

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, AUG. 31, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR AUG. 31, 2012

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- 1. Budget, Levy and CIP** – The Council is scheduled to set the preliminary tax levy at the Council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4. As you know, the preliminary tax levy serves as the maximum tax levy the City can certify for 2013. The preliminary tax levy is used to compute the preliminary tax notices that are distributed to property taxpayers in mid-November.

I have reviewed the first draft of the proposed Capital Improvements Plan document. I will review it with staff in mid-September and advance it to the Council in October.
- 2. Sept. 4 Work Session** – The Council's Sept. 4 Work Session will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission. The first half of the meeting will focus on an early-stage joint review of the proposed redevelopment of Pentagon Park. The agenda for the second half of the meeting is still under development.
- 3. Hornets Nest** – The value engineering discussions between the City and the contractor have produced approximately \$425,000 in costs savings to the project. Staff will begin to process the deductive change orders. The project continues to move ahead on time and on budget.
- 4. Final Assessment Hearings** – The Council will hold final assessment hearings for street reconstruction projects, delinquent utility bills, nuisance abatement and lake treatments at its Oct. 2 meeting.
- 5. Southdale Apartments** – This project is scheduled to be considered by the City Council for approvals at the its Oct. 16 meeting.
- 6. 6500 France** –The developer for this project will present their sketch plan to the City Council for review at the Sept. 4 meeting. If Council Members need any background information on this site prior to the Council meeting, please let me know.
- 7. Blood Drive Results** – We hosted a blood drive at City Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 22. Memorial Blood Center collected 57 units of whole blood and the 8 units of double red cells that day -- enough to save up to 179 lives. Also, the Edina Police Department currently has 70 votes for Battle of the Badges, which is good enough for first place! Anoka County is in second with 43 and Minneapolis Police has 34.
- 8. Fall Into The Arts Festival** – I have been consulting with staff and the City Attorney to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Edina Crime Prevention Fund concerning the operational responsibilities for the Fall Into The Arts Festival. I provided a draft copy of the MOU to the Crime Fund Board Members and to Ken Rosland earlier this week. If we can reach an agreement on the MOU, it would go into effect in 2013.

9. **Firefighter Union Negotiations** – The City and representatives from Local 1225 met this week to continue contract negotiations. Contract discussions resume next week. Their current contract expires Dec. 31, 2012.

10. **Regional Emmy Award Nominations** – Regional Emmy nominations were announced Aug. 30. We have staff or programs nominated in four categories: Politics/Government – Program: “Agenda: Edina,” Interview/Discussion: “In Edina,” Writer – Short Form: Nathalie Gage, and On-Camera Talent: Performer/Narrator – Nathalie Gage. Emmys will be announced Sept. 29.

11. **Fall Town Hall Meeting** – Staff are working on the preparation activities for the Council’s Fall 2012 Town Hall Meeting. We are looking at a Saturday morning event at the Senior Center on either Nov. 10 or Nov. 17. Susan Howl will contact Council Members to see if these dates can work for your individual schedules.

12. **Labor Day Holiday** – City Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.