

Falcon Heights Council Workshop Minutes
August 3, 2011

Members present: Mayor Lindstrom, Council members Long, Harris, Gosline and Mercer-Taylor,

Members absent: None

Others present: Administrator Justin Miller, Finance Director Roland Olson, Michael Krause, Kandiyohi Company

City Hall Solar Panel Discussion

Miller and Krause outlined the newest city hall solar panel proposal. The total system would cost \$321,600, but after lease payments, federal tax credits, and Xcel rebates, the total out-of-pocket cost to the city would be \$50,880. Staff is still awaiting word from Xcel Energy about what level of credit they will give for the energy produced by the panels. Until this amount is determined, a payback period cannot be established. Staff agreed to continue working on the proposal and bring more information back to the council when it is available.

Draft 2012 General Fund Budget

Miller began by reviewing the key parts of the budget, including local government aid, the change in the Market Value Homestead Credit program, and the large changes in the proposed budget. The council then went through each department's budget and asked questions. After some discussion, the council asked staff to continue to work on the budget and to attempt to find at least \$20,000 in reductions or new revenues to lower the overall levy impact. Staff agreed to bring a revised budget to the council at the September workshop.

The workshop concluded at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Miller
City Administrator