

WORKSESSION MINUTES

June 15, 2004

Council Present: *S. Cherney, C. Crichton, T. Daly, E. Kautz, and L. Workman*
Council Absent: *None*
Staff Present: *C. Ebeling, J. Erickson, T. Goodroad, J. Hansen, T. Hansen, B. Leach, S. Olesen, T. Omdal, J. Tschumper*
Others Present: *B. Jorgensen, J. Torgerson, B. Torgerson, G. Vogel, K. Slipka, G. Livermont, N. Jeppson, A. Retka*

ITEM 1. Review Concept Plans for Fourteen (14) Townhome Units in HOC

G. Vogel began the discussion that was continued from the June 7th special worksession. The following items were reviewed:

- Home elevations
- Sidings and accent materials
- Courtyard elements
- Lapsiding

The following items were discussed:

- Cost of building materials
- Building material percentages meets requirement in the front
- Staff supports fiber-cement siding
- Council appreciative of changes
- Sides don't meet percentage requirements –less brick

Council was supportive of the mix of building materials and design.

ITEM 2. Joint City/BA 191 Alimagnet Baseball Fields Development

T. Hansen, Deputy City Manager briefly went over BA 191's request to name the ball fields at Alimagnet Park.

K. Slipka talked about the two individuals that BA 191 is proposing to name the ball fields after, namely Bob Bunnell and Rich VanderLaan.

N. Jeppson talked about extending BA 191's partnership from 5 years to 10 years. He mentioned improvements they have made and intend to make at Alimagnet Park. The Mayor thanked the BA 191 representatives for the partnership.

The following items were discussed:

- Policy of naming parks and buildings in memoriam
- Request just to name fields
- Recognition of persons who have created a legacy
- Only City Council should have authority to name parks, ball fields, etc.

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- Suggestion of review of the policy by Parks & Natural Resources Commission
- Identity of fields by name
- Acknowledgement of community service
- Criteria should be developed for presentation to Council for approval
 - Criteria that Bunnell and VanderLaan meet as individuals is appropriate

Council was supportive of BA 191's request. Council directed staff to amend the park naming policy to include a policy for naming ball fields. The Parks & Natural Resources Commission should review the policy amendment. Council was agreeable to putting the review on a fast track.

The Council requested a report on the City's and BA 191's contributions to Alimagnet ball fields improvements.

ITEM 3. Financial Management Plan Review - Dev. of More Comp. Long-term Tax Policy

T. Omdal, Chief Financial Officer gave a brief overview of her presentation on the development of a more comprehensive long-term tax policy.

The following items were reviewed:

- Key dates in the 2005 Budget Process
- Presentation outcomes
- Strong financial condition
- Budget background information
 - Source of city funds
 - Use of city funds – General Fund
 - Projected financial pressures
 - Main financial pressures
 - Property tax supported funds
 - Other non-property tax supported funds
 - Total city budget – all funds
 - Property tax supported funds only
 - Allocation of property taxes
- Planning Budget “Gap”
 - Property tax supported funds
 - Expense drivers and other future drivers
 - Property tax supported funds
 - Assumptions
 - 2005 estimated demand for additional property tax revenue - \$1.5 million
 - Projected future “Planning Budget Gaps”
- Planning Options
 - Addressing the “Planning Budget Gap”
 - Preliminary Estimate of Market Value Growth – 2005
 - Financial Management Plan property taxes

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- Next step

ITEM 3. Financial Management Plan Review (Continued from Page 2)

The following items were discussed:

- Council asked if they would have budget options/different scenarios presented during the budget process
- Present value of property tax will be included in more detail in the budget process
 - Information on residential and commercial values
- Complexity of the budget process and options
- Good management by the Council and staff

Council thanked staff for their work.

ITEM 4. Housing Best Practices Model

T. Hansen, Deputy City Manager introduced the discussion on Housing Best Practices Model. This was a process check.

Council was asked where they would like to go on the continuum included in the background.

Council shared the following items:

- Workman not generally in favor of licensing
 - Problem properties with police calls
 - Register all rental properties with Best Practices element – 5 on the scale
- Cherney not opposed to 1, 2 & 3 on the continuum scale
 - Likes tools in hand – they're working
 - Does not sanction licensing
- Crichton not interested in registering and licensing rentals – supports 1, 2 & 3
 - Include information on 4 and 5.
- Kautz would like information on 4 and 5 on the scale
- Daly had 3 as a starting point but agrees that information on 4 and 5 is needed

Council consensus was to receive information on the scale of 4 and 5 on the continuum scale in the white paper.

The City's practice of partnering with manager of multi-family housing complexes was discussed.

Council requested information on the impact of registration.

Crichton mentioned that he would like to attend the meetings of the multi-family managers group. Council will be advised of when the meetings are held.

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ITEM 5. ROUNDTABLE

Mayor Kautz shared information on the presentation of the Heart of the City project at the Mayors Institute at the University of Texas Austin. She talked about the feedback she received from the Institute (i.e. Opus project). She said the consultants at the Institute are available for free for one year. The Mayor also said the feedback had been shared with C. Ebeling and J. Tschumper and they have met with John Meyer of Opus to share the feedback. C. Ebeling updated the Council on the progress of the Opus proposal. The Council discussed the Opus project and desire for a grocery in the development. They talked about how to make the project more pedestrian friendly by adding sidewalks and pavers on the south side.

ITEM 6. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Crichton talked about the special banners for multi-housing rental that he thought were supposed to be on buildings. There are banners/signs that are installed with stakes rather than on the building. Staff will check out the situation.

Councilmember Cherney said he had received a call from Citgo regarding drive-offs. T. Hansen will follow-up.

Mayor Kautz said she is serving on National Advisory Board to the EPA which has a new Administrator/Director.

The Mayor talked about the First Lady's visit to the Twin Cities on June 18. The First Lady has requested that Mayors participate in her initiative "International Partners for Peace Initiative City to City with Iraq." The Mayor said she will look into the initiative further. The Council was open to exploring the peace for partnership

S. Olesen clarified meeting changes because of the Special Primary Election on June 29 and Special Election on July 13.

J. Hansen and the Council set Friday, August 20 as the interview date for Police Chief finalists.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Olesen, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Burnsville this 21st day of June 2004.

Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor