

- 2.6 Older Americans Month Proclamation** Requested Action: Mayor read and present a proclamation declaring May as Older Americans Month.

Mayor Winstead read and presented the Older Americans Month proclamation to the Needle Workers at Creekside Community Center who reported they produced 4,000 items last year.

- 2.7 2015 Report From Board of Appeal And Equalization** Requested Action: Receive a report from the City of Bloomington's 2015 Board of Appeal and Equalization.

It was announced any property owners wishing to appeal the Board of Appeal and Equalization's recommendations should contact the Hennepin County Board of Equalization at 612-348-5076 to make an appointment.

City Assessor Matt Gersemehl provided background on this year's report and then introduced Tom Meyers to read the findings of the Board. Gersemehl stated many properties were reviewed by the Assessing Division. Sixteen formal applications were made to the Board of Appeals with only six owners appearing at the first meeting. He stated some 2002 information was inadvertently provided in the spreadsheet material and should be disregarded. He reminded applicants to the Local Board of Appeal can proceed to the Hennepin County Board of Appeal and the Minnesota Tax Court. His staff can assist residents with that appeal process.

Tom Meyers reported the Board concluded the hearing on April 29 and said the Board's findings are final. Of the sixteen properties, one market value was reduced; in nine cases the Board adopted the assessor's recommended value, and the Board sustained the value in four cases.

Winstead commented very few property owners contest their valuation in Bloomington.

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to accept the report of the City of Bloomington's 2015 Board of Appeal and Equalization as presented.

3 CONSENT BUSINESS

- 3.1 New Street Light Installation Approval - Portland Avenue** Requested Action: Approve the installation of the new local street light on the northwest corner of Portland Avenue and Bischoff Lane, over the school crossing.

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to approve the new street light installation as described above.

- 3.2 Alpha Business Center Lease to iCombat Minnesota, Inc.** Requested Action: Approve the lease for iCombat Minnesota, Inc. to lease space in the Alpha V building until December, 2017.

At the request of staff, this item was removed from the agenda to be heard at a later date.

- 3.3 Data Analysis Agreement with MN Department of Health** Requested Action: Approve the Data Analysis Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to approve the Data Analysis Agreement with MDH per the agenda item.

- 3.4 Application Environmental Response Fund Grant, Funds for VEAP Project Adopt Resolution**
- Requested Action: Adopt a resolution supporting VEAP's Environmental Response Fund grant application submitted to the Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services for its projects.
- Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to adopt a resolution approving VEAP's funding application as described above. (R-2015-49)
- 3.5 Shell Space Fund Transfers**
- Requested Action: Approve transfers totaling \$120,000 (\$60,000 from the Information Systems Fund and \$60,000 from the South Loop Fund) to the Facilities Fund for a project renovating the empty shell space to the east of the Legal Department for a multi-purpose area.
- Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to approve the transfers of funding into the Facilities Fund for a project involving the empty shell space next to Legal as described above.
- 3.6 Janitorial Services - Approve Award**
- Requested Action: Award a contract to Common Sense Building Services in the amount of \$785,586.62, plus a 10% contingency for any additional cleaning needed, to provide janitorial cleaning services for thirteen City facilities beginning June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017.
- Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to award a contract to Common Sense Building Services in the amount of \$785,586.62 plus a 10% contingency as presented in the agenda item.
- 3.7 Amend July 2015 Council Meeting Schedule Adopt Resolution**
- Requested Action: Adopt a resolution amending the July 2015 Schedule of Regular and Study City Council meetings to show the following meetings in July: July 6 regular, July 13 study, and July 27 regular.
- Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to adopt a resolution amending the July 2015 Schedule of Regular and Study City Council meetings as described above. (R-2015-50)
- 3.8 Valley View Tennis Court Reconstruction - Approve Award**
- Requested Action: Award a contract to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. in the amount of \$146,900, plus a 10% contingency for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$161,590 for the reconstruction of the six tennis courts at Valley View Playfield.
- Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to award a contract to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. in the amount of \$146,900 plus a 10% contingency for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$161,590.
- 3.9 Air Light Fire Apparatus - Approve Purchase**
- Requested Action: Approve the purchase of an Air Light Fire Apparatus from Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC under HGAC contract #FS12-13 in the amount of \$379,889.
- Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to approve the purchase of an Air Light Fire Apparatus as described above.

- 3.10 Award of Contract: 2015-101 PMP Street Improvement Project** Requested Action: Adopt a resolution awarding a contract to Hardrives, Inc. for the 2015-101 Pavement Management Program (PMP) Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$4,703,674.29 and approve funding for various contract changes up to a 12% contingency of the original contract amount (\$564,440.91) for a total project construction authorization of \$5,268,115.21.
- Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to adopt a resolution awarding a contract to Hardrives, Inc. in the amount of \$4,703,674.29 and up to a 12% contingency of the original contract amount (\$564,440.91) for a total project construction authorization of \$5,268,115.21 for the PMP Street Improvement Project. (R-2015-51)
- 3.11 Meeting Minutes City Council-Approval** Requested Action: Approve the minutes from the following City Council meetings: April 18, 2015, Special City Council meeting and the April 20, 2015, Regular City Council meeting as presented.
- Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to approve the April 18, 2015 Special meeting and April 20, 2015 Regular meeting minutes as presented.
- 3.12 Metropolitan Council Regional Park Grant Agreement SG2014-055** Requested Action: Approve Grant Agreement #SG2014-055 between the City and the Metropolitan Council for the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve to provide up to \$172,000 to partially fund the reconstruction of the parking lots, driveways, lighting, boat ramp, and associated storm water management at the Normandale Lake Park Unit.
- Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to approve Grant Agreement #SG2014-055 between the City and the Metropolitan Council for the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park Reserve as described in the agenda item.
- 4 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
- 4.1 Response to Prior Meeting's Public Comments** City Manager Jamie Verbrugge stated Sally Ness appeared last week with issues similar to what she's reported on in the past. He said Ness sent an e-mail to the City regarding a change in occupancy at the Dar Al Farooq Youth and Family Center (AFYFC) at 8201 Park Avenue. He reported staff from Planning and Legal determined the use of the property does not constitute a change of occupancy.
- 4.2 Public Comment** Mayor Winstead opened the Public Comment Period for those wishing to address the Council on matters not on tonight's agenda.
- Speaker #1: Speaker Sally Ness, 8127 Oakland Avenue South She referenced the 10-month data request she submitted to the City but was told there was no new data and it's no longer relevant. She showed photos of headlights from cars glaring into residents' windows between 1-4 am. She said AFYFC sets up tables in Smith Park. She said the new Joint Use Agreement (JUA) is not better than what was previously in place. She mentioned several items staff had indicated were "not previously provided" in a memo she said were and shouldn't have been addressed in the new JUA including an access easement agreement to the northwest parking lot for additional parking and the athletic field shutoff. She said staff has not provided Council with accurate information.

Mayor Winstead closed the Public Comment Period.

5 LICENSING DIVISION:
PUBLIC HEARINGS

6 DEVELOPMENT
BUSINESS: PUBLIC
HEARINGS

6.1 AC Hotels Marriot -
Alpha B - South Loop,
Investment, LLC 8100
26th Ave

Requested Action: Staff and the Planning Commission recommend the following motions: **Adopt an ordinance** (Case 8490A-15) rezoning 8100 26th Avenue South from LX(AR-17), Lindau Mixed Use (Airport Runway) to LX(AR-17)(PD), Lindau Mixed Use (Airport Runway) (Planned Development); **approve a Preliminary Development Plan** for Alpha B and **Final Development Plan** (Case 8490BC-15) for a five-story, 148-room hotel and four-level, 326-space parking structure located at 8100 26th Avenue South; and **approve a Preliminary Plat and adopt a resolution approving a Final Plat** (Case 8490DE-15) for LINDAU LINK 2ND ADDITION located at 8100 26th Avenue South.

Planner Dennis Fields presented the staff report regarding the Alpha B property in the South Loop District at 8100 26th Avenue South. His presentation consisted of the following slides:

- Existing Site Conditions
- Proposed Rezoning (allows flexibility to the Development Standards)
- Alpha B Phased Development (hotel, parking structure, restaurant, coffee shop, and retail building)
- Phased Development
- Site Plan
- Proposed Outdoor Areas
- Hotel First Floor Plan
- Hotel Levels 2-5 Floor Plan
- Requested Planned Development Flexibility
- Deviations for Structure Designs: (North, East/West, Ramp Design, and Placement)
- Deviations: (Surface Parking Setback, Floor Area Ratio, Parking)
- Landscaping
- Preliminary and Final Plat
- Signage
- Sound Condition
- Recommendation

He said the applicant has added windows in the office area since the Planning Commission meeting. Staff supports the deviations requested and believes the applicant is meeting the intent of the Code. The Preliminary and Final Plat meet City Code requirements. Signage will come back to Council as a separate item in June. Staff recommends approval of all of the applications.

Winstead commented all of the deviations appear to be relatively minor.

Carlson said this is an excellent example of reaching a compromise to make a development work.

Planning Manager Glen Markegard announced Fields will soon be leaving the City of Bloomington to take a job out of state.

Busse commented the applicant originally came in with a different material for the ramp but has since scaled it back and asked if there was anything they could do to make it more aesthetically pleasing.

Community Development Director Larry Lee said it's costly to make a parking ramp look good. He said this project is up against the cap of what the City wants to invest but staff will work with the developer to achieve a good appearance within the remaining budget. He said good creative work with the architect will be essential.

Presenter #1: David Peters, Terratron, Inc.

He complimented Fields on the thoroughness of his work. He said this project adds momentum to the South Loop District. The question is where they will invest the collective money. It could be used to advance the art and landscape on the public plaza but added they do want a quality ramp. He described ramp construction types and said they will pursue a longer-lived, more expensive ramp. He said landscaping will soften the appearance of the ramp as will the softer LED lighting. He stated they will try to dress up the ramp but they prefer extra funds be put into the landscaping and plaza.

Busse agreed a parking ramp is a utilitarian structure but said Council would like to see as much effort as possible put into dressing it up.

Peters said it's their intention to create a high quality development. They believe they have a good balance of density with a strong restaurant in the wings. It will be a European brand restaurant. Marriott was introduced to this hotel chain by a Spanish developer and they've opened hotels in New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Kansas City, Chicago, New York City, and Los Angeles. He said one is also being developed in Minneapolis.

Oleson asked Peters how airport noise will affect the outdoor areas.

Peters said the outdoor areas will be modest in size but aesthetically pleasing. They hope to be in the ground by July.

Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Busse, and all voting aye, to adopt an ordinance rezoning 8100 26th Avenue South from LX(AR-17), Lindau Mixed Use (Airport Runway) to LX(AR-17)(PD), Lindau Mixed Use (Airport Runway) (Planned Development), Case 8490A-15, for South Loop Investment, LLC (user) and the Bloomington Port Authority (owner).
(O-2015-14)

Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Oleson, and all voting aye, to approve a Preliminary Development Plan for Alpha B, and a Final Development Plan for a five story, 148 room hotel and four level, 326 space parking structure, Case 8490BC-15, located at 8100 26th Avenue South, subject to the conditions listed in the staff report.

Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Oleson, and all voting aye, to approve the Preliminary Plat and adopt a resolution approving a Final Plat for LINDAU LINK 2ND ADDITION, Case 8490DE-15, located at 8100 26th Avenue South, subject to the conditions listed in the staff report.
(R-2015-52)

**7 TRANSPORTATION &
UTILITY
IMPROVEMENTS:
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**7.1 18th Avenue
Parking/Resident
Appeal**

Requested Action: Review the background information on this issue and hear the resident's appeal to amend the posted parking restrictions.

Civil Engineer Amy Marohn and Engineering Technician Brian Hansen jointly presented this item. Marohn provided an overview of the public on-street parking policy. She described the five basic sign types associated with parking restrictions: Complete restriction, school, daytime, overnight, and rush hour. She said staff tries to apply parking restrictions uniformly and signs parking for at least a one-block section. She explained when a parking restriction is requested, a minimum of 50% of the signers of the affected area must sign a petition, sent out by the City, agreeing to the parking restriction. If 50% or more of the respondents support the change, the signage is changed. If less than 50% support the change, the process stops and the parking restriction is not approved. The applicant has 15 days to appeal the process and be heard by the City Council.

Brian Hansen described the parking restriction requested on 18th Avenue between Park Road and East 89th Street by Cynthia Adams (8806 18th Avenue) to restrict parking on the west side of the street while allowing it on the east side (opposite of how it is currently signed) due to security reasons and cars parking in front of Adams' house leaving litter in her yard. He showed an aerial of 18th Avenue from Park Road to 89th Street. He said the survey results indicated three respondents supported the requested parking restrictions and four opposed it. Staff sent out a second survey to the involved properties asking if they would be open to allowing parking on both sides of 18th Avenue. Again, less than 50% of the required number of respondents supported a parking change. Ms. Adams then formally appealed her request to be brought before the City Council.

Busse asked if the fourplexes were rental units and if it was more convenient for tenants to park in the street. Hansen confirmed they are rentals with different owners and said it's convenient to park in the street.

Winstead said the 1972 parking standards are not adequate for today's situation and asked if the Council could require greater onsite parking.

Larry Lee said Environmental Health Manager Lynn Moore would not encourage the Council not to reach that conclusion. The owner of one of the cars that park in front of Adams' place is due to convenience. The City can't tell the tenants in a fourplex that they cannot park in the street.

Winstead said if more onsite parking was required at the fourplexes, the tenants would not be parking in the street. It's the outdated parking requirements that are forcing tenants to park on the street.

Abrams asked if Parking by Permit Only could be explored. She said if the street parking is caused by overflow from the rental housing, it makes more sense to locate the street parking adjacent to the rental property.

Baloga suggested making one block "No Parking" on the east side of the street and "No Parking" on the west side of the street on another block.

Marohn stated 18th Avenue is a low volume roadway north of 89th Street. There is no research to show the effect if the parking was flipped from one side of the street to the other. She didn't anticipate it being a problem.

Oleson said this situation appears to be time specific and asked about reversing the parking on that block. Hansen said people on the west side of the street were opposed to having their side of the street marked "No Parking."

Speaker #1: Cynthia Adams, 8806 18th Avenue (Applicant)
When she initially went door to door, she got four out of the six residents to agree with her parking restriction request. She loves her house and her neighborhood but said people constantly parking in front of her house are an invasion of her privacy. She showed several photos of cars parked in front of her residence and said they're there every day and night. Some of the cars belong to guests of the fourplexes. She mentioned there were two guys working on their car in front of her house standing in her yard smoking cigarettes. There is only 40 feet between her window and the street so people in their cars in the street feel very close. It makes her uncomfortable.

Lowman asked Adams what she'd like to see done. Adams replied she'd like to see the parking reversed but said she would be okay if the parking was allowed on both sides of the street.

Winstead restated the current parking restrictions for the fourplexes are from the early 1970's. Since then there are more cars per unit which has pushed the parking onto the other side of the street. He believes adequate parking needs to be provided by the fourplexes.

Busse said the parking situation at the fourplexes is long-term so they should bear the brunt of it but he could support flipping the parking on the street.

Winstead asked if there would be any issues with allowing parking on both sides of the street. Marohn said staff would not have a problem with that and if it proved to be an issue in relation to snowplowing, it could be reconsidered at that time.

Carlson agreed Council should accommodate Ms. Adams' request and open up both sides of the street for parking.

Baloga was concerned this would not be a global solution.

Hanson explained the east side of 18th Avenue from 87th – 90th Street is all fourplexes and the west side is single-family homes.

City Manager Jamie Verbrugge asked staff to look at what it will mean to open up the parking on both sides of the street, as it could be more problematic to expand the available parking at the fourplexes.

Winstead asked staff to look at the current trends and the number of cars per fourplex. He said the parking ordinance might need to be reviewed regarding setbacks, etc. for expanded parking.

Verbrugge said staff could look at the issue longer-term.

Oleson asked staff to look at all options including only allowing parking on the east side for that block and what potential good and/or problems would there be to allowing parking on a portion of a block.

Lowman asked if something could be done for this applicant now. Verbrugge said staff will have something in front of the Council soon.

Motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Lowman, and all voting aye, to continue, to a date uncertain, an appeal by a resident to amend the posted parking restrictions on 18th Avenue between Park Road and East 89th Street to allow staff an opportunity to review the parking capacity for rental housing in the city.

8 **ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9 **OTHER: PUBLIC HEARINGS**

10 **ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS**

10.1 **City Council Policy & Issue Update**

The City Manager had no policies or issues to report on but he reminded Council of an event at Kennedy High School on Saturday, May 9 titled, "It's time to talk about race" and encouraged Council to go onto the website and register.

As a representative of the 35W Solutions Alliance, Oleson reported he attended a presentation on "driverless cars." He said this technology is coming on very fast so the City needs to be thinking about it. It could mean reduced traffic congestion and a need for less traffic lanes someday.

Oleson also commented on his participation in the Diversity Day peace run from Kennedy High School to Jefferson High School last Friday.

Lowman stated it was his desire to try and maintain some alternatives for residents regarding organized collection but has learned his ideas won't work. He said there are only three different choices for Council to choose from and was told it would not be germane for him to bring this up during discussion of the next Item 10.2.

City Attorney Sandra Johnson explained State law occupies the field. If a city wants to try and organize trash collection, it can't make it up locally. She said Lowman's idea would be a good one if the Legislature would amend the State statute on this. She said it has to be done by a consortium, a Request for Proposals (RFP), or not at all.

Baloga suggested Council meet quarterly with the Bloomington School Board and stated it would be good to get their opinion on the Needs Assessment for a citywide community center. Verbrugge replied he will be meeting with the School Superintendent to discuss the Community Center Needs Assessment and future discussion topics of mutual interest.

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Lowman, and all voting aye, to direct the City Manager to establish a quarterly meeting calendar for joint meetings between the School Board and the City Council.

10.2 **Organized Collections Options Committee Interim Report**

Requested Action: Select an option regarding next steps toward organized solid waste collection.

Winstead explained the Council will be receiving a report from the Organized Collection Options Committee (OCOC) and will then discuss the alternatives. He said if the Council directs staff in a particular direction, a public hearing would then be scheduled. He said he might ask for a hand raising poll from the audience but no public hearing will be held tonight.

Public Works Director Karl Keel presented the staff report on the Organized Collection in Bloomington – Update. He explained this process began with a Solid Waste Master Plan and more recently developed into a process for pursuing organized solid waste collection. He presented the following slides:

- City Priorities for Organized Collection: Social, Environmental, and economic.
- OCOC: Committee set by State statute to review and recommend options for organized collection. Six meetings were held since February. A great deal of public input has been received. April 23rd open house was well attended (230 people).
- Organized Collection Process
- OCOC Interim Report: 3 options
 - #1: Proceed with proposal from existing haulers.
 - #2: Initiate a competitive procurement process.
 - #3: Abandon consideration of organized collection.
- Option #1: All seven existing haulers participated. The proposal submitted by the haulers meets nearly all of the City's parameters.
- Hauler's 4/30/15 Proposal: 5 years plus 5-year renewal dependent upon services rendered during years 1-5. Weekly trash pick-up with 3 different cart sizes. Bi-weekly recycling. Optional yard waste. Organics optional. A one-time \$17.50 cart exchange fee. Collection rate adjustments of 2% every other year. Disposal rate adjustments based on actual disposal costs. If the tipping charges are increased by Hennepin County, those costs would be increased for the City.
- Weighted Average Residential Cost: \$17.42/month plus an estimated \$1/month cost for the City to administer the billing totaling an estimated weighted average of \$18.42/month.

Winstead said the billing amount was based on consortium input.

The \$18.42/month cost is approximate but it's 30% less than the estimated current average price (\$26.72/month) Bloomington residents are paying. It's 6% less than the "Other Negotiated Cities" rates and would result in savings to Bloomington households of \$2.7 million per year.

Oleson asked Keel to clarify the difference between the \$18.42/month and the \$18.10/month figures quoted. Keel replied the \$18.42/month is the total cost of services the City will bill residents.

- Current Open Hauling Rates: Staff asked people to voluntarily submit their trash invoices. A total of 275 were received. The graph provided is a histogram of what current residents are paying.
- Option #1: Proceed with the Haulers' Proposal
Tentative schedule: Set a public hearing date at the May 18th Council meeting for June 1 with a final decision anticipated in June.
- Option #2: Initiate Competitive Process
Tentative schedule: Go out to the marketplace to solicit competitive proposals. The public hearing for this option would be on August 3.
- Option #3: Abandon consideration of organized collection
- OCOC Recommendation: Supports an agreement with the existing haulers if Council finds the price point to be acceptable.

Council comments/inquiries:

Lowman asked if the \$18.42 represents the average price or the price of the largest cart size. Keel replied it's the weighted average considering all of the cart sizes in Bloomington.

Winstead said there is a high rating of citizen satisfaction with the current garbage collection in Bloomington and that the dollar amount paid is a great value for residents. He asked if the cart exchange fee will be paid for by the City. Keel replied it will be through the Solid Waste Fund. Verbrugge added not every home will need to switch carts.

Winstead commented the Haulers' contract calls for bi-weekly recycling but said there appears to be a greater demand for weekly recycling. He said if the City does this, weekly recycling needs to be factored in over time. He added waiting for a 5-year contract window to make changes might be a long time. Keel said while the recycling would be bi-weekly, an additional cart or a larger cart would be made available to the customer without additional charge. He reaffirmed changes could definitely be made at the 5-year mark. He said the proposal also includes a provision for the Citywide Curbside Clean Up Program at a charge of \$2.30 per resident per month. He said there are still more details to work into a contract.

Baloga asked what happens if a hauler in the consortium has issues making quality collection on their routes. Keel replied there will be an outline of customer service expectations. If one hauler isn't performing the service, it's up to the consortium to ensure the issue is corrected or there could be a penalty but it would definitely be reviewed at renewal time. Baloga also asked what happens if a hauler fails. Keel said the consortium would be obligated to fill the gap and would determine how to distribute the stops.

Busse asked what's included in the service contract. Keel replied some of the service items include number of missed stops, collection of bulky items, how quickly customer inquiries are responded to, etc.

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Oleson, to direct staff to proceed with Option #1 and the calendar for conducting the public hearing. Mayor delayed the vote so all Council members' questions could be answered.

Oleson asked if the organics is moving forward. Keel explained the haulers are willing to provide organics recycling to 25% of the households at a cost of \$2.00 per household. The organics would be collected in a blue compostable bag that would be placed in the trash but would then be plucked out of the trash once it gets to the Hennepin County-owned site in Brooklyn Park. He stated every resident would be charged \$2/month and would need to contact the City if they wanted to participate in the organics.

Winstead commented no site can accept all of Bloomington's organics at this time. Keel concurred and said the haulers would offer organics recycling to every household.

Oleson said Hennepin County has been making some decisions and moving the City in a direction of reducing traditional garbage. Keel said of the materials that are put in the trash, the next largest recyclable component of that is organic material. The desire to remove organics from the waste stream is high. He said organics today are much like the recycling of years ago. There is not an industry accepted way to accept organics. He said the blue bag method does not require another truck. Oleson asked what is the definition of organics and Keel replied it's food waste that's put into the garbage. He said the organics would be collected weekly.

Busse asked about the projected 2% inflation increase every other year and the Hennepin County tipping fee increases. Keel said there hasn't been a significant change in the tipping fee the past years and the 2% would be adjusted for the third year of the contract.

Council asked the following question regarding a Competitive Process:

Winstead commented the size of the company would come into play with an RFP process. Keel stated generally speaking, the larger companies more price competitive. Winstead stated he wants a process that helps the small local haulers stay in the game and stay in business. He said an RFP or an RFQ process could “hip check” out the smaller haulers.

Oleson inquired if the haulers would handle their own billing with an RFP process.

Winstead said the haulers could bid on organized collection with or without the billing issue.

Oleson asked about the City's cost to make this happen. Keel replied it costs \$.68/month but customers would be charged \$1 month to cover that and other costs associated with administering the contract.

Carlson stated he thought this was a thorough process and asked the OCOC members to talk about the process.

Winstead said sitting on the OCOC defined what a Request for Proposals and a Request for Qualifications would look like. He said the RFP puts the emphasis on price but some goals could be compromised as time goes on.

Baloga, another member of the OCOC, talked through the items discussed in the OCOC report and said this is not the end of it.

Lowman said the OCOC talked about the technical side of organized collection. He said the organics discussion was good but they eventually settled on the blue bag. He said staff did a good job on the summary of OCOC discussions.

Busse asked about the RFP process in other cities and Keel replied in most cases it's resulted in one hauler.

Carlson said the City's goals appear to be met and the Haulers have met staff on some of them. He said his preference all along has been that the City move forward with organized recycling before diving into organized collection. He supports moving this forward to the public hearing process.

Winstead commented the market is changing. People are looking to recycle more and more and are looking at organics. He suggested maybe recycling and organics could be picked up every week and garbage every two weeks. He indicated a desire for more flexibility in the contract and doesn't want to be locked into a 5-year contract if things change in the market. He suggested three years plus three years. Keel said that will be resolved in the contract language and how to amend it.

Carlson commented Bloomington's haulers are high performers and they have the capacity to adapt to a changing industry.

Abrams stated she can't support Baloga's motion but appreciates the good work of the OCOC. She said this entire tactic is based on a Solid Waste Master Plan that never came to a full public consideration. She read the 12 goals of the Solid Waste Master Plan that have been discussed since 2012. She read from the July 28, 2014, Council meeting minutes. She asked if organized collection brings forth the goals of the Plan. The City provides what the private sector cannot. She said the Council embraces competition and referenced CenturyLink's application as a perspective cable provider.

Abrams said people come to Bloomington to have as many choices as possible. She defends the role of local government and the people of Bloomington. She doesn't find the argument of too much truck traffic to be as compelling as the principles she defends and, therefore, cannot support the Haulers' proposal.

Lowman talked about a citizen who is on a fixed income who told him having competitive hauler choices helps her save money. Someone else told him they complained to their hauler about the expense and the hauler let them continue at the same price. He said these are realities. He said the City needs to have sustainable practices that work hand in hand with the open market. He said all three options trouble him. Recycling needs to be increased and organics promoted. He's concerned the price of the Citywide Curbside Clean Up will continue to increase. He said the City can't close its eyes to sustainability. He said he supports the proposal put forth but wants to find a method down the line that implements a form of choice for the residents. He said everyone has to work as a team. While he disagrees with the heart of the proposal, he believes this should move forward. He believes in choice but supports the team. He said he would work with State leaders to try and change the policy so the proposal he offered earlier might be possible in reintroducing choice. He said this is the best proposal the City's going to get and should move in this direction.

Busse said he supports Option #1, as it meets the goals the Council set out and 3 trucks in a neighborhood is better than 21. He said just because there have been no reported accidents doesn't mean the roads are safe with all of those trucks in and out of neighborhoods. He said the proposed contract protects the market share for the large and small haulers and it lowers the cost for most Bloomington residents.

The Mayor called for a vote on the motion to proceed with Option #1: It passed 6-1 (Abrams opposing).

Winstead directed staff to complete the contract negotiations. A public hearing will be scheduled. He was happy the City was able to work with the consortium on a solution that meets the goals the Council set out to achieve. "It's a good idea whose time has come." He said the date of the public hearing will be set at the next Council meeting on May 18.

He said he would allow public testimony for those with questions.

Speaker #1: Ray Hudson

A 25-year resident. He said the Council has just taken away his choice of hauler and asked if the Council would consider abandoning the process.

Speaker #2: Doug Kranz

He said there are 26,000 customers citywide but it was determined the average rate Bloomington residents are paying for trash is \$26.72 based on invoices sent to the City by 275 residents. He asked if that is a statistically valid survey. He asked how customer service is rated.

Winstead said the City never said 275 responses was a statistically valid survey.

Baloga said the \$26.72/month was an average of what those citizens who provided the City with a copy of their garbage invoices pay per month.

Winstead said the City asked the haulers for that information but they declined.

Speaker #3: Matt Larson, 8715 Logan Avenue South
He said they struggled getting information on this organized collection process, as there's wasn't much information provided. He said someone spent a lot of money on information supporting organized collection so he'd like to see some money spent on the opposing side. He asked the City to do a better job of getting this information out to the citizens within the next two weeks; especially with regard to the public hearing.

**10.3 Noise Oversight
Committee
Appointment (NOC)**

Requested Action: Consider two appointments for a representative and an alternate on the Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) for two-year terms running from June 26, 2015 through June 25, 2017.

It was stated Councilmember Lowman and Oleson are switching their roles on the NOC. Lowman will become the representative and Oleson the alternate.

Motion was made by Busse, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to appoint Lowman as the representative and Oleson as the alternate on the NOC to two-year terms expiring June 25, 2017.

11 ADJOURN

Mayor Winstead adjourned the meeting at 10:46 p.m.

Barbara Clawson
Council Secretary