

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, AUG. 3, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR AUG. 3, 2012

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- 1. Employee News** –The City’s new Economic Development Manager will be Bill Neuendorf. Bill is currently the Director of Legislative Advocacy with Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) in St. Paul. Prior to his position at TLC, Bill was the Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Morton Grove, Ill. Bill will start his new job with us on Monday, Aug. 27.
- 2. Aug. 6 Work Session** – The work session on Aug. 6 will begin at 5 p.m. with a discussion of the proposed cost and elements of the France Avenue intersection improvement project. At 6 p.m., we will shift the work session to a joint meeting with the Heritage Preservation Board.
- 3. Hornets Nest** – The project started this week at Braemar Arena. Land grading is the first step of the project. The area being excavated has been fenced for safety.
- 4. Aquatic Center** – A substantial watermain break was repaired yesterday by a good team effort of the City’s Parkd & Rec staff, Public Works staff and private construction contractors. The pool was closed all day yesterday, but reopened today.
- 5. Commissioner Callison** – Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison will make a presentation to the City Council at the Aug. 21 meeting to update the Council on City-County issues of mutual concern. She will also stand for questions from the Council.
- 6. Appropriation of 2011 Undesignated Fund Balance** – I had planned to share my recommendation with the Council for appropriating the \$1.6 million undesignated General Fund balance from the 2011 budget at the Aug. 6 meeting. I am still working through some of the details with that recommendation, so I have postponed it to the Council’s Aug. 21 Work Session, which will include a discussion of staff’s plans for the 2013 budget process.
- 7. Braemar Golf Dome** – The consultants who are preparing the plans and specifications for the new Golf Dome have suggested that the project timeline could be accelerated if the City would consider hiring a construction manager. The design consultant recently completed a successful golf dome project in Maple Grove with RJM as construction manager. Parks & Recreation Director John Keprios and I will meet with RJM to discuss their possible involvement in our project.
- 8. Union Negotiations** – The City opened contract negotiations today with our firefighter bargaining unit. Their current contract expires on Dec. 31, 2012.