

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wickstrom:

A reminder that on Monday, November 9, 2015, a Veterans Day celebration will be observed at the *Build-A-Burger* night at the VFW in White Bear Lake, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Anyone who has served or is serving in the military will get a free burger. Volunteers for *Beyond the Yellow Ribbon* events will be recruited in December.

Councilmember Springhorn:

A reminder to residents to vote in the election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for the Mounds View Public School Board and the Roseville School Board.

Councilmember Johnson:

There are City Commission and Committee vacancies. Applications are being taken through November 30, 2015. Detailed information is available on the City's website.

Councilmember Quigley:

The indoor Farmers' Market will begin at the Community Center November 17, 2015. It will be available once a month.

Mayor Martin:

The 25th Anniversary of the Community Center will be celebrated on November 20th and November 21st. Many special activities are planned for the weekend, including a Dive-In Movie, *The Little Mermaid*. Prices will be rolled back to the prices charged in 1990 on November 21st.

The Shoreview Community Foundation is hosting the *Annual Evening with Friends* on Thursday, November 5, 2015, with social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. The featured speaker will be Shoreview resident Kate Herzog, founder of the *House of Talents*. All who are interested are invited to attend.

The holiday tree lighting will be the evening of Monday, November 16, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item No. 10, Minor Subdivision at 175 Sherwood Road, was pulled for separate discussion. Councilmember Wickstrom asked if Tract A will be a flag lot and whether the owner of that lot will own the driveway. She does not want the driveway to be an easement that could present any future problems. City Manager Schwerm stated that Tract A is a flag lot. There is a stretch of road to Sherwood that will be used for the driveway, which will be owned by the owner of Tract A.

Item Nos. 11 and 12 were moved to General Business.

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adopt the amended Consent Agenda for November 2, 2015, and all relevant resolutions for item Nos. 1, through 10:

1. October 12, 2015 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
2. October 19, 2015 City Council Minutes
3. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes
 - Planning Commission, September 22, 2015
 - Parks and Recreation Commission, October 22, 2015
4. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$1,608,722.53
5. Purchases
6. Approve Utility Relocation Agreement with MnDOT - Relocation of Utilities in I-694 Right-of-Way, CP 15-10
7. Change Order #3 and Payment #7 (Final) - Hanson Road Reconstruction, CP 14-01
8. Authorizing Issuance and Sale of \$7,605,000 General Obligation Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2016A
9. Conditional Use Permit/Site and Building Plan Review - Minnesota Veterinary Hospital, 4545 Hodgson Road
10. Minor Subdivision - 175 Sherwood Road, Gerald and Linda Walsh

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

GENERAL BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY CENTER RATE ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor Martin noted that the difference between the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission and staff and requested an alternate motion.

City Manager Schwerm explained that City policy is to make small adjustments to rates each year rather than jumping rates every few years. The yearly adjustments keep up with inflation. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended holding the resident membership rates for 2016 and increasing the non-resident membership rate. All daily rates are increasing, but the loss of revenue from membership rates would be approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 on an annual basis to the Community Center Fund. Mr. Schwerm noted that the proposed budget and preliminary tax levy did include the proposed fee changes. The loss of revenue would come from the Community Center Fund balance.

Councilmember Quigley noted that the percentage of responders to the Community Survey showed a decrease of membership at the Community Center, which is something to take into account.

Councilmember Johnson asked the percentage of annual Shoreview resident memberships v. non-resident memberships. Mr. Schwerm answered that approximately two-thirds of members are residents; one-third are non-residents. Approximately \$1.1 million in memberships are sold per year.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that the rates are fees for service. She does not want to see the Community Center unable to cover costs and would support the alternate motion.

Councilmember Springhorn stated that a comparison was made of the Community Center rates to other similar community facilities. With the increased rate, it remains a very good value. He agreed with Councilmember Wickstrom and stated he would support the alternate motion.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adopt Ordinance No. 936, Alternate Exhibit D establishing 2016 Community Center rates.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Quigley, Springhorn, Wickstrom, Martin
Nays:

APPROVAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT FOR 2016

Presentation by Human Resources Director Laurie Elliott

The City has had health insurance from HealthPartners for a number of years. This year, HealthPartners raised rates by 25%. This was primarily due to a single large claim. An informal RFP was sent out to see if the City could obtain better rates. Blue Cross bid 30% higher rates; Medica bid 25% higher rates. PreferredOne did not bid. During negotiations, she explained that the large claim was a one-time event that would not be repeated in 2016. Medica took that information and reduced its bid to a 14.66% increase. HealthPartners reduced its bid to 19%. These increases hurt those on the family plan because employees on the family plan cover the increase gap between what the City contributes and the insurance company increase. At 25%, the increase is \$311, with the City only covering \$60 of that amount. The 14.66% brings the increase down to \$183, less the \$60 paid by the City. Still, it is an increase to employees of \$123 plus dental coverage increases. Currently, the City plan has a \$1500 deductible, then a 80/20 co-pay until reaching the maximum out-of-pocket expenditure of \$3000 for a single employee. The maximum out-of-pocket for families is \$6000. In looking at other options to try to help families, Medica offers a \$3,000 deductible that would make the premium increase \$114 with the City paying \$60 of that amount, which is a \$54 increase for employees. Staff believes this is a good alternative to offer.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked if employees will have to change doctors. She asked if employees should be surveyed as to their preference of keeping the same clinics and doctors and paying a higher rate or having a much lower rate increase. Ms. Elliott stated that Medica has assured her they have contracts with all the HealthPartners clinics and specialists. Mr. Schwerm emphasized that Medica has a broad network and does include the Mayo Clinic. He is not concerned that many employees will have to change clinics. The other part of the issue is that

the single employee coverage that the City pays would be much higher and would impact the General Fund budget. The proposed 14% increase is close to what was budgeted.

Councilmember Quigley stated that he believes the impact of a huge premium increase would be harder on employees than changing clinics or doctors.

Councilmember Springhorn asked if the City contributes to the employees' HRA. Ms. Elliott responded that the City contributes \$120 and \$150 respectively per month for families and single employees.

Councilmember Johnson commended Ms. Elliott for her work to research further what options could be available.

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the staff recommendation on the approval of two Medica plan offerings: 1) the same plan design as 2015; and 2) adding the alternative No. 2 as described in the material. These plans would go into effect January 1, 2016.

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

APPROVAL OF 2016 CURBSIDE RECYCLING BUDGET, CITY RECYCLING FEE AND AUTHORIZE REQUEST OF SCORE FUNDING

Presentation by Natural Resources Specialist Neva Widner

The City has had a Joint-Powers Agreement with Ramsey County to collect the recycling fee since 1991. This fee covers residential curbside pickup of recyclables as well as Spring and Fall Cleanup Days. The SCORE Grant is used to defray costs of collection.

Residents are able to choose among three sizes of recycling carts: 35 gallons; 64 gallons or 96 gallons. Spring Cleanup Days, done jointly with Arden Hills, tend to have better participation in the spring than in the fall, but overall participation is good. There are three Ramsey County operated yard and waste collection sites that are convenient for Shoreview residents. Organics recycling is accepted at Mounds View and White Bear Township but not at Arden Hills at this time. Plans are in the works to add organics recycling at Arden Hills in the future.

The recycling program offers organics recycling drop off at the yard and waste sites where residents can pick up free composting bags. Free starter kits are available through Ramsey County. Free Fix-it Clinics are offered by volunteers in Ramsey County. Residents can bring in broken items, such as a lamp, toaster or child's toy to be fixed. There will be a Fix-it Clinic at the Shoreview Library on Saturday, February 27, 2015. Even recycling containers are available for special party events of residents. Hazardous waste collection is also included in the recycling program.

Projected recycling budget revenue for 2016:

Charges for services	\$525,500
SCORE Grant	\$ 62,469
Other Local Governments	\$ 13,000
Cleanup Day	<u>\$ 11,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$611,969

Projected 2016 recycling budget expenses:

Contractual services	\$525,320
Personnel	\$ 39,315
All other expenses	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
TOTAL:	\$566,135

The difference in revenue will help to build the recycling fund balance to be able to cover costs as they occur. The increase to residents is \$47 for the year compared to \$46 in 2015, a 2.2% increase.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to adopt Resolution No. 15-101 approving the 2016 curb-side recycling budget, City recycling fee, and authorizing request of SCORE funding allocation.

Discussion:

Councilmember Springhorn asked if it is projected that curbside pickup will be available for organics in 2017. Ms. Widner responded that she has not heard when curbside pickup of organics might be available.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Springhorn, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015.

Terry Schwerm
City Manager