

**CITY OF BURNSVILLE
SPECIAL WORKSESSION MINUTES
JOINT SESSION WITH EAGAN CITY COUNCIL
April 24, 2006**

Council Present: *D. Gustafson, E. Kautz, and L. Workman.
Eagan: P. Geagan, P. Carlson, C. Fields, M. Maguire, M. Tilley.*

Council Absent: *C. Crichton, T. Daly*

Staff Present: *C. Ebeling, T. Omdal, T. Hansen, M. Brooks, J. Skelly, M. Hotchkiss,
Eagan: T. Hedges, J. Hohenstein, D. Miller*

Others Present: *J. Gessner, J. Nichols, M. Owens*

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Eagan's Mayor Pat Geagan.

ITEM 1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Councils, as well as staff from Eagan and Burnsville exchanged introductions reviewed the agenda.

ITEM 2. BURNSVILLE EAGAN COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Staff requested the Councils consider the following BECT issues:

- Should the City Councils consider expanding Burnsville Eagan Community Television to other Dakota County cities?

Tom Hansen, Deputy City Manager, reported that this idea has been tossed around for some time and provides certain advantages, such as economies of scale, and future funding advantages, but staff needs direction from both Councils. The Councils discussed several issues related to expanding the BECT:

- Programming quality.
- Partnership or vending.
- Projected estimates of revenue/costs.
- Impact with additional partners.
- Funding for equipment and technology.
- Commission involvement.
- Facility needs/commitments (long-term, short-term, MN Zoo, etc.).
- Administrative needs/commitments.
- Logistics.
- Location.
- Needs assessment for other cities.

Councils directed staff to continue to research these and other issues relating to BECT expansion to other Dakota County cities.

- Should the membership of the Burnsville Eagan Telecommunications Commission be reduced in size?

Councils concluded that BECT Commission size should remain the same for now because the above mentioned research may require more participation from Commissioners.

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ITEM 3. BROADBAND DISCUSSION

Tom Hedges, Eagan City Administrator reviewed current broadband improvements in Eagan and discussed their recent cooperation with ISD 196 for conduit installation.

Burnsville Council reviewed current broadband investigation and governance process, including expert testimony presentations. Craig Ebeling, City Manager, proposed a sharing of information to meet the needs of both communities.

ITEM 4. CVB DISCUSSION – STUDY ON MERGER

Councils discussed issues with the proposed merger study:

- Eagan CVB Board has put the study on hold.
- Responses from other cities.
- Impact of merger.

Councils supported bringing the merger study issue to their respective CVB Boards for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Macheal Brooks, Deputy City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Burnsville this 1st day of May 2006.

Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor