

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF
APRIL 15, 2014

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on April 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Weir, Martin, Pederson, Anderson

Members absent: Martinson

Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, City Planner Dusty Finke, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, and City Attorney Sarah Sonsalla.

II. Fund Balance Reserve Discussion

Staff provided background information on reserves for the City Council. The City Council directed staff to allocate \$530,000 to the road improvement fund to assist with upcoming street projects, allocate \$25,000 for the Brockton Lane North cost share with Plymouth, set aside \$200,000 for renovations at City Hall, set aside \$100,000 for a future water tower, and allocate \$145,000 for potential legal fees.

Staff will put together a resolution requesting Council to allocate the reserves on the consent agenda for the next City Council meeting.

III. Dominion Update and Discussion

Mayor Weir provided a brief recap of the project and the requirement from the Metropolitan Council for this type of housing project. Nick Andersen, Jeff Huggett, and Ben Taylor attended the meeting representing Dominion. LaDonna Hoy from Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP) provided information to the City Council on the project. Staff was directed to move forward with the plan. Four of the thirty-two units in the proposed development will be set aside for families who have dealt with the issue of not having a consistent home for the past year. IOCP will be providing support services, child care and transportation for these families. Five units are proposed to be affordable to households with income below 30 percent Area Median Income (AMI). The remaining units will be affordable to households below 60 percent AMI.

Mayor Weir stated that she had contacted Mayor Tim Wilcox from Wayzata to discuss their Common Bond project called Maggie Manor. Mayor Wilcox felt the townhome project fit the community and they had no problems with increases in Police calls because of the project. Council discussed the project and their support for a \$300,000 fee waiver that will be reimbursed through TIF District 1-9. Mayor Weir and Council Member Martin spoke in favor of the project and fee waiver because of the need in Medina for this type of housing. Council Member Anderson said he was struggling to get to a yes vote and had serious reservations about the project. Council Member Pederson was not in favor of the fee waiver for this project.

Council directed staff to work with Dominion to set up tours for Council Members of their current facilities in the area. Mayor Weir commented that the project is the right thing to do in Medina.

Adjournment

Weir closed the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Elizabeth Weir, Mayor

Attest:

Scott Johnson, City Administrator-Clerk