

Falcon Heights Council Workshop Minutes
February 6, 2013
6:30 p.m.

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

Members absent: Council Member Harris

City Staff present: City Administrator Bart Fischer
City Engineer Kris Giga
Planning & Zoning Coordinator Deb Jones

Discussion on Assessment Policy and 2013 Road Projects

Based on discussions from the January 9, 2013, Public Hearing on the 2013 Street Improvement Projects, Council and staff discussed the City's Assessment Policy and the scope of the road improvements. Council directed staff to keep the assessment policy as is but to look into language relating to economic hardship and deferral of assessments. Council and staff also discussed the scope of the project and the possibility of removing certain streets from the project. Council directed staff to continue with the project as presented at the Public Hearing on January 9, 2013, without removal of any streets.

Continued Discussion on Prairie Grass Ordinance

Council and staff continued their discussions on the draft Prairie Grass Ordinance that was recommended by the Environment Commission and also reviewed by the Planning Commission. Council directed staff to create a draft of the ordinance that has side and rear yard setbacks of 3 feet and a front yard setback of 10 feet. This ordinance will be taken up at a future City Council meeting.

Good Neighbor Fund Discussion

Council and staff discussed options for submitting grant applications to the University of Minnesota's Good Neighbor Fund. Council directed staff to apply for 3 projects: replacement of the Cleveland Avenue streetscape, signage for City Hall and possible funding for the City's annual Spring Together Event.

The workshop concluded at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bart Fischer
City Administrator