



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, November 14, 2013

6:30 PM

Cloverleaf Farm Room A

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

Meeting Number 13-57

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; Bob Therres, Public Services Manager; Joe Huss, Finance Director; Chris Olson, Police Chief/Safety Services Manager; Jean Keely, City Engineer; Al Thorp, Senior Engineering Tech; and Jane Cross, City Clerk, Recording Secretary Linda Dahlquist.

Present: 4 - Councilmember Clark, Councilmember Herbst, Mayor Ryan, and Councilmember Swanson

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Kolb, Councilmember Bourke, and Councilmember Hovland

1. [WS 13-69](#)

TRAFFIC STUDY UPDATE ASPEN LAKE DRIVE AND 116TH AVENUE

Sponsors: Therres

Attachments: [Traffic Counts Location Map.pdf](#)
[Traffic Counts Aspen Dr @ 116th Ave-2008.pdf](#)
[Traffic Counts Aspen Dr @ 116th Ave-2013.pdf](#)
[Traffic Counts Vicinity Map.pdf](#)

Public Services Manager Therres stated staff received a petition in September 2007 to evaluate speeding and traffic volumes on 116th Avenue between Radisson Road and Yancy Court. He stated two traffic studies were conducted and the data taken determined the volume and speed to be reasonable. He stated as a final step to the studies, the Police Department placed a traffic patrol detail on the 116th Avenue block that resulted in no citations issued. He stated in the spring of 2011 the City asked Anoka County to review the intersection of 116th Avenue and Radisson Road (CSAH 52) and found all aspects of the intersection were within acceptable tolerance. He

stated in May 2013, the City received a petition for Aspen Lake Drive and 116th Avenue stating concern with the volume of traffic utilizing the two streets to access Radisson Road and the surrounding neighborhoods. He stated traffic options were presented to Council at a Workshop on July 18 and staff was instructed to meet with Anoka County to discuss the Radisson Road/116th Avenue intersection and post a "No Trucks" sign on 116th Avenue. He gave an overview of eight activities the City has done ending with the Council requesting an additional "No Trucks" signs to be placed on Radisson Road which requires authorization from Anoka County.

Councilmember Herbst suggested installing a speed hump on 116th Avenue. Public Services Manager Therres replied speed is not a factor.

Mayor Ryan stated he is concerned for the school buses driving across from Arnold Palmer Drive to 116th Avenue. He suggested closing the median on Radisson or making 116th Avenue a right turn in and right turn out only.

Public Services Manager Therres commented that the County provided information that there have been four accidents at the intersection over three years.

Councilmember Herbst suggested the residents talk to their County Commissioner Robin West.

Councilmember Swanson asked if the County will agree to add No Truck signs. Public Services Manager Therres replied the City would be required to dedicate Lakes Parkway as a truck route.

Mayor Ryan said that the City needs to talk to the rest of the residents in the area if changes are proposed.

Councilmember Herbst told the residents that they should petition for speed humps and talk to their County Commissioner. There would be assessments with a pork chop construction at 116th Avenue and Radisson Road.

Councilmember Clark summarized staff actions to improve the signage on 116th Avenue for no trucks turning on to Aspen; improve signage on Radisson designating the truck route to Lakes Parkway; notify residents that a petition is needed if they want speed humps installed; staff to estimate the cost of a right in right out onto Radisson Road from 116th Avenue and provide options on how expense would be paid. He asked staff to set a community meeting.

Discussed

CHARITABLE GAMBLING

Sponsors: Huss

Attachments: [2014 Proposed Charitable Gambling Fund Budget](#)

Finance Director Huss stated a preliminary projection of the 2013 charitable gambling contribution revenue is \$27,000 more than the budgeted amount. He stated staff is recommending a \$20,000 increase in the budget for Charitable Gambling Fund.

Council consensus of giving funds to the food shelf at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Council consensus to not fund Creating Community.

Council discussion on giving funds to the Civil Air Patrol. It was noted that the Police Department uses the Civil Air Patrol for search and rescue cases.

Finance Director Huss noted pay outs are in April.

Discussed

3. [WS 13-70](#)

2014 CAPITAL FUND BUDGET

Sponsors: Huss

Attachments: [2014 Proposed Capital Equipment Budget](#)

Finance Director Huss gave an overview of the proposed 2014 Capital Budget and the 2014-18 Capital Budget Plan. He noted that funding for capital items will come from the issuance of a certificate of indebtedness.

Council discussion on the Police Department's Long Gun. Police Chief Olson stated the Long Guns in the squad cars are 15 years old, are no longer manufactured and it is difficult to get replacement parts. Council discussion on Long Guns and ammunition. Council consensus to fund the purchase of Long Guns half in 2014 and half in 2015.

Councilmember Clark asked how much the debt payment would be in 2014-15. Finance Director Huss replied around \$225,000 to \$250,000.

Mayor Ryan left the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m. Mayor Ryan left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Councilmember Clark asked staff for a 5-year capital plan.

Discussed

4. [WS 13-62](#)

**POLICY DISCUSSION ON RECREATION FEES AND
DISCUSSION ON PARK DEDICATION FEE ALLOCATION**

Sponsors: Therres

Public Services Manager Therres stated staff is recommending the City institute resident/non-resident fees for recreation programs; charging non-profit organizations for use of park facilities; and changing future park dedication fees allocations.

Council consensus to institute resident/non-resident fees for recreation programs.

Council discussion to charge non-profit organizations to use park facilities.
Council discussion on Lexington Baseball Complex facilities use.
Councilmember Clark stated he would like to give the Athletic Associations a year before instituting a fee increase.

Public Services Manager Therres stated the Lexington Athletic Complex is the last City Park to be built which is pushing the reevaluation of the park dedication fee allocation.

Finance Director Huss stated that under the current funding formula the Park Fund receives 65% of park dedication fees collected from residential development and 100% of park dedication fees collected from commercial/industrial development and the Open Space and Trails Fund receives 35% of the fees collected from residential development. He noted the park dedication fees can only be used for development purposes in the parks and open spaces. He commented that, based on current plans, the funds are needed in the Park Fund more than the Open Space Fund.

Discussed

ADJOURN

The Workshop adjourned at 8:00 p.m.