

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Special Worksession

April 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Fred Wroge; Sue Sandahl (arrived at 5:36 p.m.); Pat Elliott; and Tom Fitzhenry.

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Mike Eastling, Public Works Director; Chris Regis, Finance Manager; Chris Link, Street Maintenance/Supervisor; Kristin Asher, City Engineer; and Cheryl Krumholz, Recording Secretary.

Item # 1

DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY STREET AND SIDEWALK CONDITION AND RECONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING REVIEW OF FRANCHISE FEES (COUNCIL MEMO NO. 47)

Public Works Director Eastling, City Engineer Asher and Street Maintenance/Supervisor Link made a presentation (Clerk File No. 460) and updated the City Council on the following:

- Review of condition of City streets and sidewalks
- Review of Franchise Fees as a tool for funding street maintenance and forestry operations
- Timing and funding street reconstruction
- Alternative funding sources for street maintenance and reconstruction

Public Works Director Eastling stated the deficient condition of the Hennepin County roads (66th Street, Portland Avenue, Penn Avenue and Nicollet Avenue) is being brought to Hennepin County's attention.

Council Member Wroge stated he would not support assessing adjacent property owners for reconstruction of streets because streets are used by everyone.

Public Works Director Eastling discussed the Street Reconstruction Bond.

Mayor Goettel stated the City should financially plan for future street reconstruction so a portion of the funds is available and not completely bonded.

City Manager Devich said the best dollar spent is continuing the extension of the life of the streets.

Council Member Elliott stated there should be a mechanism to ensure that the funding reserved for streets remains for streets and not used for another crisis or a future City Council changes its use.

Council Member Fitzhenry expressed concern that federal funding may be decreasing.

The City Council consensus was to not use special assessments but a city-wide bonding for funding.

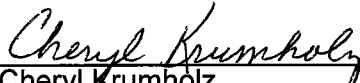
Mayor Goettel stated the City plowing the County roads in Richfield should be discussed.


City Engineer Asher explained an agreement could be negotiated with Hennepin County being invoiced for City services.

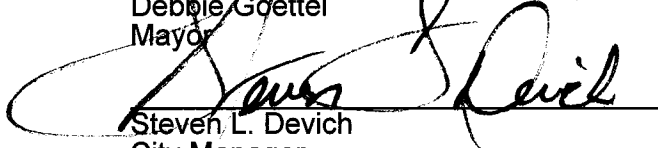
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:45 p.m.

Date Approved: May 10, 2011


Cheryl Krumholz
Recording Secretary


Debbie Goettel
Mayor


Steven L. Devich
City Manager