

City Council Study Meeting
Monday, May 09, 2016
Bloomington Civic Plaza
1800 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431-3027

- 1 **Call to Order - 6:00 PM** Mayor Winstead called the study meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Present: Councilmembers C. Abrams, J. Baloga, T. Busse, A. Carlson, D. Lowman and J. Oleson
- 2 **INTRODUCTORY** None.
- 3 **ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS** None.
- ~~3.1 **National Citizen Survey Peer Cities Group** Requested Action: Expand the peer cities comparison group to include seven Minnesota cities in the National Research Center's database in the 2016 National Citizen Survey.~~
- ~~Community Services Director Diann Kirby shared PowerPoint presentation explaining the National Citizen Survey which showed geographic distribution of the survey. Explained the benchmark comparisons from peer cities. Kirby explained that Staff recommended adding seven Minnesota cities to the list of benchmark comparison cities. Asked Council if the comparison should be with the original list, or with the expanded list to include the added Minnesota cities. Cost would be the same for either option.~~
- ~~Baloga asked what the history is of the seven Minnesota cities using this survey instrument. If this is something that will be done infrequently, using their comparison data could skew the results.~~
- ~~Mayor Winstead said at least four of the cities have done community surveys for many years.~~
- ~~Carlson said weather would be a critical component for this and is an obvious criteria.~~
- ~~Busse suggested comparing where Bloomington was four years ago to where Bloomington is now. Suggested keeping all 28 cities on the list. Council agreed with keeping all 28 cities on the list.~~
- ~~Kirby gave a run-through on the business survey methodology. Final report to come out in July.~~
- ~~Carlson asked if there will be a Business Day this year. Kirby confirmed that it will be Friday September 16th.~~
- 3.2 **Firearms Sales Zoning** Requested Action: Provide input and direction on potential City Code amendments related to firearm sales.

Planning Manager Glen Markegard provided PowerPoint presentation. Defined the current standards and use classification. Showed the areas where firearms dealers are allowed as Conditional Uses. City Code prohibits the sale, lease, or trade of firearms or ammunition out of the home. Bloomington currently does not have sensitive use buffers.

Markegard said that if Minneapolis buffers were applied to Bloomington, the number of primary and incidental sales would be lower. If applying the St. Paul buffer, there would be even more restrictions yet. Zero parcels for primary and 17 incidental sales, which would be in South Loop.

The Planning Commission consensus is to go with the hybrid approach of an area of within 250' of residential zoning district for places of worship, daycare facilities, and K-12 schools.

Baloga said the incidental is strictly what the proposal is to percent of floor space. Asked if there was consideration for total revenue generated. Markegard responded that after discussing that, there is concern with getting the data, would have to audit the data which is time consuming. There was also a concern that it could fluctuate from period to period due to factors outside the retailer.

Mayor Winstead asked how the 10% of the space would be calculated. Markegard said it would need to be defined clearly in an ordinance. There would also need to be a definition for accessories.

Busse recommended having a limitation for how many gun shops can be within a certain area, to avoid having multiple gun shops near each other.

Mayor Winstead asked if the categories are acceptable, and if the feet restrictions are acceptable. Suggested that primary and incidental is a good way to view it, but will need to solidify definitions.

Council discussed the possibility of limiting shops within certain number of feet from each other, primary to primary.

Baloga said he'd feel better, for primary, if we were looking for a separation greater than 250'. 1000' or more is more appropriate if interested in spacing the locations out.

Abrams asked about the trends for sales. Markegard said online sales and gun shows are trends, and added that the buffers should apply to temporary locations.

Markegard defined firearms sales, incidentals, firearms sales, primary, firearms manufacturing, warehousing or distribution, firearms office, and firing range. Feedback from Planning Commission said it fell more within recreational side.

Council discussed noise issues with indoor and outdoor ranges, and uses of firing ranges. Mayor Winstead suggested having indoor only with a 1000' or more of a buffer.

Markegard summarized that they would be reviewing just industrial, and just indoor. Next step is Planning Commission public hearing this summer.

Carlson asked if the taskforce has come up with any lists of other stipulations for sensitive uses (e.g. no bars in windows, no firearms in window view) and asked this to be explored further. Suggested this along with submittal of security plan within police department.

Baloga asked if there is an opportunity to do inventory control during off hours, like having a display case and putting firearms into a vault for after hours to secure inventory.

Markegard to look into Council questions and concerns including if 10% for incidental sales is a reasonable percentage.

3.3 Facility and Energy Management

Requested Action: Council to consider commitment and strategy for facility and energy management.

Maintenance Superintendent Jim Eiler and Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Deb Williams introduced Laura Malwitz and Chad Rykal from CR-BPS Inc.

Malwitz walked through overall goal, current state of buildings, and defined and explained FCI (Facility condition index) and EUI (energy use intensity). The facilities have been benchmarked, excluding parks. With all the facilities taken into account, there are several buildings that are in "unsatisfactory" condition. Discussed the costs for long-term capital planning as well as strategies.

Williams explained the groupings of the buildings as priorities. Group 1 priorities are Civic Plaza, Public Works, and Old Town Hall.

Mayor Winstead said it's \$6 million per year for upkeep, and Baloga asked what the 10-year spend would include. If we keep budgeting the way we are, we'd be in the \$2 million per year range.

Carlson asked what value \$6 million per year would bring the buildings to. Malwitz said it would get them to a "better" condition. Suggested setting a desired condition, and from there, the software will dial in on needs and priorities by dollar amount.

Baloga said we would also need to look at the replacement needs. Must take out ongoing maintenance for Creekside because it could be skewing the overall results.

Oleson asked if the operational costs are figured in. Malwitz said there is an inflation factor, but it's just a general average of inflation. Operational would be more included in "RI". Currently just looking at conditions and lifecycle of systems.

Malwitz provided overview of Public Works. Eiler discussed strategy and what needs upgrading and replacing within the Public Works building.

Williams asked what FCI level is tolerable. Would like to bring back more actual plans rather than overview. Will follow up with the related budgets to see what needs to happen.

Eiler suggested keeping group 1 buildings maintained as-is. Group 2 buildings will need some money put into them. Will need to look at some of these individually, and how that will affect the overall budget.

Baloga said it's overwhelming to hear that so many buildings are deficient, and it's difficult to understand how the numbers work and how they'll be prioritized. Now that there is a baseline, how can the prioritization give us the biggest bang for the buck.