

CITY OF EXCELSIOR
Hennepin County, Minnesota

MINUTES

City Council Work Session
Saturday, February 11, 2012
8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Acting Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

Council members present: Fulkerson, Olson, and Acting Mayor Miller.
Councilmembers absent: Caron and Mayor Ruehl. Also present: City Manager Luger and City Clerk Johnson.

2. Review Status of 2011 Goals

The Council reviewed their goals from 2011.

3. Develop Goals for 2012

a. New Ideas / Discussion

The Council and staff discussed each of the items that were carried over from the previous year. Following is the list of goals that the Council identified:

1. Maximize our tax capacity by utilizing city-owned assets in our commercial districts.
 - City Hall/Library & West Parking Lot
 - East Parking Lot
 - Old Police Building
2. Increase revenues for capital projects with regional significance in the City
 - Explore local food and beverage tax
3. Assess additional parking recommendations
 - Continue assessing remaining Parking Task Force recommendations
 - Explore angle parking on Water, Second, and Third Streets
 - Research whether the City should have an agreement with the School District for use of their parking lot for community events – similar to what was in place for Lyman Park
4. Enhance The Commons
 - Assess park structures, amenities, use policies, and public/private partnerships
 - Explore funding from Three Rivers Park District
 - Continue Sandall marketing proposal
 - Special event permits and costs
 - Lake Minnetonka Museum (LMM)

3. Develop Goals for 2012

a. New Ideas / Discussion – (Continued)

5. Make the Third Street Fire Lane safer and more environmentally sound
 - Finalize landscaping plan
 - Secure grant funding from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
6. Create a skating rink at The Commons
 - Assess feasibility of skating rink and warming house
7. St. Albans Bay Bridge
 - Develop plan
 - Explore funding sources
8. Investigate town square/pedestrian promenade for downtown area
9. Consider financial tools (grants, tax abatement, TIF, special service districts)
10. Explore replacing the former Courtland bridge with a pedestrian bridge
11. Finalize Assessment Policy
12. Develop traffic calming policy
13. Explore inter-city collaboration to improve services and save costs

b. Prioritize

The Council directed staff to put together the list of goals that the Council identified and then have the Council prioritize the goals at a future meeting.

5. Adjournment

Fulkerson moved, Olson seconded, to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Johnson
City Clerk