

WORKSESSION MINUTES

January 11, 2005

Council Present: C. Crichton, T. Daly, D. Gustafson, E. Kautz, and L. Workman
Council Absent: None
Staff Present: C. Ebeling, J. Faulkner, T. Hansen, S. Olesen, T. Omdal, J. Rasmussen,
M. Rasmussen
Others Present: J. Gessner, J. Horn, M. Brokl, D. Van Helden

ITEM 1. Discussion of CIP

Council reviewed the traffic lights on the CIP. Councilmember Crichton shared his concerns. M. Rasmussen talked about the warrants that must be met before a signal is installed. He said the County is considering not maintaining signals that are not warranted so that is another reason staff would not consider installing signals that don't meet warrants.

The process of placing projects on the CIP and Council consideration was discussed. It was clarified that the CIP is a planning document.

The following signal was discussed:

- ◆ Nicollet Avenue and Portland Avenue

The importance of monitoring traffic flow was talked about.

Council requested that discussion of the process of Council review of the CIP be placed on the All Day Worksession.

ITEM 2. Discussion of City Entrance Monument Signs

J. Horn presented two entrance monument sign locations; one on the north and one at the south entrances to the City. The north location is on the Freeway Landfill property on the west side of I-35W. The south location is on the east of I-35W, south of Crystal Lake Road. He went over the preliminary design of the signs and talked about constraints including costs (approximately \$375,000 ea.).

Council asked staff to come up with options for funding. Council also asked for information on the costs of entrance signs in Rochester and Cannon Falls.

ITEM 3. Rehabilitation Policy Discussion

M. Rasmussen gave background on the development of the Rehabilitation Assessment Policy. He talked about how rates are calculated consistent with current policy and then went over new proposed changes in the rehabilitation language will affect calculations and create a tiered rate similar to the current reconstruction tiered rates.

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Council was supportive of the proposed policy language changes.

ITEM 4. Sign Ordinance Amendment

M. Brokl introduced the item and went over the proposed changes (i.e., inflatables, banners). Council requested that searchlights be added to the ordinance (for car dealerships).

The following items were discussed:

- ◆ Balloon Arches
 - No height restriction
 - If over a street, street must be closed
- ◆ Advertising of Events
- ◆ Bannerettes
 - Enforcement
 - Chamber input on allowing banners on buildings only
- ◆ Sandwich Boards
 - Provisional for one year
- ◆ New Business Banner
 - Revise to require installation of the banner within three months of commencement of the operation of business
- ◆ Real Estate Signs

Council was supportive of implementing all revisions in a provisional ordinance for one year.

Council was advised that sign policing on a temporary basis on weekends will begin in February. D. Van Helden requested that Council consider no change to banners being allowed on poles. Council suggested that Van Helden obtain input from the Chamber.

This item will be reviewed again at a Worksession prior to Council consideration.

ITEM 5. Discussion of Fire Muster Fireworks

T. Hansen said there were not many complaints about the Fire Muster fireworks this year. The Friday and Saturday night displays were discussed. The loudness of the bands was also discussed. The Fire Muster Committee can look into focusing the music to the event area and possibly reducing the noise.

Council was supportive of mixing the loud booms on Friday and Saturday nights so noise levels are even.

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ITEM 5. Roundtable

Councilmember Daly reported on:

- ◆ Her tour of DARTS and their capital campaign. She said DART's is interested in partnering with the City.
- ◆ The Transportation Committee legislative hearing she attending regarding changes by MAC.

Mayor Kautz advised the Council that volunteers have contacted her regarding a benefit concert they would like to hold to fund renovation/expansion of THE GARAGE. C. Ebeling advised Council that staff will continue to work with the group and let them take the lead.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Olesen, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Burnsville this 18th day of January 2005.

Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor