

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2012.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Huffman, Quigley, Wickstrom and Withhart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Martin requested a brief discussion of two items: 1) a request received for a water extension into North Oaks; and 2) the accident data received on County Road F under the *Special Order of Business* portion of the meeting.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Huffman to approve the April 16, 2012 agenda as amended.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

The Arden Hills/Shoreview Rotary Club is sponsoring its 13th Run 'n Romp and Dog Walk, which will begin at the Shoreview Community Center. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and the run/walk starts at noon.

Ms. Lisa Daly, Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff, introduced her new canine partner, Reggie, who is in the process of completing a 12-week training course. The dogs are mainly used for finding locations. The Ramsey County Sheriff Department has one of the top canine units in the country due to training. The funds raised from the Run 'n Romp will be used for training and equipment.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Martin:

Congratulations to the Cunningham family for being named Heritage Family of the Year by the Shoreview Historical Society.

Congratulations to TSI, Inc., a local Shoreview company who celebrated their 50th Anniversary a few years ago. They have been named by the Manufacturers Alliance Association as the Manufacturer of the Year in the State of Minnesota.

The Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band will perform their Spring Concert at Bethel Great Hall at Bethel University at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 21, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at City Hall.

Councilmember Wickstrom:

A reminder about the Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) Speaker Series, which will be Wednesday, April 18, 2012, in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. The topic is "The Future of Public Transit in Shoreview," presented by John Doan, Metropolitan Council Member, District 10; and Adam Harrington from Metro Transit.

Councilmember Quigley:

The Sister City Association held its Annual German Dinner last Saturday evening. The event was very successful and very well attended.

The Shoreview Human Rights Commission, in cooperation with the Human Rights Commission of Roseville, will sponsor a program on Elder Abuse Monday, April 23, 2012, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Shoreview Community Center.

Councilmember Withhart:

Thank you to the VFW Auxiliary from the Edmond Olhoff Post for the donation to a Safety Camp for youth.

Councilmember Huffman:

The Northwest Youth and Family Services Leadership Luncheon will be Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at 11:30. Reservations can be made through nyfs.org. There is no cost, but a free-will donation is requested.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item No. 10 regarding the MnPass Improvement Project on I-35E was pulled for separate discussion. Mayor Martin noted that the resolution is requested in time for a legislative hearing the following day. She supports the resolution, as she believes it will relieve congestion within the corridor.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that her only concern would be that the MnPass lane be an additional lane and not one designated from existing lanes.

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the Consent Agenda for April 16, 2012, and all relevant resolutions for all item Nos. 3 through 12:

3. Monthly Reports:
 - Administration
 - Community Development
 - Finance
 - Public Works
 - Park and Recreation
4. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$852,015.43
5. Purchases
6. Acceptance of Donations for Safety Camp
7. Approval of Final 2011 Inter-fund Transfers and Loans
8. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a HUD Amendment to Regulatory Agreement, a Consent to Assignment of Tax Increment Financing and an Amended and Restated Master Subordination Agreement and Estoppel Certificate for Lexington Shores (Sherman & Associates)
9. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing for Proposed Modification to Municipal Development District No. 2, Establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 8 and Proposed Adoption of TIF Financing Plan for Midland Plaza Redevelopment (Lakeview Terrace Apartments)
10. Resolution Supporting MnPass Improvement Project on I-35E.
11. Resolution Supporting Lexington Avenue Corridor Improvements from I-694 to County Road F
12. Award of Long-term Disability Insurance

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve item No. 1 on the Consent Agenda, Minutes of March 12, 2012 Council Workshop Meeting.

VOTE: Ayes - 3 Nays - 0 Abstain - 2 (Huffman, Withhart)

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve item No. 2 on the Consent Agenda, April 2, 2012 City Council Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Ayes - 4 Nays - 0 Abstain - 1 (Huffman)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

GENERAL BUSINESS**AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH CP RAIL FOR THE VICTORIA STREET RAILROAD CROSSING****Presentation by Public Works Director Mark Maloney**

The proposed agreement with CP Rail would be in conjunction with the Owasso Street Realignment. The road improvements will impact the rail crossing, which will be reconstructed. CP Rail has a vendor that supplies equipment. The railroad will perform installation with their own workers. The City will pay for materials. The total estimated cost is \$350,200.

This agreement is only for reconstruction of the crossing. A separate negotiation is taking place for easements and acquiring property.

The entire project cost is approximately \$2.4 million. Ramsey County will participate with \$363,000 in funding. Staff recommends authorization of the agreement.

The project schedule is:

April 24, 2012	Planning Commission Public Hearing on PUD
May 14, 2012	EDA consideration of TIF Plan
May 21, 2012	City Council approve plans and specifications
June 18, 2012	City Council approval of Final PUD
July 2, 2012	Council award of road construction contract
November 2012	Major road elements complete
June 2013	Road construction complete, site work begins

Mr. Maloney explained that if, for some reason, the project does not move forward, the City may have some exposure for restocking fees from the railroad.

Councilmember Withhart asked if the crossing will have new signals. Mr. Maloney stated that the entire crossing will be completely new.

Councilmember Huffman asked about the possibility of a silent crossing and whether this construction will impact the *Slice of Shoreview*. Mr. Maloney stated that quiet zones for rail need very elaborate crossings that prevent any driving around the arms. Such a level of improvement is not in this plan. Mr. Schwerm noted that with a contract award targeted for July 2, and typically a 30-day pre-construction period, he anticipates full construction to begin just after the *Slice*.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked the cost of right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Maloney stated that two easement purchases are being negotiated.

Councilmember Quigley stated that in his experience the railroad operates on its own schedule.

In that regard, Mayor expressed concern that the railroad crossing could hold up the project. Mr. Maloney responded that the railroad work is scheduled for this year.

Mayor Martin requested that the project include at least widening the shoulders on County Road E and/or a trail to Vivian. Mr. Maloney indicated on the map the concept for a trail on the south side of County Road E.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to authorize a construction agreement with CP Rail for reconstruction of the railroad crossing at Victoria Street, DOT #689008K.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Huffman, Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Martin
Nays: None

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE PARK PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR BUCHER PARK RENOVATION

City Manager Schwerm stated that Bucher Park is scheduled for renovation in 2012. The park has three ball fields, two soccer fields, as well as tennis and basketball courts. Approximately \$340,000 has been designated for this project, which includes replacement of the playground equipment. In order to make a complete analysis of Bucher Park needs, the City sought bids from three expert park planning firms. The consultant would meet with neighborhood residents and youth associations to determine and develop a Master Plan for the park, as well as oversee the renovation.

Three bids were received ranging in cost from \$27,000 to \$33,000. All three firms were interviewed. Staff is recommending Brauer & Associates because of the thoroughness of their bid and attention to detail that staff has experienced on other projects with them. Their cost is slightly higher at \$32,400, but Brauer is familiar with the City and did the work at Sitzer Park.

Councilmember Huffman asked how often the low bid is not accepted. Mr. Schwerm explained that rarely is the low bid not accepted for projects. However, when choosing consultants, staff will generally recommend the firm that has the best approach to the project even if the cost is slightly higher. In this case, staff felt the recommended consultant would provide the best services.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to authorize the hiring of Brauer & Associates for the Bucher Park renovation project in the amount of \$32,400.

Discussion:

Councilmember Quigley noted that with the recent retirement of the City's Park and Recreation Director, it is important to get the best consultant service possible. Brauer did an excellent job with the renovation of Sitzer Park.

Mayor Martin added that Brauer does a very good job of obtaining neighborhood input, which is very important. The residents in the Sitzer Park area felt they were able to have input into the renovation of that park.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Huffman, Martin
Nays: None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Request for Water Extension

Mr. Maloney reported receipt of a municipal water extension request from a developer in North Oaks. He referred to a policy developed in 1989, when the City provided a water extension to the commercial center in North Oaks. The request is for connections to as many as 125 units on a 62-acre site. The protocol in the policy of 1989 indicates that the City would first have to determine that its infrastructure system would be able to support any connections outside the City. The water system would have to be modeled to determine if there is capacity by expert consultants, which would be paid for by the requesting developer.

Councilmember Withhart stated that his understanding of the policy is that the developer would work with the City of North Oaks and that any request would come from North Oaks, rather than Shoreview negotiating with an individual developer. Another option would be to request from North Oaks that this parcel be annexed into Shoreview for water connection access.

Mayor Martin stated that Shoreview will not want to enter into any agreement with North Oaks until the project is approved. Mr. Schwerm stated that discussions have included the City of North Oaks. Payment for the study of Shoreview infrastructure capability will be requested up front.

Councilmember Withhart noted that it would be important to comply with item No. 3 of the policy, which requires an escrow account. This would insure coverage of any Shoreview costs.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that her concern would be not having to build a third water tower and that the connected units be subject to Shoreview's watering restrictions in the summer. Mr. Schwerm stated that if Shoreview is only providing a connection at the City border and not maintaining infrastructure in North Oaks, it is more difficult to require compliance with Shoreview water restrictions. However, this issue is subject to negotiation in any agreement that may be reached.

Accident Data on County Road F and Hodgson Road

Mr. Schwerm reported that in response to a letter received from Mr. Dolen, staff contacted Ramsey County regarding the accident data provided. Ramsey County identified 11 accidents in the past four years. However, staff discovered that the software program used provided accident data for a larger area and not just at County Road F and Hodgson but also included Rice Street and County Road F where there is a

four-way stop sign. Many of the accidents reported actually occurred at the Rice Street intersection. There were only a couple of rear-end accidents at County Road F and Hodgson. This information does not change the staff recommendation, which is based on the County's desire to make a safer intersection. Staff wanted to make sure the City Council was aware of correct accident data.

Mr. Maloney stated that the recommendation for a cul-de-sac on County Road F on the west side of Hodgson has been discussed with Ramsey County for many years. The recommendation is not a result of accident history but of access management and safety issues. The right angle realignment of County Road F on the east side only works if there is no County Road F connection on the west side. A right-in-right-out access on the west side would create too many decision points in one location. If the cul-de-sac is not built, he believes the right-angle access from the east would not be a meaningful improvement.

It was the consensus of the Council that the decision made to move forward with the cul-de-sac is the right decision.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 7th DAY OF MAY, 2012.

Terry C. Schwerm
City Manager