

**Falcon Heights Council Workshop Minutes**  
**April 6, 2011**

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

**Members absent:** Councilmember Gosline

**Others present:** Administrator Justin Miller, Kris Grangaard

**2012-13 Police Contract Discussion**

Administrator Miller updated the city council on the status of the proposed 2012-13 police contract with the City of St. Anthony. The proposed contract included in the workshop packet contained a 1% increase for both 2012 and 2013. The city council indicated that the proposed terms were acceptable, but wanted to protect the city in the case of LGA cuts that are still to be determined by the state legislature. The council directed staff to continue to work with St. Anthony and look at possible deadline extensions that are spelled out in the current contract.

**Neighborhood Commission/Citizen Corps Council Discussion**

Kris Grangaard provided a history of the commission, which has roots back to 1993 when the first block captain recruitment effort was undertaken. Miller indicated that the commission has had only two non-staff members for two years now, and he was looking for direction from the council on how to proceed. After discussion, it was agreed that the neighborhood commission was a valuable resource and should not be disbanded, but a temporary hiatus was appropriate at this time. The commission could be revitalized in the future if specific needs were to arise.

**Redistricting Discussion**

The council discussed pros and cons to being included in various legislative districts (St. Paul vs. suburban cities). While no consensus was reached, it was agreed that it was in Falcon Heights' best interest to have the entire city included in one legislative district, and the council directed staff to prepare a letter to the redistricting committee articulating this point.

The workshop concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Justin Miller  
City Administrator