

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2011

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on May 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Pederson, Weir, Siitari, Crosby (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)

Members absent: Siitari

Also present: City Administrator Chad Adams, City Planner Dusty Finke, Police Chief Ed Belland and City Attorney Ron Batty.

II. Workforce Housing Opportunities and Policy Discussion

Adams provided an overview of the purpose of the session and provided background on the City's past policy discussions related to workforce housing.

Kim Vohs and Phil Milne with Interfaith Outreach Community Partners (IOCP) discussed their organization and partnerships they implemented with other area communities to establish workforce housing.

Ellen Higgins and Amanda Novak with CommonBond Communities provided a background of their organization and partnerships they have entered into with IOCP and cities to establish and manage workforce rental-occupied housing projects.

Jeff Huggett with Dominion discussed his company and their interest in developing property in Medina to include rental-occupied townhomes. Huggett stated he has also partnered with a number of metro communities and explained how partnering and other assistance score points to obtain state tax credits.

Crosby arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion was held on the tools used to implement workforce housing, including: the reduction or forgiving of fees; fast track approvals and permitting by a City; financial support in the form of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, etc.

Discussion was held on the state tax credit program and use of TIF for workforce housing.

The Council agreed that the referenced tools should be crafted into a housing policy following additional staff review and understanding of the State tax credit program.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Attest:

Thomas M. Crosby, Jr., Mayor

Chad M. Adams, City Administrator-Clerk