

CITY OF EXCELSIOR
Hennepin County, Minnesota

MINUTES

City Council Work Session

Monday, February 11, 2013

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Gaylord called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Beattie, Caron, Fulkerson, Miller (arrived at 6:17 p.m.), and Mayor Gaylord

Also Present: City Manager Luger and City Clerk Johnson

2. Agenda Approval

Fulkerson moved, Beattie seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4/0.

3. Develop 2013 City Council Goals

Luger said that the goals the Council submitted has been sorted three different ways based on the Council's feedback. The Council should discuss which method it wants to use.

Mayor Gaylord said that he prefers the Comprehensive Method because it not only lists the goals but it also incorporates missions and other information. Beattie and Caron stated that they also preferred the Comprehensive Method.

Beattie said that it makes sense to involve the advisory commissions in a number of these goals; the Council would have the benefit of the commission's expertise and get feedback.

The Council reviewed the individual items listed under the first goal of Increase Revenue/Decrease Costs and determined whether the Council would work on each item or if any of the items should be assigned to one of the City's advisory commissions to work on first.

The Council identified the first four items under this goal as items the Council would work on.

Beattie said the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (SLMPD) formula should be added under this category. Luger said that the SLMPD had a committee that was working on this. Mayor Gaylord agreed to follow up on this item with the SLMPD. The Council agreed to make this a Council goal.

3. Develop 2013 City Council Goals – (Continued)

Mayor Gaylord suggested adding a bullet point under Item 4 pertaining to the cemetery to look into options for improving the cemetery to make it more inviting.

The Council asked staff if the tenant renting the old police building is still behind in their rent. Luger said yes. The Council requested that staff look into serving notice to the tenant to vacate the premises. Luger said that she has been working with the City Attorney on this item.

The Council relabeled Item 5 to read "Explore Options for City Hall".

The Council discussed Item 6 regarding sharing public works with neighboring cities. Beattie suggested that this goal include other areas besides public works. Luger stated that the City of Deephaven handles everything for the City of Greenwood, so Greenwood would not be included. The Council agreed to change the title of this goal to read "Explore Additional Cooperative Ventures with Shorewood and Tonka Bay".

Mayor Gaylord said that he had submitted Item 7, Create City Fee for Non-Homestead Residences. He said that Excelsior is a transient area and there are a lot of rental properties. If the City could create a City fee that it could charge rental properties, that money could be used to offset City expenses.

Beattie said that the Finance Director from the City of Brooklyn Center was one of the speakers at the Newly Elected Official Conference and he had a number of ideas for generating revenues.

The Council reviewed the items that were identified to be assigned to the Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Commission under the goal for Increase Revenue/Decrease Costs. The Council removed the third bullet point under Assign to Planning Commission, as staff is currently working with the School District on this item. The Council also changed the first word in bullet point number three and four to "Analyze" under the items to be assigned to the Park and Recreation Commission.

The Council reviewed the goal of "Align and Simplify Processes". The Council stated that Items 1 and 2 are tasks that could be assigned to an Intern. The Council requested that Item 4 regarding the residential design standards be placed on a future Council Work Session agenda. It was determined that Item 5 pertaining to updating processes and ordinances should be a joint effort between the City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Heritage Preservation Commission.

The Council then reviewed the goal to "Promote Excelsior as a Destination". The Council discussed how all of the items listed pertained to The Commons.

3. Develop 2013 City Council Goals – (Continued)

The Council removed bullet point 5 and retitled this goal to read "Enhancing The Commons."

The Council reviewed the items listed under this goal to be assigned to the Park and Recreation Commission. Caron stated that Item 2 should be assigned to the Planning Commission versus the Park and Recreation Commission. The Council agreed to discuss and refine this goal at the next Work Session.

The Council directed staff to update the list of goals for the February 19, 2013 Council Work Session. The Council will work on prioritizing the goals at the Work Session.

4. Adjournment

Caron moved, Fulkerson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.
Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Johnson
City Clerk