

- 3.3 Resolution Authorizing Appointees to Act on Behalf of the Community Health Board** Requested Action: Adopt a resolution authorizing appointees to act on behalf of the Community Health Board.
- Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Baloga, and all voting aye, to adopt a resolution authorizing appointees to act on behalf of and bind the Community Health Board to the extent and for the purposes indicated in the resolution. (R-2015-54)
- 3.4 HRA/VEBA Plan Changes** Requested Action: Authorize a change to the HRA/VEBA Basic Plan Document and Basic Plan Document Adoption Agreement with Genesis Employee Benefits, Inc., dba America's VEBA Solution.
- Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Baloga, and all voting aye, to authorize the plan changes to the HRA/VEBA Plan.
- 3.5 2016-2021 Regional Park CIP Funding Request** Requested Action: Approve the City of Bloomington's 2016 – 2021 Metro Regional Parks CIP funding request.
- Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Baloga, and all voting aye, to approve the City's 2016-2021 Metro Regional Parks CIP funding request as listed in the agenda item.
- 3.6 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Contract – Approve Award** Requested Action: Award a one-year contract to Ron Kassa Construction for curb, gutter, and sidewalk replacement throughout the city for the not-to-exceed amount of \$109,650 through March 31, 2016.
- Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Baloga, and all voting aye, to award a one-year contract to Ron Kassa Construction as described in the agenda item.
- 3.7 Accept Donations** Requested Action: Accept the donations made to various City departments as listed in the agenda item and amend the revenue and expenditure budgets, as noted, to facilitate the appropriate use of the funds.
- Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Abrams, and all voting aye, to accept the donations and amend the budgets as noted in the item.
- 3.8 Meeting Minutes City Council-Approval** Requested Action: Approve the January 26, 2015, Regular City Council meeting minutes.
- Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Baloga, and all voting aye, to approve the January 26, 2015, Regular City Council meeting minutes as presented.
- 4 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
- 4.1 Response to Prior Meeting's Public Comments** City Manager Jamie Verbrugge stated Sally Ness commented on the Dar Al Farooq Youth & Family Center at 8201 Park Avenue and the graffiti in Smith Park at the last meeting. He reported the graffiti was removed by staff the next morning.
- 4.2 Public Comment** Mayor Winstead opened the Public Comment Period for those wishing to address the City Council on matters not on tonight's agenda.

Speaker #1: Sally Ness, 8127 Oakland Avenue South
 She commented on Smith Park, the Al Farooq Youth & Family Center (AFYFC) at 8201 Park Avenue South, and the Joint Use Agreement (JUA) between the City and AFYFC. She showed photos of cars parking in the street at AFYFC and said the Smith Park parking lot fills up during the night during special events at AFYFC such as Ramadan. She said the headlights from the cars shine in her neighbors' homes. She referenced several items in which she said City staff had indicated were "not provided" in previous agreements pertaining to the City's irrigation of the athletic field, remedies for noncompliance, City use of 8201 Park Avenue parking spaces, athletic field lighting, and the access over 8201 Park Avenue properties, which Ness said was not the case. She quoted certain portions of past Council meeting minutes and from some other documents. She said the new JUA is not better than the previous agreements that were in place. She questioned how the Council could adopt a new JUA when City staff hasn't provided the Council with accurate information.

**5 LICENSING DIVISION:
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5.1 Renewal of Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses

Requested Action: Approve the Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license renewals for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as presented in the agenda item, conditioned upon the submission of all general items.

Motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Busse, and all voting aye, to approve the Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license renewals as listed in the agenda item.

5.2 Renewal of On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses

Requested Action: Approve the On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license renewals, as listed below, conditioned upon the submission of all general items.

AMF Southtown Lanes	7941 Southtown Center	Hooters
Applebee's	7901 Southtown Center	Joe Senser's
Applebee's	9601 Lyndale Ave S	Kincaids
Benihana	358 South Ave.	Kokomo Island Café
Blue Point Restaurant	4400 W 78 th St.	Lucky's 13 Pub
Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.	396 South Ave.	Mandarin Kitchen
Buffalo Wild Wings	312 South Ave.	Masu Sushi & Robata
Cadillac Ranch	352 South Ave.	Minneapolis A/P Marriot
Cantina #1	406 East Broadway	Olive Garden #100
Chevy's Fresh-Mex	2251 Killebrew Dr	Osaka
Chili's Grill & Bar	7801 Normandale Blvd	Outback Steakhouse
Ciao Bella	3501 Minnesota Dr	Park Plaza Hotel
Country Inn & Suites	5120 American Blvd. W	Parma 8200
Courtyard by Marriott	7800 Bloomington Av S	Poor Richard's
Cowboy Jacks	2801 Southtown Dr.	Radisson Blu MOA
Crave	368 South Avenue	Rainforest Café
Crowne Plaza Blmgtn.	5401 Green Valley Dr	Ramada MSP Airport
Crowne Plaza Hotel & Stes	3 Appletree Square	Red Lobster Rest. #249
David Fong's	9329 Lyndale Ave S	RedRossa Italian Grille
Denny's	815 E 78th St	Rick Bronson's House of Comedy
Dick's Last Resort	402 South Ave.	Ruby Tuesday
Doubletree Bloomington	7800 Normandale Blvd	Shantytown Grill

El Loro Mexican Grill	8405 Lyndale Ave. S.	Sheraton Bloomington Hotel
El Loro Mexican Rest.	5001 American Blvd W	Skydeck Sports Grille/ Lns
Embassy Suites	2800 American Blvd W	Sportspage
Embassy Suites Hotel	7901 S 34th Ave	Spring Hill Suites
Everett McClay VFW 1296	311 84 th St.	TGI Friday's
Famous Dave's	5101 W 98th St	TGI Friday's
Famous Dave's	321 South Ave - MOA	Timber Lodge Steakhouse
Fuddrucker's	3801 Minnesota Dr	Tony Roma's
Hilton Garden Inn	8100 Bridge Rd	Tucci Benucch
Hilton Mpls/St. Paul Airport	3800 American Blvd E	Twin City Grill
Hilton Mpls/Bloomington	3900 American Blvd W	

Motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Busse, and all voting aye, to approve the On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor license renewals for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as listed above, conditioned upon the submission of all general items.

5.3 Renewal of On-Sale Wine Licenses

Requested Action: Approve the On-Sale Wine license renewals for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, conditioned upon the submission of all general items.

Motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Busse, and all voting aye, to approve the On-Sale Wine license renewals for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as listed in the agenda item, conditioned upon the submission of all general items.

5.4 Renewal of On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Club Intoxicating Liquor Licenses

Requested Action: Approve the On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Club Intoxicating Liquor license renewals, conditioned upon the submission of all general items.

Motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Baloga, and all voting aye, to approve the On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Club Intoxicating Liquor license renewals for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as listed in the agenda item, conditioned upon the submission of all general items.

6 DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS: PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7 TRANSPORTATION & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS: PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8 ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARINGS

At the Mayor's request, Item 10.2 was taken in advance of Item 8.1 so a discussion could take place prior to the presentation of the City Code amendments.

8.1 City Code Amendments - Miscellaneous Issues Requested Action: Adopt an ordinance amending Chapters 2, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, and 22 of the City Code as presented in the agenda materials.

Planner Jason Schmidt presented the Annual Miscellaneous Issues Ordinance Update. He explained this update amends seven chapters of the City Code. His slide presentation was as follows:

- Farm Animal Shelters:
(Shelters must not be located closer to the property line along a street than the principal structure unless setback is at least 50 feet from the property line adjacent to the street.)
- Beekeeping (non-residential):
(Add as accessory use in non-residential districts.)
- Existing Beekeeping Standards:
(One acre per bee hive, shelter/enclosure setbacks, screening for hives on roof-tops, and location of hives does not create nuisance conditions for neighboring properties.)
- Historical Preservation:
(Replace the term “prehistoric” with “burial ground” to conform to State statutes.)
- Landscape Standards – Perennial Plants:
(Perennial plants to count toward 50% of required planting of shrubs. Four perennial plants equal to one shrub.)
- Sign Regulations – Additional Signage (Class IV and V Sign Districts):
(Allow buildings additional wall signage along any elevation with public exterior entrances.)
- Sign District for College Campuses - Includes Schools (K-12):
(Add schools (K-12) to the college campuses special sign district regulations. Allows additional directional signage and accent signage.)
- Accent Sign Regulations
- Normandale College Example
- Proof of Parking:
(Allows Planning Commission (PC) and City staff to approve parking reduction through proof of parking flexibility measure. Applicants are required to record a site plan indicating the required number of parking spaces in a Code complying location.)
- SF Residential – Garage:
(2 of the 4 required off-street parking spaces for new single-family dwellings be located within a garage. This is strictly for new single-family homes. Current Code allows “an area that could be occupied by a garage.”)
- Additional Amendment Since PC Meeting:
(Grass & Weeds – Reduces from 12 inches to 6 inches for when a letter is sent for grass and weeds. Reduces from 10 days to 7 days before City abates/mows. Increase in inspection charge from \$65 to \$100 to be added to the abatement cost.)
- Recommendation: Staff and PC recommend approval.

Council comments/inquiries:

Abrams questioned the single-family garage amendment stating there are some long and narrow parcels in east Bloomington and asked how someone could build a 2-car garage in a tear down/rebuild situation. Schmidt said tear-downs are required to have an area where a 2-car garage could be built.

Regarding wildlife and bee ordinance, Baloga asked if the language could result in someone having an enclosure in the front yard. Schmidt said it could only be located in the front yard if it met the 50-foot setback. He said the majority of this pertains to through lots where there is a street in the front and in the back of the property. In that situation, the beehive would have to be placed between the house and the street at least 50 feet from the back property line of the street; same as in the front.

Baloga said he objects to having any farm animal shelter or bee hive located in the front yard.

Winstead understands the through lots, as there are some properties with deep lots that back up to the creek. Their entire yard is front yard. He said Baloga wants to preclude them from having a farm animal shelter in the front yard. He said he could agree to that by stating it not be in the "primary" front yard.

Baloga suggested crafting the language on farm animal shelters similar to the language for swing sets in the front yard. He wants to eliminate the front yard as a possibility for farm animal shelters.

Winstead commented the language doesn't identify front or back yard.

Carlson suggested tabling this item of the ordinance for more information from staff.

Winstead concurred it would be good to table the section on farm animal shelters given the objections expressed by Council.

Regarding bee-keeping standards, Baloga said they're for commercial areas and asked if the setbacks apply to beehives on a roof. Staff replied yes. He then asked about a multi-tenant building. Schmidt said it's based on the property line of the multi-tenant building.

Oleson inquired about bees in residential zones. Schmidt explained bees are permitted in residential zones with setback requirements but they're not allowed in multi-family zones.

Carlson asked if there are height restrictions for accent signs. Schmidt replied there are regulations within the college campuses and they will be reviewed by staff when they come in.

Speaker #1: Don Olson, East Bloomington

Has lived in Bloomington since 1967 and is concerned about an ordinance that makes a significant change to how tall the grass can be before the City steps in. The two penalties on the cost; one for the inspection and one for the City cutting the grass. He used to work for the City of Minneapolis and then Hennepin County in their assistance programs. He believes this ordinance is out of line. He said it's not so easy to mow at 83 years old. Now he'll have to keep his lawn like a golf course to meet the criteria because the grass grows. He said rain and sun are making the grass grow quickly. He commented most people mow their lawn to 4 inches high. He said there are very few violations with the current ordinance at 12 inches in length, but if it's changed to 6 inches in height, everyone will be in violation; which will require more staff time. He said staff should have checked on the impact this change will have on residents before presenting it to the Council. He said he represents other senior citizens. He said the grass will be long if he's gone for two weeks and then he'll get a notice and it will cost \$100 to have it inspected. He asked the Council to consider the older residents that aren't physically able to keep the lawn mowed to 6 inches or less. He said don't change the ordinance; take a more realistic approach on this.

Speaker #2: William Reichert, 4732 Nine Mile Creek Parkway
 He agreed with Mr. Olson that 6 inches is too short so maybe 9 inches to trigger the City's involvement in the height of grass and weeds. He reported he has a habitual violator in his neighborhood, the City, Miramar Park. He said the City is the violator and it's let the area go natural with dandelions. Regarding a model home, he said it could be revenue neutral or a revenue builder. Identify foreclosed properties in specific areas. Put it out there for "signing rights" with Bloomington-based providers of service. So as not to stretch the budget, he said give them a budget that fits the median income of the neighborhood, and the signing rights to advertise their business. When the property gets sold, put the money into another property. He commented bees are almost an endangered species. He said there are many residential beehives that are 1-3 cubic feet designed for in-garden use. Staff should look at that.

Winstead said Mr. Olson brought up some good points. He said most of the violations initiate from complaints. Staff is looking at the chronic people that don't take care of their lawns. He said this ordinance is geared toward chronic complaints. He suggested maybe the height should be 8 inches but said reducing the length of time to have it mowed helps keep it from turning into bales of grass.

Baloga said according to Google, grass should be mowed 1½ to 3 inches and that it grows 2-6 inches in a month. He wasn't sure what the right number should be but said 12 inches is too long.

Abrams suggested 8 inches is a good number, as reducing it from 12 inches down to 6 inches is too drastic.

Winstead said with the current ordinance, the City lets grass get too long before stepping in.

Olson suggested the City add a 4th item – wait until there is a month or two of abuse of the Code before checking for 12-inch grass. That way it won't hit the person that's on vacation for two weeks.

Busse said the City is trying to avoid cutting down tall grass.

Lowman expressed concern that the City is targeting certain groups of people.

Motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Lowman, to adopt an ordinance amending Chapters 2, 10, 14, 15, 19, and 22 of the City Code as presented in the agenda materials revising the proposed amendment in Chapter 10 to the allowed maximum height of grass from one foot to eight inches for the purposes of issuing a written notice to mow and postponing indefinitely the amendments to Chapters 12 and 21 relating to farm animal shelters and bees. No vote was taken at this time.

Carlson mentioned there are City programs to assist people with mowing their yards.

Mayor Winstead called for a vote on the motion. It passed 7-0. (O-2015-15)

8.1.1 Resolution Directing Summary Publication

Requested Action: Adopt a resolution authorizing summary publication of the above ordinance #O-2015-15.

Motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Lowman, and all voting aye, to adopt a resolution directing summary publication of Ordinance O-2015-15. (R-2015-55)

- 8.2 Correction of License Fee** Requested Action: Adopt an ordinance correcting the license fee for Low Supplemental Facility under Food Establishments – Supplemental Facility.

Motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Busse, and all voting aye, to adopt an ordinance correcting the license fee for Low Supplemental Facility under Food Establishments – Supplemental Facility. (O-2015-16)

No public testimony was received.

9 OTHER: PUBLIC HEARINGS

10 ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

10.1 City Council Policy & Issue Update

City Manager Jamie Verbrugge reported he followed up with School Superintendent Les Fujitake regarding more joint meetings with the School Board. The two will look for opportunities to continue having collaborative discussions and will strategically consider when to meet jointly.

Oleson said it's important for the City to provide some kind of response to Sally Ness. He told Ness the over-parking situation at the Al Farooq Youth & Family Center (AFYFC) does happen on occasion but quite rarely. He reported he's driven by AFYFC at least 30 times and recently 6 times within the last 10 days including Saturday when Ms. Ness says there tends to be a problem. He said there is a Saturday school that started a while ago. When he went by at 9 pm, he said there were a number of vehicles going in and out and a dozen cars in the Smith Park parking lot. At 10:15 pm, he observed people with green t-shirts getting into their cars in the Smith Park parking lot. He didn't believe that activity was related to AFYFC. He said he's offered to meet with Ness and any other neighbors but felt he needed to make a public statement for those who don't live in the area. He said if they are concerned, they should drive by the area. He'll continue the dialogue with Ms. Ness. He said it's his job to represent the concerns of that neighborhood but wanted to ensure they are not over described.

Winstead commented the Public Works Open House was well attended and it was also the City's 15th annual kite day. He mentioned former resident Pat Reichert was one of the founders of kite day which has turned into a nice community event. He said it too was well attended.

10.2 Neighborhoods and Housing Study Item

Requested Action: Provide concurrence that the initiatives presented are what a majority of the Council desires to implement.

Community Development Director Larry Lee began by stating specific proposals that will implement specific direction will be presented based on Council's discussion at the April study meeting. He said these initiatives will affect the budget. The focus area Changing the HOME Loan Criteria and the Micro Loan Program have longer term budget implications. They will also have some implications on staff as well.

Environmental Health Manager Lynn Moore & Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Director Doug Grout presented the Neighborhoods & Housing item. Their presentation included the following slides:

- Recap from 4/27 Study Meeting (*Lynn Moore*)
- When asked: What do residents think about our community? There has been consistent data for the last 3 years.
- Survey Feedback: Overall very positive on the community. Only 4-5% of the respondents said rundown buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles are a major problem.

- Keeping property taxes as low as possible ranked #1 priority in 2012.
- Ordinance amendment for mowing and brush removal: Chapter 10. Staff will decrease the height at which the City issues orders: Reduced it from 1 foot to 6 inches. The compliance time is 10 days proposed to change to 7 days. Staff proposes a \$100 inspection charge for abatement of tall grass.
- Table showing Bloomington compared to other cities: 6 inches and 7 days is what will be proposed.
- Overall Number of Notices Issued

Winstead reported Woodbury and Minneapolis have unique approaches for addressing chronic offenders and he likes the Woodbury model.

Grout said staff has identified four program areas that could be implemented quickly:

Focus Area – Spring 2016

Expand Home Improvement Loan Program Criteria – Fall 2015

Micro Rehab Loan Program – Spring 2016

Model Home

- Area Selection Process: Pick an area of the city and focus on it.
- Target City Improvement Programs: Staff will investigate the area in 2015 and start in 2016.
- Expand Loan Criteria: Expand neighborhood loan program. Could go up to 100% of the area median income.
- Micro Rehab Loan Program: \$5,000 or less, look at exterior building projects, selectively offered program with a focus area.
- Purchase a Model Home: A suggestion was made for staff to purchase a classic “fixer upper” rambler and remodel it in order to create a “model” home to give homeowners ideas for landscaping, kitchens, finishing basements, exterior work, etc. The remodeling process could be filmed so people could see the progress on these types of remodeling jobs from start to finish. Staff indicated it could start this year.
- Funding: Re-establish as a strategic funding priority. Have a dedicated revenue source for loans.
- Proposed Programs: Expand home improvement loan program criteria in fall of 2015. We could expand the loan program on a trial basis.
- Model home(s): There are funds to do one home at this time.
- Focus area in 2016: Enhance parks, school playgrounds, curb and gutter.
- Overview: Get it underway in spring of 2016. Staff could purchase a home as soon as one is found.

Lowman was very excited about this ... the expanded home improvement program and the model home. He said it's a great first step.

Oleson commented this needs to be sustainable into the future because people take pride in their community and where they live. He stated homeowners need to have some skin in the game so he doesn't believe going for total loan forgiveness is right. He asked how the HRA is funded for this kind of thing.

Grout said there are three main sources of funding for their home improvement loan programs. The City receives \$400,000 in CDBG funding from the Housing & Urban Development (HUD), through the HRA levy, and from Hennepin County's HOME program, which matches the City's contribution. When someone goes to sell their home, the City is repaid. The loan fund is slowly built up over years after people have sold their homes.

Winstead said he's not so sure about forgiveness but deferment is good.

Abrams asked how the Council can determine from the list of projects which has a current financial obligation and which ones involve future obligations.

Winstead suggested the focus area could kick off next spring.

Lee said the Council's concept for this is broader. He said staff would bring all of the City services to bear in that focus area. It could be a park that needs a capital improvement or maybe it's neighborhoods that have temporary streets with no curb and gutter. He said maybe the Council wants to replace some of the streets. He said the Police Department have neighborhood engagement programs that could be enhanced in a focus area.

Baloga commented this is a great start and a great response. He requested more information on each of the programs. His concern is there are no starts and stops but the City needs to ensure it can continue. Lee said staff will bring back specifics regarding their recommendations for loosening or expanding the program. The funding options will be provided.

Winstead asked if the Home Improvement Program could be expanded specifically and by how much. Lee replied the degree to which the Home Improvement Program criteria is loosened up will indicate how much more demand there will be.

Winstead suggested loosening up the criteria to see if there's a greater demand. Council could then determine if it needed to be funded to a greater degree. He said that could be worked out right now without any budget ramifications. Work on the criteria of who could comply for them and then determine if there is enough of a pool. Lee suggested pressing the accelerator gently and loosen the criteria slowly so that over years feedback could be gathered on the additional demand for loans.

Oleson suggested staff give some thought as to what other sources of revenue could be drawn upon. He said maybe there are some steady funds.

Busse asked where the City gets the biggest bang for its buck. He'd like the City to do a few things well rather than getting into too many programs. He asked about concentrating efforts in one program. He's concerned about stretching the dollars and staff too thin. Grout said they have the funding and the staffing to run the programs that were presented. He said the City gets the biggest bang for its buck on the home improvement loan programs. He said typically between 40-55 home improvement loans are made each year which has totaled over 1,000 loans given out by the City over time.

Lee said if the criteria could be loosened enough to increase the number of loans by 10%. He said the City has the manpower to handle an additional 4-6 loans per year. Regarding the biggest bang for the buck, he said is taking a real problem that is dragging a neighborhood block down and fixing it and turning it around.

Winstead said it's expensive and legally intensive to acquire a property. That has a net cost of \$75,000 that produces great results but it isn't a loan or is recouped. Lee said the average net cost is closer to \$50,000 but it is expensive and time intensive.

Busse asked about increased enforcement of property maintenance. Did you look at other property maintenance issues where the City could do notice enforcement, i.e. outdoor storage.

Moore replied the enforcement for mowing is easy but when it comes to residing a home or painting a door, staff is up against changing the behavior of the owner. She said it would be great to grind the stumps that residents can't afford to do. She said Environmental Health can issue orders for the removal of the couch outside, etc. within 10 days. Correction is easy but people tend to repeat that behavior.

Busse suggested working something into the ordinance about multiple abusers of outdoor storage or litter or unsightly litter and reduce the compliance window. Moore said she would discuss that with Legal for future updates.

Winstead said tonight's presentation was strictly regarding residential properties.

Lee stated the commercial centers are on the HRA's immediate list of things to do and will be presented to the HRA and then to the City Council.

Winstead suggested staff look at integrating the residential and commercial areas.

Lowman asked if there were any other ideas staff thought could be implemented in the future.

Lee said the City of New Hope was offering grants to residents to make improvements with no income limits. He said the City tweaked that a little bit with the Micro Loan Program.

Winstead commented grinding tree stumps or basic landscaping needs are less expensive than some other improvements but yield great results. He said the micro rehab could be a small single project for the owner who doesn't want to go through the whole loan program. He was intrigued by the model home idea. He said there are many remodeled ramblers in Bloomington and asked if the City could get their plans to give to other homeowners looking to remodel. He said people could benefit from good plans. Lee replied that's a pattern book approach and owners don't use it. He said most people use designers.

Winstead said there are lots of people who can do the remodeling themselves so if they had a set of model plans to redo their kitchen, they might use it.

Lee explained with a model home project, the City would do the project with a family type in mind; maybe a young family with kids. The next year it could be done for the empty nester.

Winstead commented there are 11 styles out of 12,000 ramblers in Bloomington so it would be good to identify a family type.

Closed Public Comment Period

Mayor Winstead asked if anyone else wished to address the Council during the Public Comment Period. No one else came forward so it was closed.

10.3 Set Public Hearing for Organized Collection of Solid Waste

Requested Action: Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing on June 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input regarding organized collection of solid waste in Bloomington.

Public Works Director Karl Keel reported the Council, at its last meeting, directed staff to proceed with the steps in pursuing organized collection so a resolution was presented for adoption setting the public hearing date for June 1.

Winstead stated he received an e-mail from someone notifying him that the June 1 date conflicts with the graduation ceremonies for both high schools.

Verbrugge stated it's difficult to schedule public hearings around events and it wouldn't be unusual for the Council to hold over the public hearing. He said the Council could hold it open until the next meeting at which action will most likely occur. He reported many residents have been sharing their thoughts with the Council.

Winstead said the public will still be able to submit their written comments up until the meeting at which the Council will take action.

Keel said the recommendation is to hold the public hearing on June 1 and take action at a subsequent meeting. He concurred that more comments could be included after the June 1 meeting.

Baloga questioned the action that would be taken by Council on June 22.

Keel replied the action would be to approve organized collection and the related agreement, and draft any ordinance changes that would be needed to implement organized collection in Bloomington.

Verbrugge explained the direction would be for the City to proceed towards a negotiated contract with the consortium of haulers that preserves the current haulers' operations in Bloomington.

Winstead said the public hearing will be for people to comment to the detailed term sheet of a future contract regarding service and actual rates to be charged by the haulers.

Baloga stated a frequently asked question is what if the customer likes their current hauler but doesn't like the new one under the new contract. Another question asked is who will be responsible for hauling their trash.

Keel said they won't have an outline of which hauler will handle each neighborhood. If this moves ahead and Council votes to implement this, the haulers will need to get together to decide how they're going to propose maintaining their current numbers of stops but distribute them in a fashion that works for all of them.

Verbrugge said staff will bolster and update the FAQ page on the City's website.

Winstead asked if staff could provide more specific rates for what a small, medium and large container would cost. Keel replied there will be specific rates based on container size.

Lowman asked about the cost for yard waste. Keel said staff will have the yard waste rates. Lowman also asked about the referendum piece.

Verbrugge said if the Council directs staff to proceed with organized collection based on an negotiated agreement with the consortium of haulers, there would be no referendum.

Motion was made by Busse, seconded by Baloga, and all voting aye, to adopt a resolution setting June 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber for a public hearing regarding organized collection of solid waste. (R-2015-56)

10.4 Planning Commission Appointments

Requested Action: Consider two appointments (existing Commissioners Spiess and Batterson) for terms on the Planning Commission that will expire on June 30, 2018.

Motion was made by Baloga, seconded by Oleson, and all voting aye, to reappoint Kelly Spiess and Bud Batterson to the Planning Commission to terms expiring June 30, 2018.

11 ADJOURN

Mayor Winstead adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Barbara Clawson
Council Secretary