

STUDY MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006
7:00PM

MAYOR: GENE WINSTEAD

COUNCILMEMBERS: ROD AXTELL
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1	CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM	<i>7:01 pm</i>
2	INTRODUCTORY	<i>None</i>
3	CONSENT BUSINESS <i>(none)</i>	<i>None</i>
4	PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD <i>(Not open during work/study sessions)</i>	<i>N/A</i>
5	HEARINGS/PUBLIC INPUT <i>(none)</i>	<i>None</i>
6	ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS	<i>None</i>

STUDY ITEMS

***GN Resound Update**

**(Set out temporary barriers on Friday, Feb. 3 per the revised plan presented to Council on 1/30. If after a couple of weeks there continues to be problems with GN Resound traffic using Fremont Ave., the remainder of the temporary barriers would be set out along W. 80½ St. Staff to update Council at 2/13 study meeting. Staff to convert stormwater alternatives to unit cost or measurable standards such as acre feet so Council can provide staff with input relating to their preferred stormwater option.)*

1. Strategic Planning
 - *(A computer simulation of the Bloomington Central Station project was shown.)* *Shown**
 - a. Process Update *Presented**
 - *(RFP presented and Council approved moving it forward.)*
 - b. Environmental Scan *Presented**
 - *(Presented with request that Council provide feedback to City Manager's office.)*
 - c. Governance *Scheduled**
 - *(Schedule Council mtg. on 5/19 & 5/20. Outline commission involvement.)*
 - d. Opportunity Decision Matrix *Reviewed & Provided Input**
 - *(Council reviewed and inquired about status of fly wall project.)*
 - e. Strategic Priorities Update *Reviewed & Provided Input**
 - *(Council feedback to keep as priorities: Forestry, Park Master Plan, Staff Capacity/Band Width, 150 Year Celebration, Community Center and suggested combining Streetscape Master Plan, Pike/Pedestrian Plan & Transit Augmentation Study with the Comp Plan Update 2008. Delete Snow Removal Improvements.)*

2. Strategic Studies
- a. Lyndale/American Blvd. RFQ *Approved**
**(Council reviewed and approved sending it out.)*
- b. Normandale Lakes Study *Approved Moving Forward**
**(Council authorized staff to proceed with the study including a component on transit and to negotiate a contract for consultant assistance with SRF Consulting Group and Springsted Inc.)*
- c. Commercial Zoning Update *Reviewed & Provided Input**
**(Regarding Freeway Commercial Districts, Council provided input specifically relating to: Development Intensity Levels, Retail Standards, Residential Requirements, Office vs. Hotel, Approach to Auto Sales Uses, etc.)*
**(Regarding Rezoning to Neighborhood & Freeway Commercial Districts, Council indicated desire to only consider rezoning "high priority" areas as identified by Council.)*
- d. 2006 Long Range Planning Priorities *Cont. to 2/13**
**(Continued to the 2/13 study meeting for additional information from staff relating to both Planning & Engineering Division capacity needs and projections for possible consideration of consultant utilization to assist with workload.)*
3. Operational Policies
- a. Travel Policy *Cont. to 2/6**
**(Cont. to the 2/6 Regular meeting as Consent item using Federal Per Diem.)*
- b. 2006 Legislative Policy *Reviewed & Provided Input**
**(Council suggested a few minor edits and requested staff report on how to manage fire pension legislation relating to investment returns.)*
- c. 2006 Legislative Gathering *Scheduled**
**(Suggested a joint Council/Legislative meeting on 2/24 with 2/10 date as back up.)*
4. Policy Ordinance
- a. Board of Appeal and Assessment Ordinance *See Note**
**(Council directed staff to prepare to give the Board of Appeal & Equalization final authority on valuation decisions.)*
- b. Excessive Nuisance *Approved Moving Forward**
**(Council concurred with the proposed ordinance changes and directed staff to proceed with public input process, preparation of final draft ordinance for senior staff review with a public hearing at Council in April/May.)*
- c. Public Right of Way Ordinance *Approved Moving Forward**
**(Council approved concept of ordinance as proposed and directed staff to proceed with public input process, preparation of final draft ordinance for senior staff review with a public hearing at Council in March.)*

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Future Meetings: February 6 – Closed Mtg. (5:30 pm)
 February 6 – Regular Meeting (7 pm)
 February 13 – Study Meeting
 February 27 – Regular Meeting