Falcon Heights Council Workshop Minutes December 3, 2014 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Lindstrom, Council Members Long, Harris, Brown Thunder and Mercer-Taylor

Members absent:

City Staff present: City Administrator Bart Fischer

1) Discussion on future staffing/personnel matters

Council and staff had a discussion regarding how to restructure the Fire Department after the resignation of the Regular Part-Time Chief. Discussion was also had on how to fill the recently vacated positions in Administration. Finally, discussion was had on Public Works employee compensation levels.

2) Review of Assessment Policy and update on 2015 Street Project.

Staff presented to Council that sidewalks and trails are part of the assessment policy but that recent repairs done by the Public Works Department to sidewalks were not assessed to homeowners so consideration regarding residential assessments for the possible upcoming Roselawn trail replacement should be considered. Also, at the direction of the City Engineer, it was suggested that the City Council consider capping the residential assessments for the long side of corner lots at 200 feet for this project.

3) Update on possible changes to City Commissions

Council continued to discuss the possibility of combining the Human Rights and Neighborhood Commissions into the Community Engagement Commission.

4) Brainstorming on ideas for the 2015 Good Neighbor fund

Council discussed possible projects to submit for the 2015 Good Neighbor Fund grant round through the U of M.

The workshop concluded at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bart Fischer City Administrator