

## **SPECIAL WORKSESSION MINUTES**

July 29, 2003

Council Present: *S. Cherney, C. Crichton, T. Daly, E. Kautz, and L. Workman*  
Council Absent: *None*  
Staff Present: *C. Ebeling, T. Hansen, D. Hall, G. Harker, D. Mulso, S. Olesen, S. O'Malley, K. Strey, J. Hansen, J. Ryan, J. Tschumper*  
Others Present: *J. Gessner*

### **ITEM 1. RECREATION ENTERPRISE PERFORMANCE**

T. Hansen went over the purpose of the meeting which is to update the Council on Recreation Enterprise Funds performance – Birnamwood Golf Course, Ice Center, and Skate Park.

G. Harker stated that a financial report on the facilities will be distributed at the end of the discussion. He reviewed the following:

- Birnamwood Golf Course Historical Information
- Birnamwood Financial Information
- Golf Course Business Plan

Council discussed the following items:

- Number of Rounds/Effective Days
- Senior play, youth play, others breakdown
- Leagues and percentage of revenue
- Capacity target of the course – business plan
  - Council requested that staff find out if there are capacity models
- Comparison to three other City-owned courses
- Users impact on maintenance of course
- Increase of youth and senior fees
  - Council supportive of evaluating these fees as part of the Budget process

G. Harker presented information on the Ice Center:

- Ice Center Historical Information
- Ice Center Financial Information
- Ice Center Business Plan

Council discussed the following items:

- Non-skating related venues at the Ice Center
- Useful life of compressor – maintenance program
- Retaining customers – what is being done?
  - Excellent staffing makes a difference
- Capacity – Skate Club use
- Ice Rinks Owned Generally by Cities – not privately

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G. Harker went over the Skate Park information:

- Skate Park Historical Information
- Skate Park Financial Information
- Skate Park Business Plan
  - The future of the Skate Board park will be reviewed after the close of the 2003 season

The take away message:

- Provide excellent recreation opportunities
- Excluding debt service operations are in black
- Continue to provide skating opportunities for youth

### **ITEM 2. FINANCIAL POLICY REVIEW – EXPENDITURE CUTS & 2003 DECISIONS**

S. O'Malley gave some background on the Financial Policy Review. He presented the following:

- Key messages
- Financial Management End
- Continuum of Options
- 2003 Budget Year to Date
- Proposed 2003 Budget Changes to absorb loss of state aid

T. Hansen reviewed the Employee FTE Reductions 2002-2003. Council discussed the following items:

- Reductions in Police overtime
- Seasonal/Police Cadet Cuts – FTE's
  - Number of employees cut – 27 approximately
  - Impact of no life guards
  - Council requested information on the impact of employee reductions (Worksession or Annual Review of Ends & Outcomes)
- Union Contract status
- Depreciation Reserves
- Sales of City Property goes into Parks Capital Fund

S. O'Malley went over the following:

- 2004 Budgetary Challenge
- 2003 Adopted Property Tax, \$20.7M
- 2004 Levy Savings Options or New Revenue
- Projected Debt Service Levies 2003-2008
- Financial Policy Timeline

### **ITEM 3. REVIEW OF COUNCIL/MANAGER ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS**

C. Ebeling asked the Council how the process of their one-on-one sessions is working. Council was very supportive of the process and stated that it was working well (i.e. increased communications). C. Ebeling said they will continue the process.

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### **ITEM 4. MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Meetings on Tuesday: Council was supportive maintaining their present Council meeting schedule of regular meetings on Monday and the Governance and Worksession meetings on Tuesday.

Change of Special Meeting & Audit Report to 8/18: C. Ebeling asked the Council if they would be supportive moving the Special Audit meeting and report from August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed with the change.

Arson Cases: C. Ebeling updated the Council on the status of the arson cases – Grace United Methodist Church and Uptown Landings.

Update on Amphitheater Lawsuit: C. Ebeling advised the Council that the Court of Appeals had ruled in favor of Bloomington in the Amphitheater lawsuit.

Councilmember Cherney talked about the “Conceal and Carry” training he attended and shared his perspective on the policy regarding PUD proposals in aging industrial portions of the City that was adopted at the preceding Governance meeting.

Councilmember Daly shared her concerns regarding the “Conceal and Carry” legislation and the fact that the Council couldn’t help the youth at THE GARAGE with their request to ban guns in their facility. She asked for Council’s support to move forward with lobbying to recind the legislation. Council was supportive of addressing this issue. Council requested a copy of the law to familiarize themselves on its content and then will invite our legislators to meet with them. The law will be emailed to the Council tomorrow and discussion scheduled at the August Worksession.

C. Ebeling advised the Council that they will be considering a contingent purchase agreement with Henry’s Orchard Garden Country Club at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan P. Olesen, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Burnsville this 4th day of August 2003.

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Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor