



City of Blaine
Anoka County, Minnesota
Minutes - Final
City Council Workshop

Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Sq Dr NE
Blaine, MN 55449

Thursday, September 14, 2017

6:30 PM

Cloverleaf Farm Room A

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

1 Call to Order

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

2 Roll Call

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Clark Arneson; Planning and Community Development Director Bryan Schafer; Interim Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Dan Szykulski; Finance Director Joe Huss; Public Services Manager/Assistant City Manager Bob Therres; City Attorney Patrick Sweeney; Fire Chief Charlie Smith; Communications Technician Roark Haver; and Administration Technician Lisa Derr.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Hovland, Councilmember Clark, Councilmember King, Councilmember Garvais, Councilmember Jeppson, Mayor Ryan, and Councilmember Swanson

3 New Business

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2018 PROPOSED CAPITAL FUND BUDGET

Finance Director Huss distributed a first draft of the Proposed 2018 Capital Budget to the Council for review and consideration. He explained that capital requests have been submitted and Finance is compiling these requests and integrating them into the five-year Capital Budget Plan. Staff reviewed the information and requests in detail with Council and requested feedback on the Capital Fund Budget.

Councilmember Hovland stated he was in favor of the Council further discussing the City's computer/ technology and emergency needs. Finance Director Huss reported the City had \$100,000 set aside to further study these items.

Further discussion ensued regarding the City's vehicle replacement plan.

Councilmember Clark stated he was in favor of the City bonding for the quint fire

truck. Mayor Ryan agreed.

Finance Director Huss stated he would be helping the Council to make the best financial decision with regard to the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department quint purchase. He noted this vehicle would be phased in over the next five years.

Mayor Ryan asked if the member cities were viewing this truck purchase for just the City of Blaine. Fire Chief Smith stated the member cities understood that Blaine was growing but also understood the role of the fire truck within the SBM organization. He spoke further to the Council on the fire truck expenditures being planned for the next 20 years. He commented on the department's need for a training facility and anticipated if the City were to create its own facility it could be leased to neighboring jurisdictions.

Councilmember Clark suggested the Fire Chief speak with Anoka County in order to coordinate efforts for the training facility. Fire Chief Smith stated this would be an ideal way to move forward.

Councilmember Hovland questioned if the Fire Department had property identified for a training facility. Fire Chief Smith explained that the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) had property available that may work for a training facility.

Public Services Manager/Assistant City Manager Therres commented on the City's air conditioning units and noted one unit on City Hall was in need of replacement.

Finance Director Huss reported the City would finish 2017 with a healthy reserve which could be used to assist with the 2018 General Fund.

Councilmember Clark indicated he would like some of the storm repair revenue placed in reserve for operational expenses in 2018. He explained he would like to avoid using debt if cash could be used for PMP projects.

Mayor Ryan commented on the hospital funds the City would receive once the hospital district was completely dissolved.

Councilmember King questioned if staff could adjust the budget to eliminate the issuance of debt in the coming year. City Manager Arneson anticipated this adjustment could be made.

Mayor Ryan suggested staff explore outside funding sources for the Miracle Field.

Discussed and direction provided to staff.

Other Business

Councilmember Clark asked if staff was looking into further traffic relief for Davenport Street. City Manager Arneson stated they were but noted it was difficult given the short stacking distance between Davenport Street and Highway 65. He said he anticipated delays would continue for the next several weeks until the work was completed for the season.

Mayor Ryan explained Harley Davidson would be requesting an address change.

Councilmember Jeppson questioned when the Council would be addressing the landscaping surround the wetland sanctuary. Public Services Manager/Assistant City Manager Therres reported staff will be gathering estimates but anticipated this would not be reviewed by the Council until October. He said he anticipated the plantings would not be put into the ground this fall but rather next spring of 2018.

City Manager Arneson provided the Council with an update on Hastings Street, noting the City was still holding the final payment from the contractor.

Discussed.

ADJOURN

The Workshop was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.