



**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, January 2, 2014

6:30 PM

Cloverleaf Farm Room A

Meeting Number 14-01

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; Joe Huss, Finance Director; Ward Brown, Budget/Fiscal Analyst; Chris Olson, Police Chief/Safety Services Manager; Jean Keely, City Engineer; Roark Haver, Communications Technician; and Jane Cross, City Clerk, Recording Secretary Linda Dahlquist.

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

1. [WS 14-01](#)**DISCUSSION ON EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ON BALTIMORE STREET ADJACENT TO OLE PIPER
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Sponsors: Therres

Attachments: [Baltimore Street Parking Memo & Map.pdf](#)

City Engineer Keely stated Baltimore Street was reconstructed in the fall of 2013 with the prohibition of on-street parking since 1984. She stated prior to the reconstruction, vehicles were parking off the pavement on expanded gravel shoulders. She stated staff recommends an 8-foot wide paved shoulder be installed if Council considers allowing parking. She commented work would be required to the ditches in order to create flat areas for parking. She stated an estimated cost for the work is up to \$15,000 and a funding source would need to be identified.

Councilmember Bourke asked if the property is zoned commercial or retail. City Engineer Keely stated the property to the east and south of Ole Piper Inn are zoned industrial. Ole Piper Inn property is zoned Commercial. Councilmember Bourke commented there should be a parking exemption.

Councilmember Herbst commented the parking was taken away with the reconstruction. He noted parking is needed for holidays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Councilmember Kolb asked what happens to the drainage if the road is redone to include parking. City Engineer Keely stated the ditch section would be narrowed and erosion control measures would have to be done until turf is established.

Mayor Ryan stated the parking restrictions were lower when the development was first constructed.

Councilmember Herbst stated parking is needed in that area.

Councilmember Clark arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Councilmember Bourke stated he is in favor of allowing parking.

Councilmember Swanson stated he would be in favor of parking on holidays, Saturdays and Sundays, but not during the weekdays.

Mayor Ryan stated that the property owner could purchase the adjacent parcel to the south and create additional parking to fix the issue.

Councilmember Herbst suggested funding from the Pavement Management Program. He stated the property owner has already paid for the road assessments.

Councilmember Bourke commented the City changed the road design without talking to the property owners.

Councilmember Clark asked if the work could be postponed to 2015.

Councilmember Swanson suggested bagging the no parking signs on holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Councilmember Clark suggested adding parking during weekdays after 6:00 p.m.

Police Chief Olson suggested resigning for parking.

City Manager Arneson stated the signs will be bagged on holidays and weekends by the police department until the resolution can be changed by Council.

Discussed

2. [WS 14-02](#)**DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem (Councilmember Hovland 2013).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointment of Councilmember Bourke as 2014 Mayor Pro Tem.

Appointment of President and Vice President of Blaine EDA (Mayor Ryan and Councilmember Hovland Respectively 2013 Appointees).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointments of Mayor Ryan and Councilmember Bourke as 2014 President and Vice President of Blaine EDA.

Appointments to the Senior Citizen Advisory Council (Mayor Ryan and Councilmember Swanson 2013 Liaisons).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointments for the Senior Citizen Advisory Council are Mayor Ryan and Councilmember Swanson 2014 Liaisons.

Appointments of Liaison to the Natural Resources Conservation Board (Councilmembers Clark, Kolb, and Swanson 2013 Liaisons).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointments of liaison to the Natural Resource Conservation Board are Councilmembers Clark, Kolb, and Swanson 2014 Liaisons.

Appointments of Liaison to the Special Board of Review - 1 per Council District (Councilmembers Swanson, Bourke, and Herbst 2013 Liaisons).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointments of liaison to the Special Board of Review - 1 per Council District are Councilmembers Hovland, Clark, and Kolb 2014 Liaisons.

Appointment of Liaison to the Coon Creek Watershed Board (Councilmember Hovland 2013 Liaison).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointment of liaison to the Coon Creek Watershed Board is Councilmember Hovland 2014 Liaison.

Appointment of Liaison to the Rice Creek Watershed Board (Councilmember Herbst 2013 Liaison).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointment of liaison to the Rice Creek Watershed Board is Councilmember Herbst 2014 Liaison.

Appointments of Liaison to Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council (Mayor Ryan and Police Chief Olson 2013 Liaisons).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointments of liaison to Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council are Mayor Ryan and Police Chief Olson 2014 Liaisons.

Appointments of Liaison to Anoka County Board of Commissioners.

(Councilmembers Herbst, Bourke, Hovland 2013 Liaisons).

Mayor Ryan announced there will be no liaison appointments for 2014 to the Anoka County Board.

Appointments of Liaison to Anoka County - Blaine Airport Advisory Committee (Mayor Ryan and City Manager Clark Arneson 2013 Liaisons).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointments of liaisons to Anoka County - Blaine Airport Advisory Committee are Mayor Ryan and City Manager Clark Arneson 2014 Liaisons.

Appointment of Liaison to the Fogerty Arena Board of Directors (Councilmember Clark 2013 Liaison).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointment of liaison to the Fogerty Arena Board of Directors is Councilmember Clark 2014 Liaison.

Mayor Ryan suggested not having a liaison on the board.

Council had a discussion on having a Councilmember as a liaison on the Fogerty Arena Board.

Councilmember Kolb suggested Councilmember Clark participate as a citizen instead of as a liaison.

Councilmember Swanson commented the City should not be plowing Gabe's parking lot.

City Attorney Sweeney stated the lease requires a City Councilmember to serve on the Board in the public interest. He noted that the lease can be amended to remove the requirement.

Councilmember Hovland asked about the zoning. Planning Director Schafer replied the property has split zoning of park and planned commercial.

Councilmember Swanson stated he agrees with reappointing Councilmember Clark for 2014. He commented Gabe's should find a snowplow company.

Councilmember Clark stated he enjoys participating on the Board and sees the liaison position as a benefit to the City.

Appointment of Liaison to the North Metro Telecommunications Commission (Councilmembers Swanson and Herbst 2013 Liaison).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointment of liaison to the North Metro Telecommunications Commission is Councilmembers Swanson and Herbst 2014 Liaison.

Appointment of Liaison to the Spring Lake Park Firefighters Relief

Association Board of Trustees (Councilmember Swanson and Herbst 2013 Liaison).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointment of liaison to the Spring Lake Park Firefighters Relief Association Board of Trustees is Councilmembers Swanson and Herbst 2014 Liaison.

Appointments of Liaison for the 35W Corridor Coalition (Councilmember Swanson and City Manager Arneson 2013 Liaisons, Councilmember Hovland - Alternate).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointments of liaison for the 35W Corridor Coalition are Councilmember Swanson and City Manager Arneson 2014 Liaisons, and Councilmember Herbst - Alternate.

Appointments of Member and Alternate to NorthStar Corridor Development Authority (Mayor Ryan and City Manager Arneson - Alternate 2013 Liaisons).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointments of Member and Alternate to NorthStar Corridor Development Authority are Mayor Ryan and City Manager Arneson - Alternate 2014 Liaisons.

Appointment of Liaison for the Twin Cities Gateway (Councilmember Swanson 2013 Liaison).

Mayor Ryan announced the appointment of liaison for the Twin Cities Gateway is Councilmember Swanson 2014 Liaison.

Discussed

3. [WS 14-03](#)

**ON STREET WINTER PARKING REQUEST FROM
ROYAL OAKS APARTMENTS
(241-249-251 99TH AVENUE)**

Sponsors: Therres

Attachments: [Parking Request Ltr.pdf](#)
[99TH PARKING REQUEST](#)

City Engineer Keely stated Royal Oaks Apartments are short 20 stalls of parking and they are asking for permission to park on the street. She stated the road is wide enough to allow parking and the Public Works Department could plow around the vehicles parked on 99th Avenue adjacent to the apartment complex. It would be up to the apartment complex to clear snow in the parking lane on the north side of 99th Avenue.

Councilmember Clark commented the on street parking is a temporary short-term solution. He suggested the owners buy additional land for parking when the property around the apartments goes on the market.

Discussed

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None.

ADJOURN

The Workshop adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Adjourned