

**CITY OF EXCELSIOR
Hennepin County, Minnesota**

MINUTES

**City Council Work Session
Monday, January 24, 2011
5:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Ruehl called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Council members present: Berghorst, Caron (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Fulkerson, Miller, and Mayor Ruehl. Also Present: City Manager Luger, Finance Director Carlson, and City Clerk Johnson.

Mayor Ruehl said that the City of Shorewood has invited the City Councils from the Cities of Excelsior and Tonka Bay to come to a Joint Work Session to begin discussing some ideas for collaborative efforts. The Work Session is scheduled for Monday, January 31, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Southshore Community Center. Council Members stated that they would plan to attend.

2. Develop Meeting Expectations

Mayor Ruehl said this year he would like the Council to phrase the goal in a question and then list items under the question that need to be accomplished to help meet that goal.

3. Review Status of 2010 Goals

The Council reviewed their goals from 2010.

4. Develop Goals for 2011

a. New Ideas / Discussion

The Council and staff discussed each of the items that were carried over from the previous year and rephrased the goals into questions. Following is the list of goals that the Council identified:

1. Are our ordinances preventing us from having a desirable project?
 - Assess ordinances RE: Hotel Site
2. Should we invest to secure land for future parking, ensuring future redevelopment and space for public promotional functions? (*Farmer's Market, Flea Market/Antique Car Show, Christkindlsmarkt, etc.*)
 - Continue assessing acquisition of Lyman Property

4. Develop Goals for 2011

a. New Ideas / Discussion – (Continued)

3. Should we maximize our tax capacity by utilizing City-owned assets in our Commercial Districts?
 - Evaluate selling and/or leasing
 - ✓ Current City Hall/Library and parking lot
 - ✓ East parking lot
 - ✓ Old police building
4. How do we increase revenues for capital projects with regional significance in City?
 - Explore local food and beverage tax
5. What additional parking recommendations should be implemented?
 - Continue assessing remaining Parking Task Force recommendations
6. How will we comply with the new GASB 54 regulations effective 12/31/11 and affect fund balance policy?
 - Assess Special Revenue and Capital Improvement Funds
7. What can be done to enhance The Commons?
 - Assess park structures, amenities, use policies, and public/private partnerships
8. How can we make the Third Street Fire Lane safer and more environmentally sound?
 - Explore options for Third Street Fire Lane with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
9. How can we create a skating rink at The Commons?
 - Assess feasibility of skating rink and warming house
10. What is the status of the Lake Minnetonka Museum (LMM)?
 - Staff to verify if LMM has interest in making museum proposal

4. Develop Goals for 2011

b. Prioritize

The Council identified goals 1 and 2 as an "A+" priority, goals 3 through 7 as an "A" priority, goal 8 as a "B" priority, and goals 9 and 10 as a "C" priority.

The Council directed staff to review the list and put together a timeline with a range of dates for working on each of the goals and also identify how many work sessions may be needed for each item.

The Council directed staff to continue listing the following as "D" priority goals that can be worked on if time permits:

- Develop Traffic Calming Policy
- Exploring Funding from Three Rivers Park District
- SLMPD Formula and Strategic Planning (extra officers)
- Special Event Permits and Costs
- Study Active Living Policy and Ordinances

5. Adjournment

Fulkerson moved, Caron seconded, to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Johnson
City Clerk