

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 2, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 2, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the September 2, 2014 agenda as submitted.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Tim Pratt, Chair of the Environmental Quality Committee (EQC), with Mayor Martin, presented this year's Green Community Award winners. This year there is a mixture of water quality and energy efficiency initiatives. He thanked staff member Jessica Schaum who is so very helpful to the EQC.

Mayor Martin and Chair Pratt presented an award to the following:

Merrill and Lisa Morse	Tiered garden system on a slope to infiltrate water and water feeds a garden
Peter and Sue Wyckoff	Solar panels on roof; sunroom designed for passive solar heat; and a buffer strip at lake edge to infiltrate water and prevent direct discharge
John and Lori Suzukida	Solar panels and geothermal heating system to reduce energy consumption by two-thirds.
Willow Creek Owners Association	Installation of rain gauge and sensor to prevent sprinkling

system from going on. Also able to calculate actual water needs to save one-third on water consumption.

Mayor Martin announced that Shoreview has been recognized as a Step 3 Minnesota Green Step City and received a certificate at the League of Minnesota Cities Conference on June 20, 2014. The certificate is to honor Shoreview's efforts for sustainability and quality of life. Recognition is based on the use of 28 Best Practices tailored for Minnesota cities with a focus on cost savings and energy use reduction. Shoreview has reached the top step of the current three-step program.

Mayor Martin thanked the efforts of the EQC and staff member Jessica Schaum, who have played a major part in this achievement.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wickstrom:

There are a couple of dips near the crosswalks on the trail on County Road I. After the trail is completed on Lexington, work will be done on these crosswalk intersections.

Councilmember Withhart:

The pool at the Community Center is closed for annual cleaning and maintenance. It is closed from September 2nd through September 19th.

Councilmember Johnson:

A reminder to residents that children are back in school and to be cautious with children crossing streets.

Mayor Martin:

The ribbon-cutting for the Playground for Everyone at Turtle Lake School was last week. The playground is totally accessible for all children. All equipment can be accessed by a wheelchair. She commended Turtle Lake School for the fund raising effort and all the work that was done to create this new community playground.

Councilmember Wickstrom requested a Council workshop discussion about children and parents crossing Lexington to reach that playground. She would like to work with Ramsey County to create a safer intersection at Royal Oaks Drive.

Mayor Martin noted that Friday Night Flix will be Friday, September 5, 2014. The movie is "ET" and begins at dusk.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Withhart requested separate action on item No. 1, Minutes of the August 18, 2014 City Council Meeting.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to adopt the Consent Agenda for September 2, 2014, and all relevant resolutions for item Nos. 2 through 9:

2. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes:
 - Economic Development Authority, July 7, 2014
 - Environmental Quality Committee, August 25, 2014
3. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$1,207,254.43
4. Purchases
5. Developer Escrow Reduction
6. Final Payment - 2014 Street Seal Coat, CP 14-04
7. Change Order #3 and Payment #8 (Final) - County Road D and Cottage Place, CP 13-01A and 13-01B
8. Acceptance of Gifts - Slice of Shoreview
9. Conditional Use Permit - Robert Hinze, 4801 Kent Drive

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the August 18, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes as submitted.

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

Councilmember Withhart abstained, as he was not present at the August 18th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

GENERAL BUSINESS**ITEMS RELATED TO 2015 TAX LEVY****A. ADOPT PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY****B. ESTABLISH DATES FOR BUDGET HEARING****Presentation by Finance Director Fred Espe**

State law dictates the budget schedule each year. The HRA levy is to be submitted for certification by the County by September 15th; the City's preliminary levy is due by September 30th. Budget workshops are scheduled for the City Council in October and November. The

County will mail estimated tax statements November 14th. It is proposed that the City conduct a budget hearing December 1, 2014, and adopt the final budget and tax levy December 15, 2014.

The objectives of the proposed tax levy are to: 1) maintain existing services, programs and infrastructure; 2) meet existing debt obligations; 3) support capital replacements; and 4) provide for efficient use of tax dollars.

The proposed City levy is an increase of 3.44%. With inclusion of the EDA and HRA levies, the increase is 3.53%. The increase breaks down to 2.23% for General Fund operations; 0.20% for debt payments; 0.95% for Capital funds--mostly for replacements; and 0.15% for EDA/HRA.

The median home property value in Shoreview for 2015 taxes is \$247,500. This is an increase of 10.2% from 2014. The change in the City portion of the tax levy for a median value home that increased 10.2% would be \$32 for the year.

The recommended levy is \$154,753 less than the levy adopted a year ago as part of the biennial budget. A large portion of the increase is due to public safety--the police and fire department contracts. As this is a preliminary tax levy, the final levy may be reduced but not increased before final adoption on December 15, 2014.

Councilmember Withhart asked what the increase would be without the police and fire contract increases. Mr. Espe responded that the increase would be 1.28% for the General Fund. Councilmember Withhart stated that this is a very modest increase for City operations. Shoreview contracts with Lake Johanna Fire Department and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department for police and fire safety, which is an incredible savings to the City as opposed to funding its own fire and police departments. The 24-hour duty crews, which accounts for part of the increase for the Fire Department contract, is saving lives and reducing the response time. City Manager Schwerm noted that Shoreview per capita costs for public safety is consistently among the lowest for comparable cities.

Mayor Martin noted that this preliminary levy is a not-to-exceed amount and is designed to maintain currently City services. It may be reduced before final adoption, but it cannot be increased.

MOTION: by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to adopt resolution number 14-70 establishing a preliminary City tax levy of \$10,267,918, and a preliminary HRA tax levy of \$95,000 for collection in 2015.

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

MOTION: by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to set a public budget hearing for Monday, December 1, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 2015 City budget, tax levy and capital improvement program.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.

Terry Schwerm
City Manager