

Falcon Heights Council Workshop Minutes

June 2, 2010

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

Others present: Administrator Justin Miller;

Paint the Pavement Proposal

Miller and Lindstrom reported on how this idea was brought to the city's attention, which was by a local resident who saw it practiced in the Hamline-Midway area of St. Paul. Questions revolved around topics such as who would make the designs, who would paint the design, how long would the paint last, and how would neighbors be involved. The council agreed to proceed with developing guidelines, such as where these projects would be allowed, design review, and neighborhood approval processes.

Park and Recreation Program Update

Miller presented the council on the financial and participation history of the recreation programs, and provided options on how to proceed now that there is a vacancy in the recreation supervisor position. It was agreed that continuing a program with city employees was preferable and that the program had really progressed over the past few years. Miller suggested that the deputy clerk and recreation supervisor position could be combined, much like was being done over the past year. Doing this would create some budget savings, and would allow for a part-time clerical position to be filled. The council agreed to pursue this option in more detail, but added that the focus of recreation programming needed to be maintained.

Energy Efficient Improvement Loan Update

Miller presented a report from the State of Minnesota and the City of Shoreview on newly approved loan programs for energy efficient home improvements. Discussion included whether the city should be in the business of making loans such as this, as well as whether the program would have the impact desired. The Council agreed that it was worth continued research, and staff will bring back ideas at future meetings.

Recycling RFP Discussion

Miller presented a revised section of the RFP in response to the questions raised at the previous council meeting. The new attachment involved how to better quantify the hauler's qualifications in regards to recycling services. It was agreed that a two-part evaluation process be constructed so that only those who are qualified (based on insurance coverage and demonstration of hauling locations) move to the next level of evaluation. Miller indicated that staff would try to place the RFP on the next council agenda for approval.

The workshop concluded at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Miller
City Administrator