

Falcon Heights Council Workshop Minutes
September 7, 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

Northeast Suburban Campus Connector Construction Agreement

Miller presented the item by first going over the history of the project and explaining why it was being split into two phases. He further elaborated that while a tentative agreement with the Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) was in place for the new sidewalk in front of Gibbs Farm, a formal agreement was not ready in time to include this section in Phase I of the project. The council agreed that moving forward with Phase I was appropriate and directed staff to continue to work with RCHS on final arrangements.

Draft 2012 General Fund Budget

Miller presented the revised draft budget as well as explained the impacts of the new market value exclusion implemented by the State of Minnesota and decreased fiscal disparities revenues. Miller stated that options to reduce the levy include increasing the amount of money transferred from non-general fund accounts, increasing other revenues, decreasing expenses, or running the general fund at a deficit. After much discussion, the council directed staff to present a budget that transfers enough money to account for the decrease in fiscal disparities and the proposed increase in general fund expenditures.

The workshop concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Miller
City Administrator