

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR APRIL 20, 2012

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- 1. Transportation Recognition** – Mayor Hovland was recognized this week for his extensive work in the field of transportation by the University of Minnesota’s Center for Transportation Studies. The Center recognized the Mayor with its 2012 Distinguished Public Leadership Award at the group’s annual meeting and recognition luncheon at the University of Minnesota’s McNamara Alumni Center. It was a very nice event and a well-earned award.
- 2. Southdale Development Agreement** – Staff and consultants are working with Simon Properties and Metro Transit to finalize the public transit easement. I have been communicating with representatives from both parties. They are both anxious to sit down and work out the details of their agreement. The City will monitor those discussions. I will advise the Council of progress.
- 3. New Commission Chairs** – The Transportation Commission elected Paul Nelson as its new Chairperson and Katherine Bass as the Vice Chair last night. The Energy & Environment Commission has selected Bill Sierks and John Heer as Co-Chairs.
- 4. Speeding Citation Data** – In March 2012, the average speeding citation issued on a City street was 16 mph over the posted limit. The highest violation was 29 mph over the posted limit. For local highways, the average speeding citation was also 16 mph over the posted limit. The highest violation was 38 mph over the posted limit. Total speeding citations issued in March 2012 were 862 compared to 722 in March 2011.
- 5. do.town** – The *do.town* chalkboard has arrived in City Hall. Please encourage people visiting City Hall to share their thoughts on it.
- 6. Golf Revenue** – Total revenues to date are down in the Golf Enterprise are down \$29,943 compared to this week last year. The reason for the drop in revenue is the closure of the Golf Dome, which has produced almost \$200,000 less in 2012 than it did in 2011 YTD. Overall, operations at the golf course are brisk. We have sold 8,892 rounds so far this year compared to 3,357 at this time last year.
- 7. City Facility Wi-Fi** – Our Communications & Technology Services (CTS) Department has been working on a proposal to create a free public wi-fi system at City facilities. We will ask Council to award the contract for the build-out of the system at the May 1 Council meeting.
- 8. Employee News** – Amanda Holle was promoted to the position of Assistant Manager of Edinborough Park. David Knudsen began working for the City on April 9 as the new Centennial Lakes Maintenance Supervisor. Jessica Nikunen also started her new job with the City on April 9 as our new Human Resources Generalist.
- 9. 33rd-Annual Volunteer Recognition Reception** – Please remember that the 33rd-Annual Volunteer Recognition Reception will be held Monday, April 23, at in the Hyde Clubhouse at Braemar Golf Course. The event begins at 5 p.m.

10. MLC Board Meeting – The City of Edina will host the Board of Directors meeting of the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC) on Monday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hughes Pavilion at Centennial Lakes Park. Council Members are welcome to join the group that day. Please RSVP through Executive Assistant Susan Howl.