



# 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.*

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Thursday, June 21, 2012

6:30 PM

Cloverleaf Farm Room A

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Meeting Number 12-38

### NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

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

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

**Present:** 6 - Councilmember Kolb, Councilmember Bourke, Councilmember Herbst, Mayor Ryan, Councilmember Hovland, and Councilmember Swanson

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Clark

1. [WS 12-32](#)

### **DISCUSSION ON IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS ON DAVEPORT STREET**

**Sponsors:** Therres

**Attachments:** [Davenport location map](#)

Public Services Manager Therres stated as part of the Davenport improvements, the National Sports Center (NSC) is proposed to be assessed for the partial reconstruction. The City has the right to assess NSC; however the NSC has the ability to tell the City how much of the assessment they will pay and will seek funds from the State Legislature through a bonding bill. He stated the Pavement Management Program has the funds to cover NSC's assessment amount as Davenport is part of the MSA road system and will receive funds from the State. He stated staff is seeking direction from the Council to continue or postpone the project. He referred to a letter sent to the City from the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC).

Councilmember Swanson stated he has a problem with the City paying for NSC's assessment. He would like to wait one year for the project.

Councilmember Bourke stated he has talked with the other property owners and they feel it is not a fair deal. He suggested waiting for one year and the project could be combined with the 105th project.

Councilmember Herbst stated the project should wait for one year, so the MSAC could seek funds from the legislature. He stated the facility is a big contributor to the wear and tear on the road.

Mayor Ryan stated he does not disagree with the Council's comments. He stated Kohl's, Target and Menards do not say anything and pay the assessment, but the City cannot afford to carry the NSC anymore.

Councilmember Kolb stated MSAC doesn't pay taxes and it angers the other business owners. She stated with the MSAC seeking funding from the legislature is a step in the right direction.

Councilmember Bourke stated the facility is a huge asset to the community and if they had more time a more complete project could be planned.

Councilmember Kolb stated this road feeds the facility and need this road as the other businesses. She commented the facility has operated in the black for years and they should figure a way to pay their share of the cost.

Mayor Ryan asked about previous work and assessments on the road. Public Services Manager Therres replied road work was done in 1990, 1991, and 2005 and the City paid or worked out deals with the facility.

Councilmember Bourke asked if the road could be patched to keep in driving condition.

City Manager Arneson asked if formal action is needed in the Council meeting. Public Services Manager Therres replied the City has until this fall for action. City Engineer Keely stated the Council would need to revise the resolution that ordered the improvements to allow more time for award of a contract. She stated staff will research if another public hearing would be needed.

**Discussed**

2. [WS 12-33](#)

**DISCUSSION ON TURNBACK OF 105TH AVENUE**

**Sponsors:** Therres

**Attachments:** [WS.2 11-11.Exhibit 5.Assessment Map.pdf](#)  
[WS2.11-11 Exhibit 1.Map.pdf](#)  
[WS2.11-11.105th Ave.Map.pdf](#)  
[WS2.11-11.MASC Letter June 2012.pdf](#)

Public Services Manager Therres stated the discussion of turning back the section of 105th Avenue from Highway 65 to Radisson Road to the City took place at meeting between the City Council and the Anoka County Commissioners. He stated some issues to consider with the turn back include: the condition of the roadway (20 years old), road design for future development, financing of future improvements and the National Sports Center's role in future improvements. He stated the NSC has 50% of the frontage and an agreement should be made with the NSC before road work is planned.

Councilmember Bourke asked for a project costs estimate. Public Services Manager Therres stated at a minimum of \$1.1 million.

City Manager Arneson stated a meeting was held today for the new league baseball analysis for project feasibility. He stated the analysis results should be available in September.

Councilmember Swanson stated a pedestrian walkway needs to be installed. He suggested an overpass.

Public Services Manager Therres stated the City wants the County to designate the road as a CSAH before it is given to the City and then it can start drawing needs. He stated currently the road is a County Road.

Councilmember Kolb suggested blocking off the road in order to create a plaza with access on both sides but the middle would be a plaza. Public Services Manager Therres replied residents could go around to 109th. Council discussion took place on this option and other options.

**Discussed**

## **OTHER**

### **Twin Cities Gateway Community Funds**

City Manager Arneson stated the City is a member of the Convention & Visitors Bureau along with eight other cities. He stated every year the bureau gives each community based on their share of revenues generated within the community a portion of funds from a room tax from hotels. He stated this year the City will receive \$7,300 for the City to use on community events in 2012. He stated staff recommends using \$5,000 for the Blazin 4th and \$2,300 for the World Fest. He stated a motion will be needed at the Council meeting tonight.

Councilmember Kolb arrived at 6:37 p.m.

**TPC Tent**

City Manager Arneson stated he contacted the County about sharing a tent at the TPC. He stated there were three issues that were raised:

1. The County wants to meet with the City to finalize plans.
2. The County will program their activities in the morning before 11:30 am.
3. The County will not change their invitation to their businesses or alter their guest list.

City Manager Arneson stated the County agrees to treat the City as an equal partner with the tent and asked the Council for direction on sharing one tent or having a separate tent.

Councilmember Swanson requested wall space for the City to use for displays.

The consensus of the Council was to share one tent with the County.

**National Sports Center**

Kris Bjorkness National Sports Center (NSC), stated the USA Cup has over 900 registered with 68 teams, the new building's grand opening is tentatively scheduled for July 18, the Joyful Life concert was a success with approximately 16,000 people in attendance, and the pro-soccer team is third place in the league.

Councilmember Bourke asked about hotel accommodations for the USA Cup. Kris replied the NSC knows where the teams are staying.

**ADJOURN**

The Workshop adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Adjourned**