

## MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2011

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on June 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN.

### **I. Call to Order**

**Members Present:** Weir, Martinson, Pederson

**Members Absent:** Crosby, Siitari

Also Present: Interim City Administrator Doug Reeder, Finance Director Jeanne Day, City Planner Dusty Finke, Police Chief Ed Belland, Public Works Superintendent Steve Scherer and City Attorney Ron Batty.

### **II. Employee Benefits**

Reeder provided an overview of the current City Employee benefits and suggested alternative approaches to reducing the City's cost of providing health and dental benefits. Discussion was held by the Council, expressing concern that the employees be treated fairly, but that the rising cost of health benefits was a concern.

*Martinson moved, Pederson seconded, to direct staff to prepare a resolution for City Council consideration which would freeze the amount of City contribution to health benefits at the 2011 level until the employee contribution equaled 25% of the monthly cost of health and dental insurance. **Motion passed unanimously.***

*Martinson moved, Pederson seconded, to direct staff to prepare a resolution for City Council consideration which would cap the amount of sick leave which is payable to all new City employees (starting after adoption of the resolution) upon their termination of employment. **Motion passed unanimously.***

### **III. Bella Terra Final Wear Course**

Scherer presented an update on the cul de sac which needed to be completed in the Bell Terra subdivision. He noted that the work would cost about \$24,000 to complete the wear course, do curb replacement and repair a catch basin. He noted that the developer was supposed to complete the road work when the lots were sold, however, he has ignored requests to do the work and the City would have to take legal action to compel him to complete it. Scherer suggested that another option would be to assess property to pay for the road work, but that could meet with some resident resistance since they were told the developer would complete the work. The third option presented by

Scherer was to have the City complete the work using City funds, since the other two options could meet with resistance and cause considerable legal costs.

*Pederson moved, Martinson seconded, to direct staff to contract to have the road completed using money from the Road Improvement Fund. **Motion passed unanimously.***

*The meeting was recessed from 6:20 pm to 6:30 pm.*

**IV. Cudd Phase III Strategy**

City Attorney Batty gave the City Council the background on this project and reported that there was a lack of right of way to complete the construction of Arrowhead Road going North past the Bridgewater Development to Hackamore Road and bring it up to a normal standard. He noted that according to the developer's agreement, the developer was not required to upgrade the road until the lots were all sold and developed. Residents from the Bridgewater Subdivision were present at the meeting and expressed their concern that the road be upgraded to provide a safer road for pedestrians and vehicles. After discussing the situation the City Council took no action.

**V. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.*

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Elizabeth Weir, Acting Mayor

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Doug Reeder, Interim City Administrator-Clerk