

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW  
MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 18, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council was called to order by Mayor Martin on April 18, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Martin requested a discussion on a transportation funding resolution. A copy was distributed to each Councilmember at this meeting.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the April 18, 2011 agenda as amended.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

In recognition of the achievement of Eagle Scout by Max Twum and Elliot Young, Mayor Martin read a proclamation and presented a plaque to each of them.

**WHEREAS**, Maxwell Twum, a senior at Mounds View High School and son of Margaret, and member of Troop 408, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest of ranks in the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, Max had to complete a special Eagle Scout Service Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Max assembled an indoor play gym for the Early Childhood and Family Education program at Pike Lake Education Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Max also organized a school supply donation drive for ECFE and installed shelving in their storage room; and

**WHEREAS**, Max has served as Patrol Leader, Instructor and Troop Guide and has earned 35 merit badges and participated in 86 nights of troop camping; and

**WHEREAS**, Max also plays the ukulele and is a member of the environmentally focused Synergy Club at Mounds View High School.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Sandra C. Martin, Mayor of Shoreview, on behalf of the Shoreview City Council, do hereby congratulate Maxwell Twum for his many accomplishments and his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

Max Twum stated that his project was to build shelves in a storage room for Pike Lake Early Childhood and Family Education. The shelves were installed. His volunteers also assembled a play climber and organized a school supply drive. He learned how projects can evolve from one need to the next, which is a valuable lesson for the future. He is a senior at Mounds View High School and will be attending the University of Minnesota next year.

**WHEREAS**, Elliot Young, a senior at Mounds View High School, son of Margaret and Bruce, and member of Troop 408, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest of ranks in the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, Elliot had to complete a special Eagle Scout Service Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Elliot designed, built and installed an octagonal sandbox for the Early Childhood and Family Education Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Elliot also built and installed 2 benches next to the sandbox; and

**WHEREAS**, Elliott has served as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Junior Assistant Scout Master; and has earned 29 merit badges and participated in 90 nights of troop camping; and

**WHEREAS**, Elliott is also interested in rock climbing, ultimate Frisbee, soccer, biking and Youth in Government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Sandra C. Martin, Mayor of Shoreview, on behalf of the Shoreview City Council, do hereby congratulate Elliot Young for his many accomplishments and his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

Elliot Young stated that his project was also at Pike Lake Early Childhood and Family Education where a sandbox has been desired for some time. He designed and built a 12' x 12' octagonal sandbox and two benches. Elliot is a senior and will be attending Anoka/Ramsey Community College next year.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were none.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS****Mayor Martin:**

Cleanup Day is May 7, 2011. It will be held at the Ramsey County Public Works facility on Highway 96.

Also on May 7 is the “Run ‘n Romp” dog walk at the Community Center. This is a fundraiser sponsored by the Rotary Club for Helping Paws and scholarships for international students. Information is available on the City website.

On May 1, 2011, three off-leash play areas will be opened for dogs at three area hockey rinks-- Bucher, Wilson and Bobby Theisen Parks. This is a pilot program. Owners are urged to clean up after their dogs so the program can continue.

On May 3, 2011, Northwest Youth and Family Services (NYFS) will hold its annual fundraising Leadership Luncheon at Midland Hills Country Club. Call NYFS to make reservations.

**Councilmember Wickstrom:**

The Environmental Quality Committee will present a program on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, in the Council Chambers on collection of organic materials.

On April 28, 2011, the Ramsey County League of Local Governments will have a special meeting on firefighting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The March 14, 2011 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes were pulled for separate consideration.

MOTION: by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to adopt the Consent Agenda and all relevant resolutions for item Nos. 2 through 12:

2. April 4, 2011 City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes
  - Economic Development Authority, March 14, 2011
  - Lake Regulations Committee, April 7, 2011

4. Monthly Reports:
  - Administration
  - Community Development
  - Finance
  - Public Works
  - Park and Recreation
5. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$859,695.75
6. Purchases
7. License Applications
8. Approve Hill Court Street Sweeping Contract
9. Authorize Replacement Purchase of Single Axle Dump/Plow Truck
10. Approve Final 2010 Inter-Fund Transfers
11. Approve the 2011 Supplemental Water Patrol Contract - Ramsey County Sheriff
12. Approval of Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo - *Slice of Shoreview*

VOTE:           Ayes - 5           Nays - 0

MOTION:       by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to approve the March 14, 2011 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes, as submitted.

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **HAMLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - CP 11-01A and 2011 COLLECTOR STREET REHABILITATION CP 11-08**

#### **Presentation by Public Works Director Mark Maloney**

Hamline Avenue, between County Road I and Lexington, used to be a Ramsey County highway. Its jurisdiction was turned back to the City. It is City policy to schedule turn-back roads for reconstruction to City standards with concrete curb and gutter and updated infrastructure systems. Hamline Avenue is scheduled for 2011, at an estimated cost of \$2.2 million to be funded by Municipal State Aid (MSA) funds, which is gas tax revenue.

Based on pavement conditions and a difficult winter, staff has reviewed 20 miles of collector (higher traffic) streets in the City, as part of the Pavement Management Program and found unexpected worsening conditions on some collector streets. Collector streets are eligible for MSA funding. This information has been reported to the City Council. As a result of staff's analysis, it is recommended that project priorities over the next three years be changed and that timing of projects reflect optimum use of MSA funding. A number of resolutions have been prepared for the Council's consideration:

1. Table Hamline Avenue, Resolution 11-20, with the understanding that all preparatory work and information will not be lost, when the project is done within two to five years.

2. Establish an alternate project for Victoria and Tanglewood, which were already scheduled in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2012. The needed repairs on Tanglewood and Victoria are such that if they are not rehabilitated soon, the work to repair them will dramatically increase in cost to full reconstruction.

Public hearing notices for the Hamline Avenue project were sent out and the public hearing should be held. However, the neighborhood has been notified that the Council is considering altering road improvement priorities.

Mayor Martin noted that when Hamline Avenue was turned back, the County did minimal work to give it additional life. In light of other priorities, Hamline can be delayed and continue to function well. The Council is committed to the work needed on Hamline Avenue but may postpone it for two to five years. One of the primary concerns expressed by residents is the loss of trees. A project delay would provide an opportunity for residents to plant additional trees on their own property, in case existing trees in the road right-of-way are lost.

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

City Attorney Filla stated that the Public Works Department has indicated that the required mailed notices have been given and the public hearing is in order.

**Ms. Mary Sholl**, 1328 Silverthorn Drive, Member Board of Directors of Silverthorn Estates Townhouse Association, stated that the Board and residents have worked many months with the City's engineers. A great deal of time and budgeting has been invested in this project. This change is a surprise. The Board of Directors of Silverthorn Estates supports the project going forward, as does Ramsey County. Ramsey County is planning to address the 90-degree curves on County Road I. The environmental study has been done and will not be valid in five or six years. The road seems to sink a little every year. With everyone on board--the Association and Ramsey County--the project should be done this year. Such agreement may not exist in five years.

**Mr. Craig Larson**, President, Silverthorn Estates Townhouse Association, 5645 Dunlap Avenue, agreed with Mary Scholl. If the project is extended four or five years, there will be a loss. If it is extended a year to attend to collector streets, that is fine.

**Mr. Hank Tessier**, 5814 Willow Lane, agreed with staff's recommendation to delay the project three to five years. This will allow more time for everyone to reconsider the project and make sure all items are addressed.

**Mr. Ed Fischbach**, 1315 Sunview Drive, stated that he is surprised that anyone supports this project. Curb and gutter are not needed. The road never floods. There is no need to take land near the townhouses. He walks the road regularly and has spoken to many residents in the area who do not support the project and do not understand why the money should be spent. The first two speakers are the first supportive comments he has heard. The trail could be improved on the west side, but the project is not needed.

**Mr. Don Engles**, 1330 Sunview Drive, stated that the project at this time is ill advised. Many sections of the economy are suffering. More frugal spending is required and this project can be delayed. Shifting high speed traffic to the east puts the road closer to townhomes. There should be plans for a trail on the east side to create more distance for townhomes from traffic for safety reasons.

**Mr. Jim Newland**, 5752 Willow Lane, Past President of Willow Creek Townhome Association, complimented staff on their work. He agreed with postponement of the project. He requested that the minutes of this public hearing be available, when the Hamline Avenue project is done. On April 4, 2011, one neighbor, Jim Coult, sent an email regarding the project. He requested that email be a record of this proceeding. **Mr. Newland** stated that he will write a short letter to become part of the record in the coming week. The one thing that has not been discussed is snow storage. With the shift of the road to the east, there will not be sufficient space for snow storage because of the trees in the right-of-way.

**Mr. Warren Peterson**, 5607 Dunlap, stated that trees are not the issue as much as moving the road six to eight feet closer to houses. The traffic noise will be even louder. The road should not be moved for the sake of making room for a path. The path can be put on the east side.

**Ms. Denine Zinnecker**, 1334 Sunview Drive, agreed with previous speakers to delay the project. She also agreed with the objection of moving the road east which will take away a lot of land and privacy. She agreed with the need to upgrade the road, but would request additional consideration to not take away residential space.

**Mr. Tom Lemke**, 5577 Schutta Road, stated that he does not live near Hamline but believes the road does need improvement. He encouraged the Council to tie the Hamline project to the bigger picture of a County Road I project. Even though County Road I is under jurisdiction of Ramsey County, it is important to consider what happens when County Road I is redeveloped. Hamline Avenue would be a nice feeder street but should be considered in the bigger picture with County Road I. There will be development on the arsenal property, and then County Road I will be under consideration. Hopefully all of this could be one big project.

**Ms. Maureen Engles**, 1330 Sunview Drive, reiterated that for those living on Hamline Avenue, residents feel the vibrations. Moving the road six to eight feet closer will increase vibrations. Even if trees are not removed, there will be no place to store snow. With snowplowing and salt and pushing snow up against them, the trees will not survive. The pines make Hamline Avenue beautiful. If the road is moved, the traffic, noise and safety issues will increase. The entire ambiance will be lost if the trees are lost. There is no room to move the road east.

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to close the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Councilmember Withhart stated that when a road reaches a certain point, if it is not rehabilitated, it will require a total reconstruction, which is much more expensive. Victoria and Tanglewood

did not winter well this year. Although it is City policy to redo turn-back roads, these two City streets need attention this year. They were scheduled for next year. Costs do not change, but a change in priorities is a better pavement management strategy.

Councilmember Huffman stated that Hamline Avenue is just being delayed. He supports the trail. The Council has focused on making sure there are trails on busy streets. He understands the issue of proximity to houses and is willing to further discuss configuration of the roadway with staff, but the trail needs to be included.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that as a resident of Silverthorn Estates, she is disappointed that this project will have to be postponed. She understands staff's reasoning to address streets that are in worse condition. It is her hope that Hamline Avenue will be scheduled within a shorter time than five years. The thin coat of asphalt is already cracking and chunks loosening. The road will only get noisier.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Huffman to adopt Resolution No. 11-20 tabling the Hamline Avenue Reconstruction, City Project 11-01A.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Quigley stated that the City is very aware of the proximity of the road to homes. He believes the infrastructure plan makes sense. The issue is timing and he would agree it should be done in a shorter time. This decision is the best in terms of cost and benefit to the City.

Councilmember Withhart agreed with the testimony regarding coordination with work on County Road I. At this time County Road I is not scheduled by Ramsey County, but he hopes it will be soon. He further stated that trails along collector streets have been a priority for the City. He understands people do not want trails too close, but providing the trails has made a community that is friendly for walking and biking out of traffic.

Mayor Martin stated that the time and energy so far spent on the Hamline Avenue project will not go for naught. It is part of the record and all the work done will be used going forward. When the project is reconsidered, there will be another public hearing and residents will be notified.

City Manager Schwerm noted that while the letter sent to residents to delay the project indicated a delay of four to six years, the Council is indicating that time should be accelerated. If financially feasible, the Council would like the project done sooner.

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

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adopt Resolution No. 11-21 establishing the 2011 Street Rehabilitation, City Project 11-08 and authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING - BUFFALO LANE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, CP 11-01B**

#### **Presentation by Assistant City Engineer Tom Wesolowski**

The Feasibility Study for Buffalo Lane was received on March 7, 2011. The current road is rural at a width of 15 to 16 feet with no curb and gutter. There are seven residences on Buffalo Lane. The City water main and sewer serves three of the seven properties. Three of the properties have failing septic systems. There is no storm water collection.

The proposed improvements would install a new 20-foot wide road with no parking on either side to meet fire code standards. There is 60 feet of road right-of-way, but residents have requested a narrower road similar to what now exists. The proposed road follows as much as possible the current roadway. However, part of the current roadway is out of the right-of-way and that portion of road is pushed further west into the right-of-way. Pipe would be extended for all properties to access City water and sewer. A storm sewer collection system would also be installed.

At a recent public meeting with residents, comments varied from believing the project not necessary to those who see the benefit of sewer and water services. Concerns were expressed about the amount of proposed assessments, the increased width of the road, road alignment and the addition of curb and gutter.

Estimated project costs are \$300,000. Estimated assessments would total approximately 18% of the project, \$59,233. Assessment costs are estimated as follows:

Street	\$1,650/unit
Water Main	\$5,000/unit
Sanitary Sewer	\$6,000/unit
Storm Sewer	\$1,120/unit (maximum)

Total Estimated Assessment: \$13,770/unit

The smaller assessment to those properties with City water and sewer would be spread over 10 years. The higher assessment for those needing City water and sewer services would be spread over 15 years. City Code requires hook up to City water and sewer within one year of construction of the infrastructure. This involves a City fee of \$305 and a Metropolitan Council fee of \$2,230.

The project would be financed through the Street Renewal Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Surface Water Fund and assessments.

If approved, the proposed project schedule would be:

Approve plans and specifications	May 16, 2011
Bid Opening	June 14, 2011
Council Award Contract	June 20, 2011
Construction Complete	September 2011
Assessment Hearing	September 2012

Staff is recommending the public hearing and authorization to prepare final plans and specifications.

Councilmember Withhart asked if there is adequate snow storage. Mr. Wesolowski answered, yes.

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

City Attorney Filla stated that the Public Works Department has indicated that the required mailed notices have been given and the public hearing is in order.

**Ms. Donna Jensen**, 5845 Buffalo Lane, stated that the first question is why this project is being undertaken at this time. Residents were originally informed seven weeks ago and were told that the impetus for the project was its proximity to the work on Hamline Avenue and the cost benefit of doing both at the same time. Of the four houses that have septic systems, one has two septic systems, one of which passed inspection. The septic systems that did not pass inspection are not because of failure of the system but because of needed repairs of pieces of the systems. The cost of repair is significantly less than the cost of incurring assessments for bringing in the utilities. It is understood that the City does not want septic systems. The question is, why now? Why at a time when property values are at a 30-year low? The assessment plus cost of hook up plus cost to seal the septic systems is a huge financial burden.

There has not been a planned approach to the new road. This road only serves the residents who live on it. Residents only became aware of the proposed plan last week. The topography on her property varies and there was no grading information on the documents presented. She requested a postponement on this vote to give residents time to get more information.

**Mr. Ed Fischbach**, 1315 Sunview Road, stated that he walks Buffalo Lane every day. It only serves the residents who live on it. He sympathizes with them. If they do not want a new road, it should not be done. If a new road is built, it does not have to be more than what is there but just replaced. The \$20,000 assessment is very high.

**Mr. Eric Segler**, 5800 Buffalo Lane, thanked Councilmember Wickstrom for coming to the neighborhood and listening to concerns. Councilmember Wickstrom stated that there are \$10 million of road projects in the City, but the City has only \$3 million to pay for them. His

question is why would the City want to do Buffalo Lane, when funds are tight? He agreed that Tanglewood is a higher priority and maybe there are other higher priorities. There were never any problems with septic systems until there was development on the east and west side of Buffalo Lane. Before the townhouses were built, there was natural drainage, but now ponding exists. There is ponding on his property. A concern is where water is going to go this year. He suggested a ditch that would drain to the slough. He has two septic systems. One was upgraded and works fine. The failing system is no longer used.

**Ms. Margie Gran**, 5869 Buffalo Lane, stated that there are no trees in her front or back yard. She has four sons who use their yard for ball games and hockey. This project would take out 10 feet of their yard. Her concerns are for safety. The road was repaved 11 years ago and is in good shape. Her parents live on the corner. They were unable to attend this meeting, but they also are not in favor of the project. Often there are cars that turn onto Buffalo Lane thinking it is a short cut. If it were widened, that problem would increase and they would like to eliminate that traffic.

**Ms. Jennifer Nieters**, 5828 Buffalo Lane, stated that she is a new parent of three young children under the age of 2. She has siblings who also have young children. Cars whiz down the road several times a day, and her concern is for safety. It is a child friendly neighborhood and children are back and forth playing all day. A wider street would just welcome more cars that speed down the road, turn around and speed back.

**Mr. Gene Jensen**, 5845 Buffalo Lane, stated that his neighbors are unable to attend the hearing because they are adopting children from Ukraine and have left to get them. The timing of this project is not good. He also has concerns about drainage.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to close the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

**VOTE:** Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin asked if there is enough information available to address the drainage concerns. Mr. Maloney stated that the Feasibility Report is broad and general. Details regarding drainage are issues that staff has not been able to address yet. He is not aware of any issues in this roadway that have not been addressed in prior projects in terms of grading and drainage. He is confident that with 60 feet of road right-of-way staff will be able to address any issues.

Mayor Martin asked if the assessments would be lower if Hamline Avenue were done this year. Mr. Maloney stated that the special assessments are set at a maximum as shown in the Feasibility Study. They can only be decreased depending on the bid. They cannot exceed the amounts given by law. He would not expect the assessments to be any less if the project were done with Hamline Avenue.

Councilmember Huffman asked if there is no septic issue, and Hamline Avenue is not going to be done, what drives this project? Mr. Wesolowski responded that the four septic systems were inspected by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The reports received stated that

three systems are failing because there is not enough separation between the failing septic systems and the water table. Those systems pose a threat to ground water contamination. Changes need to be made within a year of the MPCA report.

Councilmember Huffman asked if the cost to repair a septic system or these assessments differ widely. Mr. Wesolowski stated that he is unfamiliar with septic system costs. However, the drain field would have to be lifted in order to provide the needed separation between it and the water table.

Councilmember Huffman asked what the process would be for the City if this project is not done and septic systems fail. Mr. Schwerm explained that the reason for the project at this time is the failing septic systems. They are considered failing now and residents have to do something with them, according to the inspection reports. If the systems are fixed so they are in compliance, the City probably would not get back to this project for another 9 to 10 years. Any other septic systems that fail would also need repairs. Subdivision of property would not be possible without a variance because another parcel would have to put in a septic system and well since they are not yet available in the area.

Councilmember Quigley stated that his concern is that if the water table is a problem and there is ponding in several areas, as testified, mounding would have to be high in order to clear the water table.

Mayor Martin stated that she does not like to see residents have to substantially invest in a septic system when, eventually, they will have to pay the costs to hook up to City water and sewer. She herself had a similar problem and had to give up her septic system because a mound system could not be put in. The cost for a mound system was as much as a nice car. She does not want to see residents pay a lot of money for a new or repaired septic system and then have to pay for City utilities in the future.

Councilmember Withhart agreed. He stated that the issue for the Council is that it is charged by state statute to look at health, safety and welfare of the City as a whole. Septic systems do not work well in urban neighborhoods. He stated that he would support the 20-foot road design because of the size of the neighborhood, the width is less than most City streets. He asked the normal width of City streets. Mr. Maloney responded that approximately 75% of paved City streets are 32 feet wide with parking. The width is determined by accommodation of passage of traffic. Parking would be prohibited in order to accommodate emergency vehicles. In order to allow parking, the minimum road width would have to be 24 feet.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked if there is a minimum size lot to have a septic system. Mayor Martin answered, one acre. Councilmember Wickstrom stated that what is of real concern to her is not enough separation from the water table. If three septic systems are failing now, this may be the best time to do this project to save residents money on upgrades. She does not support a wider road, but cautioned that graduations and large family events are difficult with no parking on the road. This is a 50-year project. This is something for residents to think about.

Mayor Martin suggested that one possibility would be to hold off on this project a year for residents to find out actual costs for septic system repairs and if they can be fixed. Residents have a lot of information to use in researching this issue.

Councilmember Huffman stated that sewage is not going into the water table. Residents understand the issues. Knowing they understand and want to take the risk, he would not support the project. He would support Mayor Martin's suggestion for delay.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked the date that begins the year for repairs to be done. Mr. Maloney stated that the inspection is dated May 2009. Mr. Schwerm added that if MPCA knows that the systems will be fixed or the City will come in with City utilities within a year that would likely be acceptable.

Councilmember Quigley stated that he believes it would be prudent to table or postpone a decision to give residents more time to consider road width and septic repairs that have to be done.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that a year is too long to decide. The inspection is almost a year old. She would like to see estimate information from residents within a month.

Councilmember Withhart stated that he would agree to a delay of one month. He noted that the assessment estimates are the maximum and could be lower. Mr. Schwerm stated that the street assessment is the only variable. The other assessments are fixed. Past practice was to assess based on the number of units on the road. In this instance, the City is assessing per unit per household, which is a break for residents. The City will absorb costs over time until property is subdivided.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to table this matter until May 16, 2011, to allow neighbors to get estimates on what it would cost to fix their septic systems and for staff to get more information.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Martin asked if this delay would be feasible for staff, given the intent was to start on May 16th. Mr. Maloney stated that the project can be done in 2011, if authorization is given by May 16th. Mr. Schwerm added that a delay beyond May 16th would be a problem for completing the project this year.

Councilmember Huffman asked if there would be information as to the grading, elevation and drainage issues raised by the May 16th meeting. Mr. Schwerm stated that there will be some more information available.

Mayor Martin added that complete grading information will not be available until plans and specifications are ordered. She supported the one month delay but felt that the project will need to be done.

Councilmember Withhart noted that prices increase. At this time, the City is receiving favorable bids because construction companies are looking for work.

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **NO PARKING - PRAIRIE RIDGE DRIVE**

#### **Presentation by Public Works Director Mark Maloney**

A request has been received from the Village at Rice Creek Homeowner's Association to post No Parking at the north end of Prairie Ridge Drive. The street is part of the mixed use development at Rice Creek. The street serves the residential portion of the development. Medians were placed at the north and south ends of Prairie Ridge Drive where it connects with collector streets to prevent cut-through traffic. When cars are parked where the medians are located, traffic is blocked. Staff agrees and would recommend NO PARKING signage at both ends of Prairie Ridge Drive between the intersection and the first driveway.

Area residents were notified of the request. No comments have been received.

MOTION:       by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom, to adopt Resolution No. 11-19 prohibiting on-street parking along Prairie Ridge Drive for a distance of 100 feet south of Parkview Drive along the west side, and for a distance of 60 feet south of Parkview Drive along the east side.

#### Discussion:

Councilmember Withhart asked if similar traffic safety concerns exist in other locations in this area. Mr. Maloney responded that this problem is a function of the proximity of driveways to the intersection. The only concern expressed is for this location.

**Mr. Richard Vitalin**, 5937 Prairie Ridge Drive, stated that many cars park in this area at night. Cars are left for a long time. The last time there was a snow storm a car was parked and it blocked the road.

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

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Mayor Martin stated that she serves as Co-Chair of the Regional Council of Mayors (RCM), which is composed of approximately 45 Mayors from the Metropolitan Area. The Shoreview City Council is being asked to support a resolution for prioritization of transportation funding.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Huffman to authorize Mayor Martin to sign the resolution for transportation funding, as requested by the Regional Council of Mayors.

**Discussion:**

Councilmember Huffman stated that he seconded the motion for purposes of discussion.

Councilmember Withhart agreed transportation needs to be addressed and that it is important for economic development. He would like to see I-694 addressed but not necessarily transit. Given the state's budget situation, this would not be his priority in looking at the larger picture.

Councilmember Huffman stated he supports strong bus lines and good highways. He is not sure he would give this issue priority over the Health and Human Services cuts. There are many significant issues.

Mayor Martin explained that the resolution is not about setting priorities on spending. Transportation is an issue all municipalities are concerned about. The cut proposed for transportation would raise rates for everyone and cut a number of important bus routes. It is not as big an issue for Shoreview as it is for other communities.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that the bills in the legislature cut transportation significantly. There are a couple of bus transportation routes through the City, and they could be cut. Not enough roads can be built to accommodate need. This area is behind and if the Twin Cities is going to compete economically in the future, it is critical that the transportation system be put in order.

Mayor Martin stated she was not able to distribute the resolution earlier because she just received it today. She stated that ridership has increased significantly in the last week because of gas prices.

Councilmember Quigley stated he would support the motion. Representation on the RCM is important. This issue will get resolved because there are so many implications, and the resolution is a good will gesture.

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Martin  
Nays: Huffman

Mayor Martin encouraged Councilmembers to go to the RCM website. There are download opportunities of many of the presentations at their meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Huffman to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

VOTE:           Ayes - 5                           Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the April 18, 2011 City Council meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2011.

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Terry Schwerm  
City Manager