

**Falcon Heights City Council
February 1, 2006
Council Workshop
Minutes**

Members present: Mayor Gehrz, Council members Talbot, Kuettel, Lindstrom, and Harris and Deputy Clerk Kreuser

1. Active Living Ramsey County Resource Discussion

Mayor Gehrz began the item by explaining the background of the committee, with Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BC/BS), Ramsey County, school districts, cities, and other groups as members. She handed out research materials that outlined the funding for the group and also the three focus areas they have identified to date. They were: comp planning, communication, and GIS – the areas where grants will be made available for cities, schools, etc. to apply for from the tobacco settlement dollars awarded to the State. The council discussed possible areas where Falcon Heights may be able to develop proposals. They were: activity clubs (community garden, walking club), capital projects to encourage activity, like better street lighting or crosswalks. The council agreed to get commission input on the possible areas to apply for grant monies.

2. SAPD Contract Update

Mayor Gehrz introduced the item by asking for council input on the terms, cost, and length of the contract with SAPD. Council identified areas where they needed more information, namely: cost projections through 2009, past budgets, and contract structure. Council member Harris will join the negotiation team when further negotiation meetings take place.

3. City website re-design and added functionality

Staff presented GovOffice to the council, citing cost, functionality and design options of the tool as major selling points. The options of adding online registration and payment online can come down the road. The goal is for staff to have the new website ready for the '06 parks/rec season. Staff explained that with GovOffice, there will be the opportunity for more than one person to update the website, thus creating a more fresh, new, and constantly changing site.

Council asked that staff report back with feedback from other MN cities that have used the tool, along with the question of security by having online registrations and payment online using Paypal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Kreuser
Deputy Clerk