

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW  
MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 18, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 18, 2013.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmember Withhart was absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Martin requested a brief discussion regarding a vacancy on the Planning Commission during the *Special Order of Business* portion of the meeting.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to approve the November 18, 2013 agenda as submitted.

VOTE:                   Ayes - 4                   Nays - 0

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

There were none.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Mr. Al Dubiak**, 4050 Crestview Lane, stated that he respects the AAA rating that has lowered the City's borrowing costs because of the excellent job being done by the City Manager, staff and the Council. However, trust between government and citizens happen when government publicizes what it is doing regarding taxes and what those taxes are being spent on. He did not know a fee could be added onto his utility bill and is upset that the City is adding a fee to his Xcel bill. There is a moral obligation on the part of the City to publicize this new charge and how it is going to be used. His understanding is that the money will be used for trails and parks. He thought those items were budgeted annually. This fee will mean an additional \$800,000 in

revenue for the City. Every additional \$100,000 is a 1% increase. Revenue this year in Shoreview will increase by 10% or 11%, which must be one of the highest in the state. He finds this very difficult to understand. Although not strictly another tax, it is another thing that citizens have to pay. He would urge the Council to go beyond legal requirements and inform citizens so no one is surprised.

Mayor Martin offered to send Mr. Dubiak the minutes from meetings when this issue was discussed. There was no intent to do anything in secret. A number of people did testify, and the franchise fee is used by a number of cities throughout the State. The City is experiencing a loss of revenue, specifically from the Tall Tower fees that guaranteed \$110,000 a year for 25 years. Another loss is the public use dedication fee that was received when property was developed. As the City is mostly developed, that fee is not being collected. The City receives no state aid and no Local Government Aid (LGA). The City has had to be self-sufficient for a long time. She expressed her appreciation for Mr. Dubiak's comments and assured him she will see that he receives the information available on this issue.

**Mr. Kent Peterson**, 1070 Bucher Avenue, stated that as a volunteer, along with Karen Eckman, they represented the City at the Ramsey/Washington Metro Watershed District to receive a Certificate of Appreciation to the City for the Commons pond buffer project behind the Community Center and the rain garden by the fire station by Island Lake School. The Certificate is for participation in the Landscape Ecology Awards Program to preserve water quality and water resources. The buffer was planted by volunteers and continues to be maintained by volunteers. He expressed appreciation to staff that help coordinate support from volunteers. The native plants used are excellent for residents to use in their yards. He presented the Certificate to Mayor Martin for the City.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

#### **Mayor Martin:**

The City has received word from the City's legislative delegation, Senator Scalze and Representative Isaacson, that funding of up to \$42 million has been approved for improvements on I-694 from Rice Street to Lexington Avenue. Construction will begin in 2015.

Congratulations to Shoreview's Citizen of the year, Julie B. Williams, who serves on the Shoreview Human Rights Commission, Shoreview Historical Society, plays in the Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band and worked hard on the City's 50th Anniversary in 2007.

On Friday, November 22, 2013, there will be a Dive-in Movie at the Community Center.

#### **Councilmember Wickstrom:**

The Holiday Concert given by the Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band will be on December 14, 2013, at Bethel Great Hall, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 online at [www.snlvb.com](http://www.snlvb.com) or from City Hall. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$12.00.

There will be a public open house on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, regarding a Conceptual Alternatives Analysis on County Road 96, County Road I, I-35W, and County Road H. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. It will be at the Ramsey County Public Works on Hamline north of Highway 96, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Councilmember Johnson:**

On November 25, 2013, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. will be the Annual Lighting Ceremony. Children from 4th and 5th grades from Turtle Lake School, Island Lake School and Oak Hill Montessori will sing.

The Shoreview Community Foundation will host its annual fundraiser on Thursday, December 5, 2013, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. It is an opportunity for residents to come together to celebrate this great community and raise funds for the Foundation.

The City is hosting a one-month membership to the Community Center for \$35.00, from November 29 to December 23, 2013.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Quigley noted the positive efforts and services through the contract with the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

Mayor Martin stated that the program has saved residents a significant amount of money.

Public Work Director Maloney explained that the contract provides a full-time labor work crew of 6 to 8 members for the City. The cost to the City is \$82,000 a year. Work is done in parks and public works and anything else requested by the City. It is a very successful program, and work that is of lower priority and that regular staff are often not able to get done is taken care of by this work crew.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adopt the Consent Agenda for November 18, 2013, and all relevant resolutions for item Nos. 1 through 9:

1. November 4, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. November 4, 2013 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
3. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes:
  - Park and Recreation Commission, September 26, 2013
  - Planning Commission, October 22, 2013
4. Monthly Reports:
  - Administration
  - Community Development
  - Finance
  - Public Works
  - Park and Recreation

5. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$889,793.83
6. Purchases
7. Approval of Contract with MN Department of Corrections
8. Developer Escrow Reduction
9. Declaration of LGU for Wetland Conservation Act

VOTE:                      Ayes - 4                      Nays - 0

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

### **APPROVAL OF 2014 CURBSIDE RECYCLING BUDGET, CITY RECYCLING FEE AND AUTHORIZE REQUEST OF S.C.O.R.E. FUNDING**

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

The City participates in a Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Shoreview and Ramsey County for curbside recycling. The County collects the fee used to pay for the curbside pickup. The fee also includes Spring and Fall Cleanup Days. The City also plans to apply for a S.C.O.R.E. grant of approximately \$52,000 to defray collection costs.

The 2014 budget breaks down as follows:

Revenue:	Charges for services	\$493,000
	S.C.O.R.E. Grant	\$ 52,000
	Other Local Governments (Arden Hills participation)	\$ 14,500
	Total Revenue:	\$559,500
Expense:	Contract	\$501,589
	Personnel	\$ 26, 579
	All Other Expenses	\$ 1,100
	Total Expense	\$529,569

The \$30,000 difference will be used to build a fund balance for recycling. The reason to build a fund balance is because the City receives tax distributions from the County only twice a year but must pay the vendor monthly. Also, the goal is for the fund balance to be able to cover funding provided by the S.C.O.R.E. grant should that grant program ever be discontinued.

There has been recent discussion with the Council to make changes to the Cleanup Day program to reduce costs. In the last two years, it has fallen to the City to handle all the administrative aspects of the event, including collecting cash and handling credit cards, which has created long wait lines. To reduce the number of staff, eliminate cash handling, and reduce wait times, staff is preparing a “no cost” clean up day event as a pilot program in 2014.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked if ID would be checked on Cleanup Day to verify residence in Shoreview or Arden Hills. She also asked if electronic items will be accepted. Mr. Maloney responded that drivers' licenses are checked. Electronic waste is the biggest cost and whether it can be accepted is still being reviewed. Mr. Schwerm stated that at this time it is believed that residents can get rid of electronic waste more economically in other places, such as Best Buy that takes it free or other places that are cheaper. It is costly for the City and residents to take it on clean up day and dispose of it.

Mayor Martin asked if Arden Hills has agreed to the new way of managing Cleanup Day. Mr. Maloney stated that the new program has been discussed with Arden Hills staff. They are on board as a pilot program.

**MOTION:** by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adopt Resolution No. 13-99 approving the 2014 curb-side recycling budget, City recycling fee, and authorizing request of SCORE funding allocation.

Discussion:

Mayor Martin noted that the goal of this program and changes to Cleanup Day is to increase participation with shorter lines and reduce costs.

Councilmember Wickstrom expressed her hope that residents will use the Cleanup Day option to get rid of large items rather than setting them out on the curb for anyone to pick up.

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

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Mayor Martin noted that the City has been working hard to represent residents regarding the negative impact with the increase in train traffic and activity in the City. On Friday, November 15, 2013, a proposal was received from Canadian Pacific Rail as to how they plan to address train noise and blocking of train crossings that create problems for businesses and emergency vehicles. The changes were implemented on November 17, 2013. She is hopeful that the changes that are being prepared by CP Rail will improve the situation. She commended residents on the research and information and their continued participation on this issue.

Mayor Martin stated that the deadline for applying to serve on committees and commissions was October 25, 2013. Late in the process an opening occurred on the Planning Commission, and she would like to extend the time to accept applications for that Commission, which does not need to be filled until the end of January. Mr. Schwerm suggested that interviews could take place at the Council's December or January workshop meeting.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to accept applications for the Planning Commission vacancy until December 2, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

VOTE:                   Ayes - 4                   Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2013.

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Terry Schwerm  
City Manager