

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW  
MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
July 8, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Martin called the workshop meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:06 p.m. on July 8, 2013.

**ROLL CALL**

The following attended the meeting:

City Council: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Johnson, Quigley, and Wickstrom

Councilmember Withhart was absent.

Staff: Terry Schwerm, City Manager  
Mark Maloney, Public Works Director

**DISCUSSION REGARDING SUBURBAN TRANIST**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING TCAAP TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION**

A proposed resolution to support a north/south road through the TCAAP property to connect Highway 96 and County Road I was discussed as a result of the Council's earlier discussion about the Rice Creek North Trail Master Plan. Tom Lemke appeared at the last City Council meeting to bring the issue of the need for a north/south road connection other than I-35 or Lexington Avenue.

Mayor Martin expressed her concern that Rice Creek Parkway might become more than it was intended to be and used as a frontage road. She noted that although Shoreview has more border with the TCAAP property than any other city, the City has not been directly involved in planning discussions.

Mr. Schwerm stated that at this time the City does not have to push to advocate addressing this issue. It is a public safety issue, and public safety providers are already strongly advocating for a north/south road. Rather than a separate resolution at this time, he would suggest preparation for comments during the official Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) process that will include a comment period. At this point in time, the City is being represented by County Commissioner Blake Huffman.

Councilmember Quigley stated that he would support whatever is decided to be the most effective way for Shoreview to be heard. When it is appropriate for a resolution, he would like it to include language to indicate a cooperative endeavor with all cities.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that the location of a north/south road is important. If it were along the freeway, it would not be as beneficial as if the road connected at Schutta. Mr. Maloney added that the closer a north/south road would be to the freeway the more likely it would become a frontage road. Mn/DOT and Ramsey County agree on using Rice Creek Parkway to relieve the freeway. It would make sense for it to align with Schutta. Clarification is needed and only a general discussion is possible until specific plans are known.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that with the proposed plan for wildlife protection, it looks like new development will be cut off from natural areas. The park will be to the north, and people will have to drive around the natural area to get to the park on County Road I, which will become a busier road. The earlier Ryan proposal would have restaurants and shops along County Road H also making it a busy road. Using Rice Creek Parkway is not a good option because it would turn into a second freeway. A north/south route connecting at Schutta would be best.

Councilmember Quigley asked if Mn/DOT has drawn up any plans. Mr. Maloney answered that Mn/DOT would rather wait to see how land uses are designated. There is no momentum for the Ryan proposal so he is not concerned about the use of County Road I. However, a north/south road will mean more traffic on County Road I.

Mr. Schwerm suggested that before the Council adopt a resolution, the Mayor talk with Commissioner Huffman to find the best approach to plan for a north/south road and deal with protection of the wildlife area.

Councilmember Quigley agreed and stated that any resolution now would have to be very broad and not specific. When the Vikings Stadium was proposed, there was no concern about wildlife or for a north/south road. It is too early to advocate a transportation benefit for Shoreview and an access benefit for the whole region. Shoreview needs to be at the planning table to know the right time to put out a resolution.

Mr. Maloney stated that at this time Shoreview can express concern about a north/south road for public safety purposes. Several model scenarios are needed, as the real impact for different road locations has not been determined. No drawings are available yet. He agreed that the City should prepare official comments for release during the comment period during the official AUAR process.

It was the consensus of the Council to hold off on a formal resolution and continue discussion with AUAR.

## **REVIEW OF YOUTH HOCKEY REQUEST**

City Manager Schwerm indicated that the Mounds View and Irondale Youth Hockey Association had sent a letter requesting that the four cities (Shoreview, Arden Hills, Mounds View and New Brighton) who are part of the original Super Rink construction release the \$400,000 that is being held in an escrow fund. This escrow fund was established as part of an agreement with the Youth Hockey Association to insure that the minimum 2080 hours of ice time per year are purchased at the Super Rink. Fortunately the first 15 years of the agreement on the Super Rink, the County has never needed to purchase additional ice time to make up for a rental shortfall. The agreement that established this escrow fund established a minimum fund balance of \$350,000 and after discussion with the other cities, there appears to be a willingness to consider releasing the escrow fund from \$400,000 to \$300,000, but not release the entire escrow.

It was the consensus of the Council to agree to release \$100,000. City Manager Schwerm will write a letter that will also indicate that the escrow fund will have to be rebuilt and maintained at \$300,000 because that is what is in the original agreement.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

### **OAKWOOD POND**

Councilmember Wickstrom reported that she has been receiving complaints about the condition of the pond in North Point on the east side of Shamrock Park.

Mr. Maloney responded that he has had three conversations with residents about the pond this year. The City does not do chemical treatment. There is no resident association in the neighborhood, but residents may create an informal one for the purpose of doing chemical treatment.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that there has been discussion about barley straw and aeration. Residents need someone from the City to talk to them about the best approach.

Mr. Schwerm suggested that residents look at the pond in the Commons where aeration does not help the duckweed or green look to the pond. Because Oakwood Pond is such a big pond, the DNR may not allow chemical treatment. Mr. Maloney added that Oakwood Pond is the biggest storm water pond in the northern part of the City, but the City is not resourced to do all types of treatments as though ponds are lakes. Residents want the ponds to be pristine, even though the ponds are doing what they were intended to do. Residents do not want unsightly ponds with duckweed and other vegetative growth.

Councilmember Wickstrom noted that some residents mow to the edge of the pond while others leave a buffer. It would help if everyone would leave a natural buffer to help pollutants from draining into the lake from lawn treatments.

Mr. Maloney stated that there are numerous examples where neighbors form an association to apply to the DNR for treatment permits. He offered to talk to the contact person in the

neighborhood. The City's Environmental Officer, Jessica Schaum, is also a good resource person.

### **NORTH OAKS VILLAGE CENTER WATER**

City Manager Schwerm reported that business managers in North Oaks Village Center are complaining about their water bill, which is determined by one meter for the entire Village Center. When the City changed to a tiered rate system three years ago, water costs for the Village Center went from \$26,000 a year to \$46,000. With just normal rate increases, the rate now would be in the range of \$33,000. To bill just one meter puts the water usage in the third tier causing water bills to increase. In addition, the City charges a 25% surcharge to provide water. In a recent new agreement, the City gave North Oaks credit for residential units. Residents in the new Charley Lakes development in North Oaks who will receive Shoreview water will be billed the same as Shoreview residents with a 25% markup. To address the concern of the Village Center business owners, consideration is being given to allow credit for three commercial properties or meters. The City would still benefit, and there would continue to be an incentive to conserve water.

Mr. Schwerm further stated that when the City went to a tiered rate system, it resulted in much larger bills because every business and building is grouped as one customer. That is like taking Deluxe Campus and adding PaR Systems and someone else and bill all of them as one customer. It may more equitable to give them the credit for three businesses. The City has been faithfully delivering water through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with North Oaks. If a change in billing were to be made, it would have to come through appropriate channels through the two City Councils.

Mayor Martin noted the impact to Shoreview to use normal tier rate increases would be approximately \$10,000. She would support reducing the rate from \$46,000 to \$36,000.

Further discussion will continue.

### **KOZLAK'S**

Mayor Martin stated that in response to the many emails she is receiving about Kozlak's closing and the proposed senior cooperative housing, she is trying to explain the process to people. It takes a lot of time to explain how the process works. The best place for residents to get information at this point is at the Planning Commission. The Council will review the Concept Stage plan for a senior housing redevelopment of the property July 15th, and will make recommendations to the Planning Commission. The proposed senior living development is not a City-driven proposal.

### **SIGNS**

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that there is a proliferation of signs and asked the status of the sign ordinance amendment. Mr. Schwerm responded that a sign sweep needs to be done.

Mayor Martin expressed her disappointment that only two Planning Commission members attended the meeting that was scheduled with experts to specifically learn about message center signs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.