality in a very short period of time.
- 5. Aquatic Center** – In 2012, we had 11,165 individual season pass holders, which produced 96,832 season pass check-ins. When you combine that total with the 43,077 daily admissions, the Aquatic Center had a total of 139,909 visits in 11 weeks – almost 13,000 visits per week!

The Early Bird discount for the 2013 Aquatic Center season passes ended May 1. We sold a total of 783 season passes.

- 6. Employee News** – Administrative Support staff in the Police Department have transitioned to the electronic timecard system. We are expecting to transition Patrol and Dispatch employees next.

Our new Recreation Supervisor, Eric Boettcher, starts his new job on Monday, May 20. We are interviewing finalists for the both the Transportation Planner and Redevelopment Coordinator positions this week.

City Manager Intern Ari Klugman's last day with us will be Wednesday, May 22. She will begin her new job as an Analyst with Columbia Capital Management in Topeka, Kansas on June 3.

7. **National Police Week** – This week is National Police Week. We hosted a very nice flag raising event at City Hall on Wednesday, May 15, to recognize Peace Officer's Memorial Day.
8. **State Legislative Session** – The Elections Bill Conference Committee has produced its final report that will go back to both chambers for a final up-or-down vote. The bill includes the necessary language we requested to officially adjust the line between Districts 49A and 49B.