

SPECIAL WORKSESSION MINUTES

April 27, 2004

Council Present: *C. Crichton, T. Daly, E. Kautz, and L. Workman*
Council Absent: *S. Cherney*
Staff Present: *C. Ebeling, S. Olesen*
ISD #191: *B. Copp, G. Morrison, T. Johnson, R. Hill, B. Kanninen, V. Roy, K. Conrad*
Others Present: *J. Gessner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Kautz.

Introductions were made.

The following items were discussed:

- Kindergarten schedule
- G. Morrison mentioned the County joint bonding request
 - Legislative support
- ISD #191 budget challenges
 - Programs and options
 - No one was totally happy
 - Constituent appreciation for process
 - Outreach to community to educate public on budget process
 - City support to get message to public
- Pro & Cons of City and School Boards working together
 - Division between City and Board
 - Support each others decision
 - Continue to build relationship/work together
- Heart of the City
- Meeting/sharing info with realtors
 - City housing study
 - Breakfast Links
 - More should be done to get people involved
- ISD #191 needs to toot their horn more
- More information on the shared website
- Chamber of Commerce as an information source
- City's youth webpage
- School District has added public/human relations position
 - City and 191 partnership
- Selling the school district and City partnership
 - Hire demographer to define the City's future market feasibility
 - Use information to target and sell community
 - Events that bring the City and School District together and other joint efforts
 - Boys basketball and dance line recognition at a Council meeting
- Develop a communications plan
- Partner on surveys--incorporate school district questions
- Provide council with copy of #191 Strategic Plan.
 - Joint editorial by Mayor and Board Chair in the Bulletin

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- Continue to extend invitations to #194 and #196
- Leveraging resources
- Facilities issues (i.e. closing schools, declining enrollment)
- Extra-curricular activities
- School district involvement in the Fire Muster

The Mayor suggested that Board and Council come back together and identify items to work on and create a model of city and school district partnerships. Group consensus was to reconvene.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Olesen, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Burnsville this 3rd day of May 2004.

Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor