

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, AUG. 24, 2012  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR AUG. 24, 2012

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- 1. Public Access Studio Solution** – The Managers Committee of the Southwest Cable Commission (SWCC) reached an agreement this week with the Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission (LMCC) to share their public access studio located in Spring Park on an interim basis from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31. During this time, the SWCC will pay the LMCC for studio time used by public access producers who have produced a program during the past twelve months at the current studio in Eden Prairie. The SWCC public access studio closes on August 31. The SWCC will discuss options for long-term public access at its Sept. 19 board meeting.
- 2. 6500 France Ave.** – The proposed medical office building at 6500 France Ave. received a positive sketch plan review by the Planning Commission this week. The project developers will be before the City Council for a sketch plan review at its Sept. 4 meeting.
- 3. Firefighter Union Negotiations** – The City will continue its contract negotiations next week with our firefighter bargaining unit (Local 1225). Talks resume next week. Their current contract expires Dec. 31, 2012.
- 4. Hornets Nest** – The value engineering discussions between the City and the contractor have made notable progress this past week. The deductive change orders discussed with the City Council prior to the award of the contract are moving forward. The City can save an additional \$36,000 by waiving the project's building permit fee. Given that we are experiencing near-record building permits this year, I will be recommending the City Council waive the Hornets Nest building permit fee at the Sept. 4 Council meeting.
- 5. Redesigning MN: Margin of Safety** – Twin Cities Public Television has produced a special program called Redesigning MN: Margin of Safety to highlight the innovative ways in which local governments around the state are meeting the challenges of providing governmental services to a population that is growing older. The program highlights the South Metro Public Safety Training Facility as one innovative response. The program airs this weekend on TPT Channel 2.2 on Sunday at 2 a.m., 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- 6. Speeding Violation Data** – Edina Patrol Officers issued 742 speeding violations in July 2012. That total is down 25 percent from the total issued in July 2011. The average violation exceeded the posted limit on a City street by 15 mph and on a highway by 17 mph. The highest speeding violation on a City street was 56 mph in a 30 mph zone and on a highway was 95 mph in a 55 mph zone.
- 7. 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.

8. **Fiber Project Underway** – The work in the south right-of-way of 50th Street is the contractor hired by the City to install the fiber optic cable to link City Hall with Edina Liquor – 50th & France. The Council approved this project at its Aug. 6 meeting.