

***CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS***  
**Regular Meeting of the City Council**  
**City Hall**  
**2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.**

**AGENDA**  
**September 25, 2002**

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:       GEHRZ \_\_\_\_ KUETTEL \_\_\_\_ LAMB \_\_\_\_  
                          LINDSTROM \_\_\_\_ TALBOT \_\_\_\_  
                          WORTHINGTON \_\_\_\_ PHILLIPS \_\_\_\_  
                          ATTORNEY \_\_\_\_ ENGINEER \_\_\_\_
- C. COMMUNITY FORUM:
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 11, 2002
- E. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- F. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - 1. General disbursements through 9/19/02, \$91,155.97  
    Payroll, 9/1/02 to 9/15/02, \$11,339.65
  - 2. Accept tree trimming proposal from Precision Landscape and Tree Service,  
    Little Canada
- G. POLICY AGENDA:
  - 1. Accept tree planting request by city staff of 21 trees to be planted on the  
    boulevard within the city limits
  - 2. Approve application to the National Safety Council
  - 3. Approve the city's participation in the Ramsey County Citizen Corps
  - 4. 2002 Seal Coat and Crack Seal Improvements Project – Final Pay Estimate
  - 5. Consideration of a monthly fee for web-streaming
  - 6. Consideration of Ordinance 02-03 amending Chapter 5 of the Falcon Heights  
    city code regarding the removal, trimming and treatment of trees
- H. REPORTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:
- I. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- J. ADJOURN

City of Falcon Heights  
Council Minutes  
September 11, 2002

**DRAFT**

Mayor Gehrz opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Gehrz, Kuettel, Lamb, Lindstrom, Talbot. Also present was Heather Worthington, City Administrator and Pat Phillips, Deputy Clerk

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Gehrz took this time to reflect on the one year anniversary of September 11 and specifically commented on what the City of Falcon Heights has done since that date and what the city needs to do next to continue their efforts on security issues.

COMMUNITY FORUM: There was no one present wishing to speak.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Administrator Worthington explained that the City is required to hold a public hearing on the issuance of bonds for the acquisition and repair of a four-bed supervised living service facility for the developmentally disabled located at 1489 W. Hoyt Avenue. Worthington said the City of Little Canada is underwriting these obligations but some of the property is located in other jurisdictions and each city hosting said property must hold a public hearing to take testimony from persons wishing to express their views.

Mayor Gehrz proceeded to open the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. There being no one present to speak, Gehrz closed the public hearing at 7:10:10 p.m. After brief questions by councilmembers, Councilmember Talbot made a motion to adopt Resolution 02-17 giving host city approval to the issuance of health facilities revenue obligations for a project by Wingspan Life Resources located in the City of Minneapolis, under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.1651 and approving a Joint Powers Agreement. Councilmember Kuettel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### PRESENTATIONS

1. Outgoing State Representative Mary Jo McGuire was the first to step forward and said she was happy for the opportunity to serve the past fourteen years but due to redistricting, will step down at the end of this year to "pursue other adventures". She spoke briefly on some of the larger issues of the city that she was involved in over the years and also touched on some of the issues that are currently facing the state. McGuire then introduced State Representative Alice Hausman who will be replacing McGuire as the city's District 66 state representative.

2. Rep. Alice Hausman said, if re-elected, she will be very excited to represent Falcon Heights as part of the new District 66. Hausman said in light of the economic conditions, next year will be a challenge that will require close partnership and conversation, but is looking forward to working with the city. Hausman introduced Senator Ellen Anderson who will also be the city's new senator representing District 66.
3. Senator Anderson said she has been in the senate for ten years and her focus recently has been on affordable housing, job training, unemployment, and economic development. Other areas of interest are energy and environment and of course, education. If re-elected, Senator Anderson also said she will be very happy to represent Falcon Heights which is now a part of District 66. Both Anderson and Hausman's district will now include St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights, Midway, Como, North End, Rice Street and the East side of St. Paul as far as Arcade. Anderson thanked the mayor for a recent tour of the city and city hall and said she will work in any way at the state level to support the proposed re-development on Snelling and Larpenteur.

MINUTES: The minutes of August 28, 2002 were approved with an addition and correction.

#### CONSENT

1. General disbursements and payroll.
2. Licenses
3. Authorize the purchase and installation of new swing sets and handicap accessible safety surface at Grove Park
4. Appointment of firefighter

#### POLICY

Variance request for a 12 foot 8 inch encroachment into front setback for expansion of an attached garage at 1941 Summer Street

Administrator Worthington explained the reason for the request of this variance, the primary one being the siting of the principle structure and the fact that the lot at this address is set at a diagonal. The residents wanted to enlarge their existing attached garage to make it a two car garage and there is no option available that would meet the needs of the owners without requiring a variance. The planning commission had studied and discussed this variance according to councilmember Lindstrom. After a few brief questions, councilmember Lamb made a motion to approve Resolution 02-15 granting a variance for 1941 Summer Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution 02-18 adopting the proposed 2003 property tax levy of \$897,076

Administrator Worthington said after several budget meetings, a property tax levy of \$897,076 was proposed. Worthington said this is a 2% increase over the 2002 levy. A public hearing is scheduled to be held in December, 2002. After brief discussion, councilmember Lindstrom moved to approve Resolution 02-18. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of capital funding for furniture replacement in Fire Department Ward Room

Administrator Worthington said the fire department furniture was donated shortly after the city hall was built in 1981. The furniture is worn and in poor condition and staff is requesting replacement not to exceed \$4,900. This will include a sofa, sleeper sofa, two chairs, and a conference table and chairs. Funds are available in the Public Safety Capital Fund. Councilmember Lamb inquired if staff had checked into the state contract to see if furniture could be purchased at a further reduced rate. Worthington said she would check into it. Councilmember Kuettel made a motion to order the replacement furniture at a cost not to exceed \$4,900 but requested Worthington to check with the state contract first. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Kuettel said this day had been an emotional day for almost everyone and wanted to send her prayers and condolences to all those who were affected by 9/11, directly or indirectly. Councilmember Lindstrom said he's proud to live in a country where so many people get out and vote, and in a city where so many give of their time to volunteer.

Councilmember Talbot said there is another way to get information from the web on city council meetings. Talbot said to go to [CTV15.org](http://CTV15.org), click on "webcasts", select "cities", and select "meetings".

Councilmember Lamb said Mayor Gehrz, Administrator Worthington and he went to a meeting dealing with the possibility of a new football stadium on the Minneapolis campus of the U of M. Discussion included the joint use of the stadium with the Minnesota Vikings. The proposed plan is due before the legislature sometime in December.

Mayor Gehrz reminded everyone of a meeting to be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the League of Woman Voters at city hall. Time is 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Topic is "Challenges to Citizenship".



Gehrz said a colorful "waterfall" brochure was created by MCAD (Mayor's Commission Against Drugs). It contains information on issues that pertain to young people growing up safely and will be available at libraries, schools and city halls. Gehrz said MCAD will no longer exist after this year and a celebration of their accomplishments will be held sometime in November.

City Administrator, Heather Worthington, said the new voting machines worked very well and the city had over 30% voter turnout in the recent primary election. Worthington thanked everyone who voted.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Phillips  
Deputy Clerk

CONSENT 1  
Meeting Date: 9/25/02

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Disbursements

SUBMITTED BY: Roland Olson, Finance Director

EXPLANATION/SUMMARY:

1. General disbursements through 9/19/02, \$91,155.97
2. Payroll, 9/1/02 to 9/15/02, \$11,339.65

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval



APPROVAL OF BILLS  
 PERIOD ENDING: 9-19-02

CHECK#	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	DEPT.	AMOUNT
41574	US BANCORP	DISPLAY TRIPODS	ADMINIST	63.87
41576	PERA	SEPT/1-15 PERA WITHHOLDG	ADMINIST	1,302.74
41575	COURT ADMIN -RAMSEY CTY	NOTARY COMMISSION FEE	ADMINIST	25.00
	RAMSEY COUNTY	SEPT/02 INSURANCE	ADMINIST	3,232.21
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 12		4,623.82
	CAMPBELL KNUTSON	AUG/02 LEGAL SVCS	LEGAL	3,126.75
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 14		3,126.75
	CIERNIA,KATHLEEN	ELECTION SUPPLIES	ELECTION	113.94
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 15		113.94
	QWEST	TELE 9/1	COMMUNIC	599.07
	DAVID L. WASSON GRAPHIC	3RD QTR NEWSLETTER	COMMUNIC	1,449.25
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 16		2,048.32
	ST ANTHONY VILLAGE	OCT/02 POLICE SVCS	POLICE	35,418.92
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 22		35,418.92
	AMERIPRIDE LINEN&APPAREL	LINEN CLEANING FIRE HALL	FIRE FIG	43.88
	BEARCOM	RADIO SPEAKER REPAIR	FIRE FIG	125.00
	EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINT	753 REPAIR SIREN&STOBES	FIRE FIG	726.30
	GLENWOOD INGLEWOOD	COOLER RENTAL	FIRE FIG	9.00
	HOLTZ,DAVID	REIMB PICTURE FRAMES	FIRE FIG	29.78
	OXYGEN SERVICE COMPANY	TANK RENTALS	FIRE FIG	45.00
	VERIZON WIRELESS	AUG/SEPT CELL PHONE CHR	FIRE FIG	47.90
	QWEST	TELE 9/1	FIRE FIG	161.51
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 24		1,188.37
	BROWNING-FERRIS IND.	WASTE REMOVAL SEPT/02	CITY HAL	280.59
	GLENWOOD INGLEWOOD	COOLER RENTAL	CITY HAL	9.00
	GRAINGER, W. W., INC.	TISSUE/TOWELS	CITY HAL	244.73
	GRAINGER, W. W., INC.	4 US FLAGS	CITY HAL	114.81
	M-75 BUILDING MAINTENANCE	AUG/02 CLEANING SVCS	CITY HAL	285.31
	OXYGEN SERVICE COMPANY	TANK RENTALS	CITY HAL	11.28
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 31		945.72
	PARKING MARKING INC	CROSSWALK PAINTING	STREETS	176.00
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 32		176.00
	PRECISION TREE COMPANY	TREE REMOVALS	TREE PRO	4,196.96
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 34		4,196.96
	I PRINT TEXTILES	T-SHIRTS	PARK & R	930.78
	NRG PROCESSING SOLUTIONS	SOIL/SOD/TREE MULCH	PARK & R	251.75
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 41		1,182.53
	E-Z RECYCLING, INC.	SEPT/02 RECYCLING	SOLID WA	2,559.40
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 56		2,559.40
	GRAINGER, W. W., INC.	SAFETY CABINET/SAFETYCAN	FIRE & R	454.73
41577	HOM FURNITURE	FURNITURE FOR FIRE ROOM	FIRE & R	4,800.00
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 64		5,254.73
	HOWARD GREEN COMPANYC.	2002 SEALCOATING/CRACK S	INFRASTR	2,548.00

APPROVAL OF BILLS  
 PERIOD ENDING: 9-19-02

CHECK#	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	DEPT.	AMOUNT
*** TOTAL FOR DEPT 71				2,548.00
	METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	OCT/02 S.S.	SANITARY	25,526.60
	QWEST	AUTO DIALER LIFT STATION	SANITARY	57.58
*** TOTAL FOR DEPT 75				25,584.18
	EHLERS AND ASSOCIATES	SNELLING/LARP	COMM. DE	975.00
*** TOTAL FOR DEPT 79				975.00
	CAROLE L. SMITH	SEPT 16-30 PROF SVCS	MCAD	1,213.33
*** TOTAL FOR DEPT 84				1,213.33
*** TOTAL FOR BANK 01				91,155.97
*** GRAND TOTAL ***				91,155.97

C H E C K   R E G I S T E R

CHECK TYPE	CHECK DATE	EMPLOYEE NAME NUMBER	CHECK NUMBER	CHECK AMOUNT
COM	9 13 02	34 CLEMENT KURHAJETZ	32161	111.87
COM	9 13 02	35 LEO LINDIG	32162	43.63
COM	9 13 02	40 KEVIN ANDERSON	32163	51.31
COM	9 13 02	42 MICHAEL D CLARKIN	32164	45.96
COM	9 13 02	66 ALFRED HERNANDEZ	32165	59.80
COM	9 13 02	74 MARK J ALLEN	32166	106.26
COM	9 13 02	81 LAUREL F SANDBERG	32167	6.47
COM	9 13 02	82 DUSTIN P THUNE	32168	34.75
COM	9 13 02	85 DANIEL S JOHNSON-POWERS	32169	150.60
COM	9 13 02	87 MICHAEL A MCKAY	32170	90.50
COM	9 13 02	90 ANDREW P SCHIPPEL	32171	184.82
COM	9 13 02	91 RICHARD H HINRICHS	32172	332.98
COM	9 13 02	94 CALEB H SORENSON	32173	33.14
COM	9 13 02	95 MICHAEL J POESCHL	32174	54.14
COM	9 13 02	96 DAVID R HOLTZ	32175	214.60
COM	9 13 02	97 PATRICK GAFFNEY	32176	51.72
COM	9 13 02	1003 HEATHER WORTHINGTON	32179	1395.72
COM	9 13 02	1007 PATRICIA PHILLIPS	32180	1072.85
COM	9 13 02	1013 WILLIAM MAERTZ	32181	1514.77
COM	9 13 02	1033 DAVE TRETSVEN	32182	1090.52
COM	9 13 02	1038 DEBORAH K JONES	32183	839.93
COM	9 13 02	1040 JEROLD A. MALEITZKE	32184	438.08
COM	9 13 02	1089 KATHLEEN A CIERNIA	32185	820.03
COM	9 13 02	1103 DIANE MEYER	32186	347.11
COM	9 13 02	1136 ROLAND O OLSON	32187	1305.79
COM	9 13 02	1143 COLIN B CALLAHAN	32188	418.91
COM	9 13 02	1144 ANITA TWAROSKI	32189	236.13
COM	9 13 02	1173 ELIZABETH M POSTIGO	32190	287.26

COMPUTER CHECKS	11339.65
MANUAL CHECKS	.00
NOTICES OF DEPOSIT	.00

\*\*\*\*TOTALS\*\*\*\* 11339.65





**Consent 3**  
**9/25/02**

**ITEM: Accept tree trimming proposal from Precision Landscape and Tree 942 East County Road D, Little Canada, MN 55109.**

**SUBMITTED BY: Bill Maertz, Director of Parks and Public Works**

**REVIEWED BY: Heather Worthington, City Administrator**

**EXPLANATION:**

Summary: The tree trimming budget for 2002 is \$10,300. The western half the Northeast Quadrant is scheduled for trimming this year. Request for Proposals were sent to three contractors and two contractors responded. The "Not To Exceed" proposal prices are as follows:

Rainbow Tree Care	\$17,000
2239 Edgewood Ave S	
St. Louis Park, MN 55426	

Precision Landscape and Tree	\$12,500
942 East County Road D	
Little Canada, MN 55109	

The lowest proposal exceeds the budgeted amount for trimming by \$2,200. Staff is requesting authorization to contract with Precision Landscape and Tree for the full amount of their proposal and therefore additional monies of \$2,200.

Meets 2002 budget goal 2: To maintain and promote the assets of the city's unique neighborhoods and tax base including commercial, residential, and open space uses for present and future generations.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Proposal from two contractors

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Authorize staff to enter into a not-to-exceed contract with Precision Landscape and Tree in the amount of \$12,500 for tree trimming in the Northeast Quadrant.



TREE TRIMMING PROPOSAL - 2002  
CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

Firm Name: Rainbow Treecare  
Contact Name: Amy Caldwell  
Address: 2239 Edgewood Ave S Zip: 55426  
Phone: 952.922.3810 Fax: 952.252.4720

Tree trimming equipment hourly rate schedule:

\$ 65<sup>00</sup> per man hr.

Tree trimming labor rate schedule:

\$ 17,000<sup>00</sup> Total cost, not to be exceeded for trimming

The undersigned, having examined the specifications and proposal form, hereby agrees to furnish all labor, equipment, material, skills and tools necessary to: remove diseased, dying and dead trees, and perform cyclic trimming on boulevard and park trees as well as indiscriminate trimming as requested by the city.

All prices quoted shall be compensated in full for trimming of trees and removal of debris as indicated on the specifications.

It is understood that the city council reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities and to award the contract in the best interests of the city.

The contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the city and it's employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, providing that any such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or the injury to, or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself) including the loss of use resulting therefrom and is caused in whole or in part of any negligent act or omission of the contractor, or sub-contractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by and of them for whole acts any of them may be liable.

Amy D. Caldwell 9.5.02  
Authorized Signature Title Date

TREE TRIMMING PROPOSAL - 2002  
CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

Firm Name: Precision Landscape & Tree, Inc. dba Precision Tree

Contact Name: Jason Groholski

Address: 942 East County Road D Little Canada, MN Zip: 55109

Phone: 651 484-2726 Fax: 651 482-8191

Tree trimming equipment hourly rate schedule:

Bucket truck with operator \$ 90/hr  
Chipper and truck with operator \$ 70/hr

Tree trimming labor rate schedule:

Three person crew \$ 180/hr

\$ 12,500.00 Total cost, not to be exceeded for trimming

The undersigned, having examined the specifications and proposal form, hereby agrees to furnish all labor, equipment, material, skills and tools necessary to: remove diseased, dying and dead trees, and perform cyclic trimming on boulevard and park trees as well as indiscriminate trimming as requested by the city.

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Jason Groholski  
Authorized Signature

U.P.  
Title

09-10-02  
Date

**Policy 1**  
**9/25/02**

**ITEM:** Accept tree planting request by city staff of 21 trees to be planted on the boulevard within the city limits.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Bill Maertz, Director of Parks and Public Works

**REVIEWED BY:** Heather Worthington, City Administrator

**EXPLANATION:**

Summary: The tree planting budget for 2002 is \$2,000. Trees are being planted to replace those removed due to disease and/or hazard. Request for proposals was sent to two vendors and one responded:

Gertens	\$3,574.14
5500 Blaine Avenue	
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076	

As of August 3, 2002, city staff identified 22 trees for removal on public property, mostly boulevards. Seven trees were removed due to Dutch Elm Disease. However, the remainder of the trees were removed because they were dead or dying, and therefore a hazard. A number of trees died because they were planted too deep several years ago. Several more trees have already been identified for removal next year because they are dying due to being planted too deep or stem girdling.

Meets 2002 Budget Goal 2: To maintain and promote the assets of the city's unique neighborhoods and tax base including commercial, residential, and open space uses for present and future generations.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Proposal from Gertens

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval of tree planting expenditure in the amount of \$3,574.14.

INVOICE



**GERTENS**

5500 Blaine Avenue  
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Contr. Phone: 651-450-0277

Main Phone 651-450-1501  
Fax 651-450-9380

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www.gertens.com

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
2077 WEST LARPELLEUR AVE.

CUST # 300029  
TERMS: NET 30

ORDR # 206021  
DATE : 9/11/02  
CLERK: 913

FALCON HEIGHTS MN 55113  
(651) 644-5050

*Delivery  
Sept. 20th*

TIME : 2:47

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
2077 W. LARPELLEUR AVE  
FALCON HEIGHTS, MN  
55113

ANITA THAROSKI CITY FORESTER  
651-644-5050 FAX 651-644-8675

\*\*\*\*\*  
\* ORDER \*  
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7	EA T0620	ACER GREEN MOUNTAIN 2"BB	199.00 /EA	1,393.00C
3	EA T3600	ULMUS ACCOLADE ELM #15	54.00 /EA	162.00C
2	EA T1065	CELTIS HACKBERRY #25	125.00 /EA	250.00C
2	EA T0520	ACER RED SUNSET 2"BB	149.00 /EA	298.00C
3	EA T3460	TILIA REDMOND LINDEN 2"BB	132.00 /EA	396.00C
1	EA 55113	55113 ZIPCODE DELIVERY ROSEVILLE	85.00 /EA	85.00C
4	EA T1461	FRAXI PATMORE GREEN #15	193.00 /EA	772.00C

##ORDER#ORDER#ORDER#ORDER##

TAXABLE	3356.00
NON-TAXABLE	0.00
SUB-TOTAL	3356.00
TAX AMOUNT	218.14
TOTAL ORDER	3574.14

DEPOSIT AMT	.00
BALANCE DUE	3574.14

PRINT NAME CLEARLY

RECEIVED BY

**Policy 2**  
**9/25/02**

**ITEM:** Approve application to the National Safety Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mayor Susan Gehrz

**REVIEWED BY:** Neighborhood Commission

**EXPLANATION:**

Summary: The Neighborhood Commission wishes to make application to the National Safety Council for a pilot project to train citizens in first aid and CPR on-line. If successful, the grant would enable the city to provide basic training to residents within their homes at a time that would be convenient for them.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the mayor's application to the National Safety Council as a pilot community for on-line first aid and CPR training.





**Policy 3**  
**9/25/02**

**ITEM:** Approve the city's participation in the Ramsey County Citizen Corps

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mayor Susan Gehrz

**REVIEWED BY:** Neighborhood Commission

**EXPLANATION:**

Summary: The Neighborhood Commission would like to participate in the Ramsey County Citizen Corps and the federal Citizen Corps program in order to enable residents and volunteers to access more training resources. Information about this program is available at [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov).

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the city's participation in the Ramsey County Citizen Corps and the federal Citizen Corps.



**Policy 4  
9/25/02**

**ITEM: 2002 Seal Coat and Crack Seal Improvements Project—Final Pay Estimate**

**SUBMITTED BY: Heather Worthington, City Administrator**

**REVIEWED BY: John Anderson, H.R. Green Company  
Roland Olson, Finance Director**

**EXPLANATION:**

Summary: The council is being asked to approve the final pay estimate for the 2002 Seal Coat and Crack Seal Improvements Project. The contractor has completed all work required in the contract. The total construction cost was \$47,045.93, which is \$2,283.33 higher than the contract amount of \$44,762.60. This was due to crack sealing quantities being roughly 11% higher than the contract. In addition, more emulsion was needed to ensure that the chipped granite adhered to the street properly, and this resulted in a 10% increase in quantities.

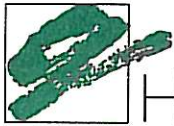
The city engineer is recommending that the city pay the contractor the amount due of \$44,693.63 at this time, and retain \$2,352.30 until the contractor submits the required documentation to close out the job.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Letter from HR Green
- Final Pay Estimate

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Authorize payment to Pearson Brothers in the amount of \$44,693.63, with \$2,352.30 held in retainage.



# Howard R. Green Company

SEP 09 2002

September 6, 2002

File: 818170J-0071

Ms. Heather Worthington  
City Administrator  
City of Falcon Heights  
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West  
Falcon Heights, Minnesota 55113

RE: 2002 SEAL COAT AND CRACK SEAL IMPROVEMENTS  
FINAL PAY ESTIMATE

Dear Ms. Worthington:

Enclosed please find three copies of the Final Pay Estimate for Pearson Brothers Inc. who is the Contractor for the 2002 Seal Coat & Crack Seal Improvements. The contractor has completed all work required in the contract. The total construction cost is \$47,045.93, which is slightly higher than the contract amount of \$44,762.60. The crack sealing quantities were 11% higher than the contract. There were more cracks than expected on a few streets. We eliminated the crack sealing for the section of Garden Avenue from Pascal Street to Albert Street in an effort to keep the final quantities close to the contract. We reviewed this decision with Bill Maertz, and he was in agreement that this was a reasonable change and that the pavement cracks in the deleted area would be adequately sealed with the application of the seal coat. The quantity of bituminous seal coat emulsion applied was 10% more than the contract. As you know this is the first year the granite FA-2 seal coat aggregate has been applied. We observed that the emulsion was not covering satisfactorily with the application rate suggested by the City of Roseville public works and we directed the contractor to increase the application rate in order to insure proper embedment of the aggregate material.

We recommend the City Council approve the Final Pay estimate and pay the contractor the amount due of \$44,693.63. The Contractor needs to submit the required documentation to close out the job, at which time we will notify you for release of the \$2,352.30 held by staff in retainage.

Sincerely,

Howard R. Green Company

John M. Anderson, P.E.  
Project Engineer

JMA:nm

Cc: Jack Pearson, Pearson Brothers Inc.

**PAY ESTIMATE #1 : FINAL QUANTITIES**

**CONTRACTOR:** PEARSON BROTHERS INC.  
**ADDRESS:** 240 ST. JOHNS STREET LORETTO, MN 55457  
**OWNER:** CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
**PROJECT:** 2002 SEAL COAT AND CRACK SEAL IMPROVEMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT ITEMS			TOTAL COSTS	
		UNIT	QTY	UNIT PRICE	QTY	AMOUNT

**SCHEDULE 1.0: SEAL COAT AND CRACK SEAL**

1	BITUMINOUS MATERIAL FOR SEAL COAT, CRS-2	GAL	15,450.00	\$1.20	17,100.00	<u>\$20,520.00</u>
2	SEAL COAT AGGREGATE, FA-2 GRANITE	TON	775.00	\$24.44	754.65	<u>\$18,443.65</u>
3	ROUT & SEAL CRACKS	LB	4,920.00	\$1.48	5,461.00	<u>\$8,082.28</u>

**SCHEDULE 1.0 - SEAL COAT AND CRACK SEAL -- TOTAL**

\$47,045.93

	TOTAL THIS PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
AMOUNT EARNED	\$47,045.93	\$47,045.93
AMOUNT RETAINED	\$2,352.30	\$2,352.30
MATERIAL ON SITE	\$0.00	\$0.00
MATERIAL DEDUCT.	\$0.00	\$0.00
PREVIOUS PAYMENTS	*****	\$0.00
AMOUNT DUE	\$44,693.63	\$44,693.63

hereby certify that all items and amounts shown by this pay estimate are correct for the work completed to date.

**CONTRACTOR:**

PEARSON BROS. INC.

BY: Jack E Pearson  
TITLE: PRESIDENT  
DATE: 8-16-02

Based on the ENGINEER'S on-site inspections as an experienced and qualified design professional and on review of application for payment and the accompanying data and schedules, the ENGINEER has determined, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that the quantities shown by this estimate are correct and that, based on such inspections and review, that the work has progressed to the point indicated (subject to an evaluation of such work as a functioning Project upon Substantial Completion, to the results of any subsequent tests required by the Contract Documents, and to any qualifications stated in his recommendation), and that payment of the amount recommended is due Contractor(s); but by recommending any payment, the ENGINEER will not thereby be deemed to have reviewed the means, methods, sequences, techniques, or procedures of construction or safety precautions or programs incident thereto or that the ENGINEER has made any examination to ascertain how or for what purpose any Contractor has used the monies paid on account of the Contract Price, or that title to any of the work, materials, or equipment has passed to the Owner free and clear of any lien, claims, security interests or encumbrances, or that the Contractor(s) have completed their work exactly in accordance with the Contract Documents

**ENGINEER:**

HOWARD R. GREEN COMPANY

BY: John M. Green  
TITLE: Project Engineer  
DATE: 9/6/02

Approved by Owner/Commission

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



**ITEM:**           **Consideration of a monthly fee for web-streaming**

**SUBMITTED BY:**   **Heather Worthington, City Administrator**

**EXPLANATION:**

Summary: The North Suburban Cable Commission is now offering web streaming service to cities in their service area.

This will enable web users to access video of council meetings online, any time of day. The cost of this service is \$163.69 per month, and will be billed to cities on a quarterly basis coinciding with the quarterly franchise fee checks. This service will be \$491.07 per quarter, or \$1,964.28 per year.

In addition, CTV will be able to archive meetings on DVD at the cost of \$30 for eight hours of programming. We estimate that roughly 3 meetings will fit on one DVD. DVD's are a smaller data format, and will most likely last longer than video tape. The yearly cost for this service would be roughly \$300.00 (assuming a few special meetings in addition to the regular meetings).

Currently, the city estimates \$20,000 in franchise fees for 2002. The CTV estimates that franchise fees will rise approximately 5% over 2002, for a projection of \$21,000 in 2003. Part of those funds are used to pay for the cable technician position, and some equipment maintenance. If this monthly fee was added to the 2003 Budget, some adjustments would need to be made prior to final adoption of the budget in December.

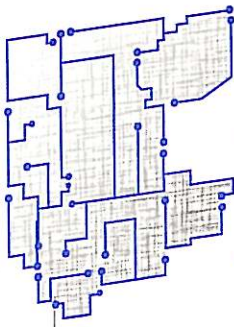
**ATTACHMENT:**

- Letter from NSCC regarding web streaming

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

- Discussion
- Consideration of a monthly fee for web streaming, and archival DVD's.





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Suburban  
Communications  
Commission



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September 11, 2002

Heather Worthington, City Administrator  
City of Falcon Heights  
2077 W. Larpenteur Avenue  
Falcon Heights, MN 55113

Dear Heather:

As we discussed at the August 21 meeting of the Telecommunications Advisory Committee, effective October 1, CTV (NSAC) will begin to formally offer web streaming and channel programming services to our cities and school districts. The monthly fee for this service will be \$163.69, for which we would invoice the city on a quarterly basis at the time we forward your franchise fee check.

The service includes the following:

1. CTV will encode (i.e., record) your televised meetings live from city hall and cablecast them live on Channel 16 and recast them per city's schedule.
2. CTV will cablecast on Channel 16 any other programming provided by the city, per city's schedule.
3. The city meetings will be linked with agenda items, per timing provided by city producer or staff, and posted to the city's web site.
4. If the city desires, CTV will archive the meetings on DVD for future reference. City must pay the cost of the DVD's. (Current prices for DVD's runs between \$25 and \$30, and they can be used to record approximately 8 hours of programming.)
5. CTV will have a master control operator on duty Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. until 11 p.m. or until the end of the last live event that evening. On Friday's the master control operator will work from noon until 9 p.m.

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If you wish to use this service, please complete the form at the bottom of the page and send it to me. Feel free to call me or Pat Cook if you have any questions about the service.

Sincerely,



Coralie A. Wilson  
Executive Director

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**YES**, the City of \_\_\_\_\_ wants CTV/North Suburban  
Access Corporation to provide web streaming/programming services for our  
channel.

City Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact for programming schedule \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Coralie Wilson, CTV/NSAC, 950 Woodhill Drive, Roseville, MN  
55113 or fax to 651-482-1262.

**Policy 6  
9/25/02**

**ITEM:** Consideration of ordinance 02-03 amending Chapter 5 of the Falcon Heights city code regarding the removal, trimming and treatment of trees

**SUBMITTED BY:** Heather Worthington, City Administrator

**REVIEWED BY:** Roger Knutson, City Attorney

**EXPLANATION:**

Summary: Recently, a tree contractor working in the city brought a portable sawmill into the area and processed trees into lumber in a residential neighborhood. This activity was very disruptive to surrounding neighbors, and the city received complaints. Currently, the city code does not prohibit this type of activity. While it is unusual that a tree contractor would utilize such a method, it would be prudent to address this type of activity in the future by amending the code to specifically prohibit saw milling or processing a tree into lumber, except at a business location specifically approved for such use under the city's zoning ordinance.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- Ordinance 02-03

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

- Discussion
- Adoption of Ordinance 02-03

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 02-03

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS,  
MINNESOTA AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE,  
CONCERNING REMOVAL, TRIMMING AND  
TREATMENT OF TREES**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 5-2.03 F of the Falcon Heights City Code is amended by adding subparagraph 3 to read:

3. It shall be unlawful for any person to use a saw mill or to process a tree into lumber except at a business location specifically approved for such use under the City's Zoning Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, by the City Council of the City of Falcon Heights.

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Gehrz, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Worthington, City Administrator

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**September 30, 2002**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Mayor/Councilmembers**

**FROM: Heather** *HW*

**RE: Council Workshop, Wednesday, October 2, 2002**

I apologize for getting this out so late.

Attached, you will find the articles on the State Fair, and some suggestions on the election issue from Bob Lamb (who will not be able to attend).

Peter is working on a draft survey for your consideration on the election issue. He will have this ready for you Wednesday evening.

Please let me know if you won't be able to attend. Thanks!

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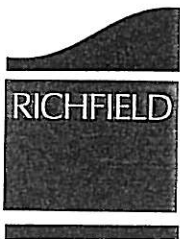
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# Community Development Department

September 17, 2002

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Heather Worthington  
City of Falcon Heights  
2077 W. Larpeneur Ave.  
Falcon Heights MN 55113

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MARTIN J. KIRSCH

CITY COUNCIL  
JOHN ENGER  
SUSAN ROSENBERG  
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GERTRUDE ULRICH

CITY MANAGER  
SAMANTHA ORDUNO

Dear Heather :

Please join us on Monday, October 7th at 4:00 p.m. at Richfield City Hall to discuss the creation of an association of fully-developed suburbs. Planning commissioners and planning staff from first-ring suburbs raised the idea of creating such an association at the September 9th "First Ring Futures" forum held in Richfield. At that forum, about 50 representatives from over 20 fully-developed suburbs met to hear from Myron Orfield about current trends in the metropolitan area and to discuss issues of common interest. *The group concluded that fully-developed suburbs share a range of challenges and concerns and that our communities should pursue the creation of an association to advocate for fully-developed suburbs at the state and regional levels.*

The meeting on October 7th will be an initial discussion about the 'whos and hows' of creating such an association here in the Twin Cities.

I have volunteered to set-up this initial meeting, but this effort will obviously need to be a shared one. In that spirit, please e-mail to me your thoughts for agenda and discussion items for this first meeting. My e-mail is: [Bsylvester@ci.richfield.mn.us](mailto:Bsylvester@ci.richfield.mn.us) In addition to the topics that you send me, we will also discuss future meeting dates, times, and locations.

There are obviously a lot of issues to hammer-out if we are going to create this type of organization for fully-developed suburbs, so please come with your ideas, thoughts, and enthusiasm!

Sincerely,

Bruce Sylvester,  
Zoning Administrator, City of Richfield

BKS:ttf

*The Urban Hometown*

## 2002 LCDA Applications – Preliminary Evaluation

(Total of 11 Voting)

	Applicant	Total +	Total 0	Total -	CIO*
B.3	Falcon Heights	10	1	0	0
B.4	Hopkins	8	2	0	1
A.17	Village in Phillips	7	2	1	1
B.1	Bloomington	7	2	1	1
A.7	Heritage Park	7	1	0	3
B.11	St. Anthony	6	3	2	0
B.12	West St. Paul	6	3	2	0
B.9	Richfield	6	3	1	1
A.13	Phillips Park	5	5	0	1
C.10	Stillwater	5	4	1	1
A.22	Market Lofts	5	3	1	2
A.5	Franklin-Portland	5	3	2	1
A.4	East Phillips Commons	4	5	1	1
A.11	Nicollet & Lake	4	4	1	2
C.7	Ramsey	4	4	1	2
A.19	Gateway Village	4	4	2	1
A.20	Hillcrest Village	3	6	0	2
B.6	Mendota Heights	3	5	2	1
A.6	Grain Belt Housing	3	3	2	3
B.5	Little Canada	2	6	3	0
C.1	Apple Valley	2	5	3	1
A.9	Homewood Townhomes	1	6	3	1
C.2	Circle Pines	1	5	3	2
C.6	Osseo	1	5	3	2
A.1	Lowry Ave.	1	4	4	2
B.8	North St. Paul	0	6	5	0
A.18	53 <sup>rd</sup> & Minnehaha	3	2	5	1
C.8	Savage	3	2	5	1
B.7	New Brighton	2	3	4	2
A.8	Hiawatha Court	1	3	6	1
A.10	Little Earth	1	3	6	1
A.16	Ventura Village	1	3	6	1
B.10	Roseville	1	3	5	2
A.12	Penn-Lowry	0	3	6	2
C.3	Cottage Grove	0	2	8	1
B.2	Coon Rapids	1	1	9	0
C.5	Long Lake	0	0	11	0
C.9	St. Francis	0	0	11	0

\*Conflict of Interest

## Business Survey – Impact of State Fair

Telephone Interviews done by Mayor Sue Gehrz, October, 2002.

The question was asked, “**How does the State Fair affect your business?**”

**Buck’s Unpainted Furniture** – Randy Buck    The State Fair “kills our business.” The only reason I park cars in my lot is to avoid having to hire people to police the lot like I used to do. When people call and ask where we are located, they say, ‘forget it’ when they hear we are near the fairgrounds even when we try to give them easy directions that avoid the Snelling/Larpenteur streets. The street rod thing is worse than the fair. They do not open the fairgrounds for parking so it is a mess. People park in my lot. I don’t know about the Back to the 50’s thing.

**Ciatti’s Restaurant** – John Bevacco, General Mgr.    During the first week of the fair, revenue’s are down between \$5000 and \$7000. This year, they shut down for remodeling. Every year, they reduce staff and product and in the future may reduce hours of operation. It is the best time for them to do remodeling or maintenance work.

**Hermes Floral** – Don Hermes    The only business we do during the fair is parking cars. We are normally open on Sundays but, due to slow business, close on both Sundays and Labor Day during the fair. We also park cars on the Saturday of Street Rod days. What would be nice is if the fair would list and promote local vendors for products during trade shows, i.e. flowers, food, decorations, etc. from Falcon Heights businesses.

**Warners’ Stellian** – Jeff Warner    The fair “hurts us because of the traffic.” People go to other stores during the fair. Business is not down at their other stores during fair time. We have to control our parking lot or people would use it for fair parking. WE have some parking problems during Street Rod gatherings. On the positive side, this store gets some visibility during the heavy traffic times and people may return at a later time. In general, this store does very well during normal times of the year. They are planning to put about \$300,000 in remodeling the shopping center in the next couple years and will take more space for their own operation.

Waiting to hear from:

Amoco – Doug Grone  
Blomberg Pharmacy – Julie Johnson  
J’s Liquors – Jim Ward  
My Turn – Sandy Turner  
Source Comics & Games – Bob Brynildson



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October 2, 2002

Heather Worthington  
City Administrator  
2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.  
Falcon Heights, MN 55113

Dear Heather:

It is with mixed feelings that I need to inform you of my decision to retire from the city at the end of the year, December 31, 2002. It's always difficult to make these kind of decisions but I feel it's time that I leave.

In the fourteen years that I've been here, I've appreciated the opportunity to work for the city and for the many benefits received. Now it's time to let someone else enjoy the opportunity. I'll surely miss the people I work with, and, of course, the occasional potluck lunches and afternoon treats!

I wish you, the staff, and the city all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Patricia Phillips  
Deputy Clerk

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> @ Noon  
Radisson Rosville  
Award

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**Falcon Heights City Council  
Workshop  
October 2, 2002  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Discussion of election year issue**
- 2. Tax Exempt properties discussion**

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Heather

Assuming you plan to have the election discussion during the October workshop, I would like to offer my analysis of the arguments, both pro and con. Please share them with the other council members.

1. Moving the city election to the even year cycle will save us approximately \$2200 per year. (Is \$2200 the correct figure?)

This argument is at best parochial and at worst, depending on the definition of "us", untruthful. From a **taxpayer's** point of view, shifting the entire cost burden of the odd year election to the school district saves (practically) nothing. We, the taxpayers, pay for the odd year election either way.

2. More people will be motivated or educated to vote in an even year election.

This argument strikes me as particularly disingenuous. According to the most recent census figures, Falcon Heights has the highest education rating of any city in the state with a population over 5000 people (sorry for the dangling modifier). We also have one of the highest voter participation rates in the nation (90-some percent in the last presidential election?). To argue that people either do not know how or are not motivated to vote when they want to, does not stand up in face of the facts. Personally, I think we will insult people by making this argument.

3. Moving the election to the even year cycle will increase partisanship.

Arguing future effects of an action not yet taken is a hazardous thing to do. However, there is no doubt that the contests in the even year are more partisan, currently, than those in the odd year. To the extent one believes Falcon Heights has been well served by non-partisan elections and that the city's record of effective and clean government is, at least partially a result of the non-partisan nature of its elections, this may be a potential effect worth avoiding.

4. The city and its issues are better publicized by holding elections in the odd year cycle.

Free media is a finite commodity. Focus on the city election and whatever issues are current is easier to maintain when not competing with local representative, local senate, various state office, US Senate, US House and Presidential elections. Voter education, though it may not be needed-see discussion #2, is very much facilitated by having the media's less divided attention.

*Mayor Gehring*

political subdivision having jurisdiction over the area in which the carnival, circus, or fair is conducted.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 37.01, is amended to read:

**37.01 PUBLIC CORPORATION.**

The state agricultural society as it now exists is hereby confirmed and established as a public corporation. The conveyance to the state of the land in Ramsey County known and used as "the state fair grounds" and described as Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-one (21) and East half (E 1/2) of East half (E 1/2) of Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), Section Twenty-one (21), Township Twenty-nine (29), Range Twenty-three (23), is hereby confirmed, and anything in said that conveyance to the contrary notwithstanding the same that land and any other property known and used as the "state fairgrounds" shall be held by the state forever for the following public purposes: (a) for exhibiting ~~thereon~~, under the management and control of the society, at annual fairs and at such other times as determined by the said society shall determine, the agricultural, stock-breeding, horticultural, mining, mechanical, industrial, and other products and resources of the state, including proper exhibits and expositions of the arts, human skills, and sciences; and (b) for such other uses and purposes, including the leasing of parts of the state fairgrounds as, determined by the state agricultural society from time to time may determine, provided that. The said society shall not lease any part of the state fairgrounds if the lessee is going to compete with an existing established business of auto racing within a radius of 40 miles, except during the operation of the state fair and all other public exhibitions pertinent to expositions of human art, industry, or skill. Neither the state nor the society shall ever charge or encumber this property. Any part of the state fairgrounds which may be embraced within the boundaries of a city or other political subdivision of the state is detached from the city or political subdivision.

Nothing in this section exempts property on the fairgrounds or the fairgrounds itself, which are otherwise taxable, from being subject to real and personal property taxes pursuant to chapters 272 to 275 and chapter 471.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 37.04, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the society shall be held at such place in St. Paul or Minneapolis, or upon the state fairgrounds, as or at any other place in Minnesota the board of managers may select. The meeting shall be held annually during a three day period, ~~such period to be~~ selected by the board of managers, to commence no earlier than January 2, and no later than January 31 in each year. Written notice of the time and place of the ~~holding of the annual meeting shall be given to all members of the society at least 30 days prior to the time of the holding of the annual meeting.~~

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 37.05, is amended to read:

Changes or additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.



5. Moving the election to the even year cycle will put us in sync with the majority of other municipalities in the state.

This may be either good or bad.

In summary, I see no reason to change. There is virtually no cost savings to the taxpayer, people in our community are both highly educated and highly motivated, partisanship, which may be good or bad, could well increase, the city seems to be well served with the current system, focus on the city and its issues seems easier to maintain in the odd year cycle, and being like everyone else is of dubious merit. This proposal may be a solution in search of a problem.

I hope this is helpful in your discussion.

Bob



# STATE FAIR

SPECIAL PULLOUT GUIDE TO TODAY'S FAIR EVENTS

## The cost of hosting the Fair

*Falcon Heights taxpayers pick up tab for traffic, trash*

BY NANCY NGO  
Pioneer Press

Falcon Heights residents joke that while their city is one of the smallest in the metro area, it becomes the largest in the state once a year, when 1.6 million people stop by for the Minnesota State Fair.

Those visitors cost the city \$25,000, mostly for law enforcement and public works. The city does not receive any State Fair revenue, so are the costs worth it?

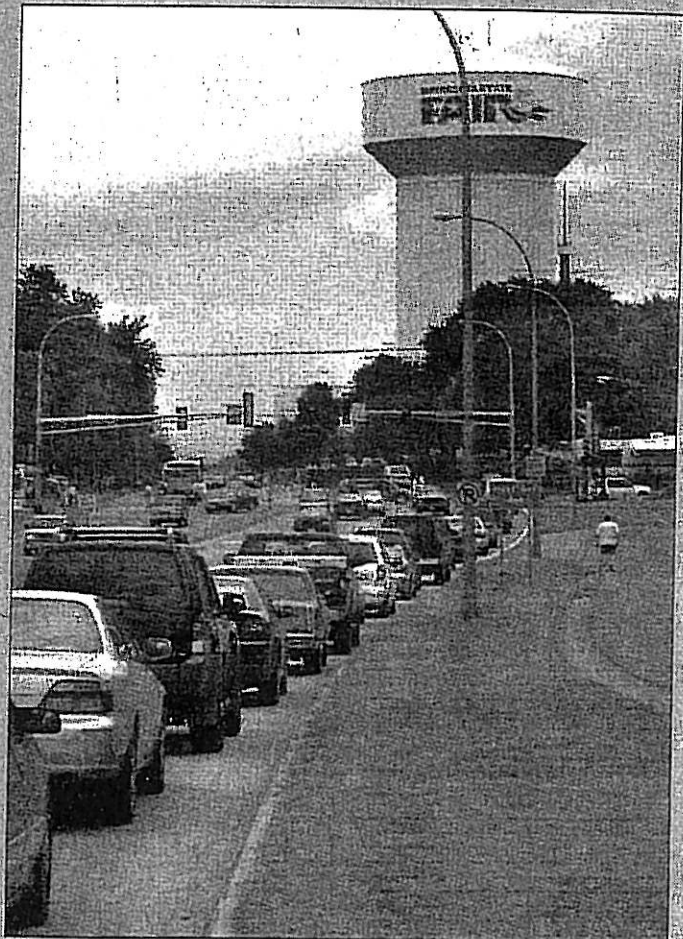
"There's a wide range of feelings about the impact," said Falcon Heights Mayor Sue Gehrz. "I think it's important to keep your sense of humor about it."

Here are a few of the ways the Fair affects Falcon Heights:

- The State Fair costs the city most for law enforcement, which is under a contract with the city of St. Anthony. Keeping traffic flowing is the biggest task.

- Public works crews must make extra time to place no-parking signs on the north and west side of the streets to allow for emergency vehicles to pass. Crews also clean trash spilled over from the Fairgrounds. Bill Maertz, public works and parks director, said Fair organizers have placed two dozen trash bins within a four-block radius of the Fairgrounds.

- Residents of Hollywood Court, directly north of the Fairgrounds, get to their neighborhood through a frontage road, which is also a Fair entrance, so they must have a resident pass. "Two or three years ago, I had company coming and the police wouldn't let them through," said resident Dale Gengler. "So she just took out her suitcases and started walking to our house."



SCOTT TAKUSHI, PIONEER PRESS

**Residents in Falcon Heights** and adjacent communities have to accommodate heavy traffic during the Minnesota State Fair.

- Unlike their St. Paul neighbors, who can charge up to \$15 a car for parking in their yards, Falcon Heights residents are prohibited by city ordinance from turning lawns into parking lots.

- City officials reported that some residents have moved out of their homes or go on vacation during the Fair because of the traffic. But Angie McCoy and her three children like the entertainment value of living on the corner of Iowa Avenue and Pascal Street. They people-watch and

cheer on vehicles fighting over parking spots.

Despite all of the adjustments residents said they make, people who complain often say the hassle is worth it. "It's kind of a way of life. If you're going to live here, you have to like the State Fair to a certain degree," said Randi Tomlinson, a Pascal Street resident who walks to the Fair a few times each year.

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