



*Beyond the Yellow Ribbon* will be holding its annual Veterans' Day celebration on November 9, 2015, as part of *Build A Burger Night*. There will be a speaker to explain the *Beyond the Yellow Ribbon* program. Volunteers are needed for the Monday night *Build A Burger* events. Volunteers are also needed to bring desserts.

**Councilmember Springhorn:**

A reminder that tickets are on sale for \$40 for the fundraiser for Northeast Youth and Family Services on Thursday, October 29, 2015, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vadnais Heights Commons.

All three public high schools with students from Shoreview have scheduled their fall musicals:

Roseville High School	<i>Footloose</i>	Weekend of October 30 to November 1, 2015
Mounds View High School	<i>Footloose</i>	Weekend of November 5-7, 2015
Irondale High School	<i>Music Man</i>	Weekend of November 5-8, 2015

Councilmember Springhorn noted the death of one of the cast for Mounds View, Beth Heidi, who died from an aggressive infection. He urged all to keep the family in their thoughts and prayers.

**Mayor Martin:**

The Community Center will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> with price reductions and other special activities for families.

Mayor Martin called on Assistant to City Manager Rebecca Olson for information on the Photography Contest. Ms. Olson stated that the contest theme is on activities to enjoy the fall of the year. The deadline is November 30, 2015.

October is *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*. All are reminded to encourage loved ones to get their annual exams.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: by Councilmember Springhorn, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adopt the Consent Agenda for October 19, 2015, and all relevant resolutions for item Nos. 1, through 11:

1. October 5, 2015 City Council Minutes
2. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes:
  - Human Rights Commission, August 26, 2015
  - Parks and Recreation Commission, August 27, 2015
  - Bikeways and Trails Committee, September 3, 2015
  - Bikeways and Trails Committee, October 1, 2015

3. Monthly Reports:
  - Administration
  - Community Development
  - Finance
  - Public Works
  - Park and Recreation
4. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$1,912,630.21
5. Purchases
6. Developer Escrow Reductions
7. Change Order #1 - Turtle Lane/Schifsky Road Reconstruction and Lexington Avenue Sewer Repair, CP 15-01 and 15-03
8. Approval of Special Event Liquor License - Church of St. Odilia
9. Adoption of Administrative Penalties for Tobacco Violation - Gas Plus 16
10. Award of Quote - Community Center Lighting Retrofit
11. Approval of Shoreview Home Improvement Loan Program Amendment

VOTE:                      Ayes - 5                      Nays - 0

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **VACATION OF PUBLIC EASEMENTS - SOUTHVIEW SENIOR LIVING - 4710 CUMBERLAND STREET**

#### **Presentation by Community Development Director Tom Simonson**

The public hearing scheduled was for vacation of public drainage and utility easements dedicated with the Southview Shoreview Plat. The property is being re-platted to include the expansion of a senior living complex. Documents to re-plat the property have not been submitted to the City to show the new easements that are required. Therefore, the Council is requested to continue the public hearing to the November 16, 2015 City Council meeting and extend the application review period from 60 to 120 days. At that time, the Final Plat and Final PUD can be reviewed with the vacation of easements.

**MOTION:**     by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Quigley, to extend the review period from 60 to 120 days and to continue until the November 16, 2015 Council meeting the Public Hearing on the Vacation request submitted by Shoreview Senior Living II LLC, requesting the City vacate the interest of the public in certain portions of the public drainage and utility easements over, under and across Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Shoreview Southview, Ramsey County, Minnesota, based on the following finding:

1. Delaying review and action on this vacation request will provide the applicant time to show how the property will be re-platted. Until the final plat has been reviewed, it is not possible to determine that there is no longer a public interest in the easements that have been proposed for vacation.

**Discussion:**

City Attorney Kelly stated that he has reviewed the notice for the public hearing which is in proper order. The public hearing does not need to be re-noticed, as the minutes of this meeting will be sufficient to give notice of the new date.

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS****ADOPTION OF TAX ABATEMENT POLICY AND REVISED APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS FINANCING ASSISTANCE****Presentation by Asst. City Manager/Community Development Director Tom Simonson**

A new policy for the use of tax abatement as a tool for economic development is recommended. This financing tool is allowed by the State but has never been used by the City. Depending on the project, tax abatement can be used as an alternative or a supplement to Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Tax abatements can be granted by cities, counties and school districts for economic development purposes. Abatements are often allowed by taxing jurisdictions in tandem.

The City's Economic Development Authority (EDA) has been working on the development of the Rainbow Foods site. This property does not qualify for a new TIF District. Tax abatement is being considered as a financing tool to assist with the high costs of redevelopment. Staff is recommending the City adopt the proposed policy on the potential use of Tax Abatement. Business Financing Applications have been revised to include Tax Abatement as a requested financing source. The EDA has reviewed the policy and unanimously recommends adoption of the new Tax Abatement Policy.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked if the restrictions are the same as TIF. Mr. Simonson stated there are fewer restrictions. The City would be reimbursing the developer over time. There would be no bonding involved.

Mayor Martin noted that there are levy implications involved with tax abatement. Mr. Simonson explained that taxes that would be collected from a project are reimbursed to the developer. It is required that the City levy make up for this reimbursement.

Councilmember Quigley stated that the potential use of tax abatement on this property will be long term. Financial aspects of an application need to be reviewed closely. However, he has no objection to supporting a City policy regarding tax abatement.

Councilmember Johnson stated that there will be a significant amount of redevelopment in the City. She commended staff for looking into this new option for financing. It is important to be innovative and increase economic development tools available.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to adopt the Tax Abatement Policy and revisions to the business financing applications, as recommended by the Economic Development Authority.

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Quigley, Springhorn, Wickstrom, Johnson, Martin  
Nays: None

## **RENEWAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RAMSEY COUNTY**

### **Presentation by City Manager Terry Schwerm**

Renewal of the City's contract with Ramsey County for law enforcement services is presented. The agreement is for three years and is a model of the agreements with the six other cities that contract for law enforcement services with Ramsey County. The contract includes patrol services, investigations, traffic, speed enforcement, coordination of volunteers and animal control. Representatives from the Sheriff's Department will attend Public Safety Committee and City Council meetings when requested. Staff is recommending approval of the agreement which extends from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

Councilmember Quigley asked if all contracting cities receive the same scope of services. Mr. Schwerm explained that each year the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department submits a budget that is reviewed by all contracting cities. Approval of the Sheriff's Department budget is by consensus of the contracting cities. Then each city's portion of cost is incorporated into that city's budget.

Councilmember Johnson noted the high level of professionalism of services provided by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Springhorn agreed and stated that since his time on the Council he has heard only one complaint about the Sheriff's Department, which was promptly investigated and addressed. At *Night to Unite*, he spoke with a number of deputies who clearly care about the community.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department does a fabulous job of protecting the City at a reasonable cost that saves the City from having its own police department.

Mayor Martin emphasized the savings to the City by not having its own police department in addition to the very professional services provided.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Springhorn to approve Resolution No. 15-93 renewing a 3-year agreement with Ramsey County for the provision of law enforcement services by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:       by Councilmember Springhorn, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to  
                  adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

VOTE:                       Ayes - 5                       Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2015.

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Terry Schwerm  
City Manager