

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, AUG. 17, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR AUG. 17, 2012

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- 1. Joint Meeting with School Board** – The work session on Aug. 21 will begin at 5 p.m. with a joint meeting with the Edina Board of Education. At 6 p.m., we will shift the work session to a discussion of the process we intend to use this year to create our 2013 operating budgets and capital improvement plans.
- 2. 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. I have alerted her office to prepare to respond to questions about the future of France and York avenues.
- 3. Employee News** – Fire Marshal Tom Jenson will retire on Aug. 31 after 31 years with the Fire Department. Park Maintenance Superintendent Vince Cockriel announced that he will retire Sept. 28. Our new Economic Development Manager, Bill Neuendorf, starts his new job with us on Aug. 27.
- 4. Union Negotiations** – The City will continue its contract negotiations next week with our firefighter bargaining unit (Local 1225). Their current contract expires on Dec. 31, 2012.
- 5. Hornets Nest** – The project continues to move forward. The contractor poured concrete footings this week.
- 6. Edinborough Park** – The tree removal inside Edinborough Park has been completed. Staff are continuing to implement the Council-approved plan for the park.
- 7. September Council Meetings** – Just a reminder that our second meeting in September has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Sept. 19, in order to comply with the City's Public Meetings and Religious Observances Policy.
- 8. Art Center Study** – George Sutton is making good progress on the Art Center study. We are looking for a time in October to schedule a joint meeting of the City Council and the Art Center Board to receive and discuss his final report.
- 9. Cable Franchise** – The respective City Councils of the five member cities of the Southwest Cable Commission have all approved the new franchise agreement with Comcast. The Minnetonka City Council asked the Southwest Cable Commission to develop an interim plan to address the needs of the displaced local programming producers. The Commission's staff counsel is working on that task and will brief the Commission on a plan at a special commission meeting on Sept. 19.