



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes - Final

10801 Town Square Dr.
Blaine MN 55449

City Council Workshop

**While this is a public meeting where interested persons are welcome to attend, it is a work session for Council and staff to discuss issues before them. It is not for the purpose of receiving public input.*

Thursday, March 7, 2013

6:30 PM

Cloverleaf Farm Room A

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Meeting Number 13-12

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryan at 6:30 p.m.
Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clark Arneson, City Manager; Thomas Sweeney, City Attorney; Bryan Schafer, Planning Director; Chris Olson, Public Safety Manager/Police Chief; Joe Huss, Finance Director; Jean Keely, City Engineer; Roark Haver, Communications Technician; Jane Cross, City Clerk; and Recording Secretary Linda Dahlquist.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Clark, Councilmember Kolb, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Hovland, and Councilmember Swanson

1 [WS 13-20](#)

HARPERS STREET AREA DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Therres

Attachments: [harpers REGIONAL STORM SYSTEM for dan Layout1 \(1\).pdf](#)
[STREET WIDENING AT 126TH \(1\).pdf](#)
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[Preliminary cost estimate.xlsx](#)

Public Services Manager Therres stated two developers assembled five-acre parcels in the Harpers Street area for subdivision and put together a concept development plan that laid out streets and utilities and main line sanitary sewer and water main to serve the entire area. He noted the undeveloped parcels can connect to the sanitary sewer and water, but not to the regional

storm sewer pipe and ponding. He stated the proposal shows temporary ponding on the individual parcels with an ultimate storm water design utilizing a regional storm water pond. He suggested the City install one half acre regional storm water pond instead of several ponds and the City would be paid back through development charges.

Councilmember Bourke stated he agrees with installing one storm water pond.

Councilmember Herbst asked about lot density. Public Services Manager Therres replied the lots could remain five-acre lots if a one pond storm water area is developed.

Councilmember Hovland asked about the property owners where the pond would be placed. Public Services Manager Therres replied the City would work with the homeowners for the land.

Councilmember Bourke stated he believes one of the property owners will want the pond on their property.

Councilmember Hovland asked about payback timing and what funding would be used. Public Services Manager Therres replied as the development progresses the City will be paid back. He noted funding could come from the Storm Water Fund.

Councilmember Kolb arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Ryan stated he agreed one pond would be most efficient.

Public Services Manager Therres stated part of Harpers Street would need to be no parking. He suggested building parking bump-outs for in front of four homes that have driveways access on Harpers.

Councilmember Herbst asked if Harpers Street could be widened and signals timed. Public Services Manager Therres replied there is no timeline for the road improvements at this time.

Councilmember Hovland asked about the properties that have access to Harpers Street. City Engineer Keely replied the street could be widened and has no parking on the west side of Harpers Street. She noted it is a State Aide Road.

Councilmember Herbst stated the Council should review the costs for expanding Harpers Street.

Council discussion continued on the surrounding developments around Harpers Street and how the developments' streets connect and how trails would be incorporated.

Discussed

2 [WS 13-21](#)**CLUB WEST 14th RE-DESIGN (HEDBERG HOMES)****Sponsors:** Schafer**Attachments:** [Project Drawings.pdf](#)

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated Hedberg Homes has an interest in buying the vacant property in Club West to build 14 small lot, detached townhomes. He noted Hedberg Homes have communicated with both the master and neighborhood homeowner's association and they have indicated support for the proposed project. He stated the homes would be part of the master Club West Association, but separate for their development responsibilities of private street, lawns, driveways, etc.

Councilmember Bourke asked about the existing associations in the development. Public Services Manager Therres stated there are several associations in Club West.

Councilmember Swanson questioned the loss of density with the association. Public Services Manager Therres replied the association is all right with lower density, which offers homeowners better pond views.

Discussed3 [WS 13-22](#)**PROPOSED CHANGE TO UTILITY BILLING
PROCEDURE****Sponsors:** Huss**Removed Prior to Meeting****Other Business****Mud Games**

City Manager Arneson stated a group is looking to hold mud games in June on the Gun Club's property. He stated they expect to have 3,000 to 5,000 people attend. He stated parking would be on the property that is owned by CSM and people would be shuttled to the game site. The group has an agreement with CSM.

Mayor Ryan commented that Port-A-Potties would have to be brought in for restrooms.

Councilmember Kolb stated she would support this event for this year and see how the event goes. She also suggested that the event put a retainer up front

for any issues that might arise. Public Services Manager Therres stated the organization plans to bring in bands and serve alcohol.

City Manager Arneson stated the sponsors are from Bebop's. Public Services Manager Therres stated the plan has been built by City staff.

Council discussion on the services needed to support this event. The Council is requesting the sponsors come to near future Workshop.

Street Utility Districts

City Manager Arneson stated there is a bill in the legislature that would allow cities to assess residents for street utilities.

Council discussion on the advantages and consensus is the bill would give cities an option.

School Liaison Officer

City Manager Arneson stated the Council had requested total costs for a School Liaison and if the Police Department would be hiring.

Chief Olson stated the cost for a veteran officer stationed at the school for 9 months is estimated to be \$23,000 for the first year, second year \$18,600 and third year \$20,000.

Councilmember Swanson stated he wants an extra traffic patrol during the summer months.

Councilmember Clark arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Councilmember Kolb stated a plan needs to be developed for school liaisons.

Councilmember Herbst stated this 3-year plan will cost \$60,000. He is concerned that all schools will request a liaison.

Councilmember Bourke asked what the four current school liaisons due during the summer months. Chief Olson replied the four liaisons work investigations and the drug taskforce in the summer months. He stated the additional liaison could work traffic.

Councilmember Herbst commented the patrol cars are traded every year and asked if the car could be traded every two years. Police Chief Olson replied the patrol cars are traded every two years.

Councilmember Herbst asked if Blaine Public Safety Association could donate funds for the liaison program.

Councilmember Clark stated he is concerned about the gaps in the City's budget. City Manager Arneson stated the City's budget ended positive for 2012 and the funds will be moved to the 2013 budget. He noted the Police Department is down by one officer for the 2013 budget.

Councilmember Swanson asked for when a decision needs to be made. Police Chief Olson replied before the school year starts in September.

Council discussion on having surrounding cities provide school security.
Council discussion on Blaine's officer working in neighboring cities and vice versa.

ADJOURN

The Workshop adjourned at 7:30 p.m.