

WORKSESSION MINUTES

October 14, 2003

Council Present: *S. Cherney, C. Crichton, T. Daly, E. Kautz, and L. Workman*
Council Absent: *None*
Staff Present: *C. Ebeling, S. Olesen, R. Oppelt, M. Rasmussen*
Others Present: *J. Gessner, D. Van Helden, M. Linvill, J. Marchessault*

ITEM 1. 2004 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

City Manager Ebeling gave background on the Legislative items that have been identified and advised the Council that he is serving on the MLC Committee. He said he wanted to review the draft in preparation for a meeting with our legislators in November.

Council discussed the following items:

- Local options sales tax
 - Crichton more receptive to a County or Metro sales tax than a City tax
 - Council not supportive as written
- Working with lobbyists to monitor legislation
 - Cherney suggested that one staff member be delegated to oversee
- Cherney suggested that a priority be added to legislate less control by the Met Council
 - Met Council should not be involved in zoning

Council reviewed the agenda. Council supported item 7 as amended to state as long as the City sales tax doesn't unfairly burden our businesses. Council supported items 1-6 as written.

ITEM 2. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Workman:

- Received a call from a David Brown who shared a concept of including cultural diversity in community celebrations
- Shared a news article she received that was in the *Edina Sun- Current* "Moment of political honesty deserves applause"

Mayor Kautz

- Advised the Council that the City has received a grant in the amount of \$87,387 for overtime regarding Homeland Security
 - Council requested a report on the status of the Citizens Corp

Sue Olesen asked the Council if they would like a tour of the Heart of the City area. Council was supportive of touring around Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Daly referenced a letter from the Vista View neighborhood expressing concerns regarding traffic. Staff will follow-up and report back to the Council. Staff is also working on a complaint regarding parking on the street between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

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ITEM 3. JOINT MEETING W/CHAMBER REPRESENTATIVES RE: EGC

J. Tschumper reviewed the proposed resolution to continue the Economic Growth Committee.

Councilmember Crichton suggested that the proposed resolution be revised to eliminate the Chamber appointments and shared other proposed amendments. He was open to having Chamber ex-officio members. His suggestions were discussed and also the membership.

J. Marchessault shared his thoughts:

- EGC members do report back to the Chamber
 - All members are interested Redevelopment
 - EGC fosters good communication between the City and Chamber
- Chamber members do make decisions utilizing the input of the EGC

D. Van Helden talked about the partnership and gave the Chambers perspective. The interaction of the past Chamber Boards and Presidents with the EGC was discussed. The Chamber members indicated that they want to maintain the partnership in the EGC.

The Mayor said the EGC work plan is developed per Council direction. She suggested that the Chamber should develop a policy recognizing the EGC as an advisory board to the Chamber.

J. Tschumper stated that the EGC is a unique, valuable partnership that is recognized throughout the State. It fosters communication and feedback. She suggested a joint resolution be adopted by both entities and signed by the Mayor and Chamber President.

The group went over the resolution and made changes. The Chamber Board will review the resolution at their retreat in October. It was clarified that both Council and Chamber should give direction for the work plan and both entities adopt it.

Councilmember Crichton suggested that the Councilmember and Chamber member on the EGC be ex-officio members. The group was supportive of this concept.

The Chamber Board will review the resolution at their retreat and the joint resolution will be placed on a Consent Agenda for approval before December 31, 2003.

ITEM 4. WATER RESTRICTION ORDINANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

R. Oppelt reviewed the proposals for inclusion in the water restriction ordinance:

- Water Restrictions
- Non-Compliance Fees
- Enforcement
- Public Education
- Other Water Conservation Action to be Continued and/or enhanced

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The following items were discussed:

- Fees vs. fines
- Follow-up letter within 5 days of door hanger notice
- Education
- Non-compliance fees
 - Funds the program
- May – No fees: just notices; June fees implemented
- M. Rasmussen will ask the DNR to send letter stating what water conservation efforts are required
- Conservation pricing-higher rate for greater use

Council was supportive of the proposals for the ordinance. The ordinance will be considered by the Council after receipt of the letter from the DNR.

ITEM 5. ROUND TABLE

Review of Policy Regarding Street & Utility Improvements in the SW Area

M. Rasmussen, Director of Infrastructure and Engineering reviewed policies 5.035 and 5.036 regarding street and utility improvements in the SW Area and connections to existing trunk mains for County Road 5 improvements.

Council had requested clarification of these policies when considering a request for an extension into Circle High Dr. Council supported initializing Policy 5.035 to determine what costs are the applicants responsibilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Olesen, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Burnsville this 20th day of October 2003.

Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor