

WILLMAR CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BUILDING
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

February 20, 2007
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Willmar City Council was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Lester Heitke. Members present on a roll call were Mayor Heitke, Council Members Doug Reese, Ron Christianson, Bruce DeBlieck, Denis Anderson, Cindy Swenson, Rick Fagerlie, Jim Dokken, and Steven Gardner; Present 9, Absent 0.

Also present were City Administrator Michael Schmit, City Attorney Richard Ronning, Police Chief Jim Kulset, Fire Chief Marv Calvin, Public Works Director Mel Odens, Planning and Development Services Director Bruce Peterson, Community Education and Recreation Director Steve Brisendine, City Clerk Kevin Halliday, and Community Education and Recreation Supervisor, LeAnne Freeman.

The Council requested the minutes of the Senior Council, Rice Hospital and Willmar Municipal Utilities be removed from the Consent Agenda.

The Willmar Area Senior Citizens meal site discussion ensued due to the VFW site closure of March 1, 2007, and the possibility of moving to the Senior Citizens Community Center. West Central Industries submitted a custodial proposal for long-range, addressing the congregate meal site needs. Following discussion, Council Member Reese offered a motion to enter into a Lutheran Social Services site agreement, Council Member Gardner seconded the motion, which carried. Council Member Reese offered a motion to accept the Senior Council Minutes, Council Member Gardner seconded the motion, which carried.

Lorry Massa, CEO for Rice Hospital was present to discuss the February 14, 2007 board minutes in relation to physician recruitment in key specialties, the addition of the healing garden from individual contributions, and a regional dental clinic to serve and train University of Minnesota School of Dentistry students. Following discussion, Council Member Dokken offered a motion to approve the Rice Hospital Board minutes, Council Member Gardner seconded the motion, which carried.

The Willmar Municipal Utilities minutes of February 12, 2007 were discussed acknowledging pending rate increases for electric, water, and district heating in 2007 which will be forwarded to the City Council for a public hearing. Council Member Christianson offered a motion to approve the Willmar Municipal Utilities minutes, Council Member Dokken seconded the motion, which carried.

Council Member Reese offered a motion adopting the Consent Agenda which included the following: City Council Minutes of February 5, Municipal Utilities Commission Minutes of February 12, 2007, Rice Hospital Board Minutes of February 14, 2007, Kandiyohi Area Transit Board Minutes of December 8, 2006, Willmar Police Commission Minutes of December 14, 2006, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Commission Minutes of January 9, 2007, and Senior Council Minutes of February 2, 2007. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion, which carried.

At 7:44 p.m. Mayor Heitke opened a hearing on an Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of \$3,285,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2007A, and the Levying of Taxes to Secure Payment Thereof.

No one was present to speak for or against the ordinance and Mayor Heitke closed the hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Council Member Gardner offered a motion to adopt, assign a number, and order final publication of the Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of \$3,285,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2007A, and the Levying of Taxes to Secure Payment Therefore. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion, which carried on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

Resolution No. 1 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED SALE OF \$3,285,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2007A

(For Resolution in its entirety, see City Council proceedings
file dated February 20, 2007, located in the City Clerk's office)

Dated this 20th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

At 7:47 p.m. Mayor Heitke opened a hearing on 2007 Street and Other Improvement Projects. Public Works Director Odens presented to the Mayor and Council the details of the individual streets proposed for reconstruction, mill and overlay, and underground utility work. The new construction of 5th Street SE (mall road) and Willmar Avenue SW (across the old airport) were discussed, as well as the correlating street lighting.

Keith Pattison, owner of the Kandi Entertainment Center, questioned the need to remill 19th Avenue SE, which was constructed in 1991 and also the access to his business during construction. Robert Morrill of 1400 – 19th Avenue SE spoke regarding the reduction of the 40 mph speed limit in front of his residence. Todd Ahrenholz of 2400 Country Club Drive NE and Vern Stadtherr of 500 SW 17th Avenue were also present to discuss the proposed improvements. Upon hearing from all those who wished to be heard, Mayor Heitke closed the hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Resolution No. 2 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

ORDERING 2007 STREET AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS
(AND DIRECTING PREPARATION OF FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS)

WHEREAS, after due Notice of Public Hearing on the construction of street and other improvements for the City of Willmar, Minnesota, hearing on said improvements was duly held and

the Council heard all persons desiring to be heard on the matter and fully considered the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is advisable, expedient, and necessary that said improvements as described in the Notice of Hearing thereon be constructed, and the same are hereby ordered made.

2. The improvements described in said Notice of Hearing are hereby designated and shall be known as 2007 Street and Other Improvements.

3. The City's Engineer is hereby directed to prepare final plans and specifications for said improvements.

4. The City Council shall let the contract for all or part of the work for said improvements or order all or part of the work done by day labor or otherwise as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.041, Subdivision 2, within one year of the date of this resolution ordering said improvements.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

At 8:21 p.m. Mayor Heitke opened a hearing for the reassessment of special assessments for the 2001 Street and Other Improvement Project on Tax Forfeiture Property. City Clerk Halliday presented to the Mayor and Council details of the proposed reassessment of the costs for the 2001 Improvements on Parcel 95-006-3870 located at 712 3rd Street Southwest. No one was present to discuss the matter and Mayor Heitke closed the hearing at 8:23 p.m.

Resolution No. 3 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the following property located within the City of Willmar was offered for sale by the County Auditor at tax forfeiture sale:

Parcel No. 95-006-3870 Lot 4, Block 84, First Addition to the Town of Willmar.

WHEREAS, the above property was subject to reassessment of \$3,484.50 special assessments if sold; and

WHEREAS, the above property was sold to Troy and Victoria Lankenau on 11/30/2006.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, Minnesota, that the \$3,484.50 special assessment against the above property be placed on the tax rolls for collection over a ten (10) year period with an interest rate of six (6) percent, and that the County Auditor be notified to extend this assessment on the tax rolls payable in 2008 and

Thereafter.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Mayor Heitke acknowledged that no one had signed up to address the City Council during its scheduled Open Forum.

The Finance Committee Report for February 12, 2007, was presented to the Mayor and Council by Council Member Anderson. There were five items for Council consideration.

Item No. 1 The Committee reviewed a request to reappropriate \$15,000 from the locker exhaust project to cover the additional costs of purchasing the Zamboni. It was explained that the Civic Center exhaust was still in working order and that the City would then forgo adding any upgrades at this time. The remaining \$5,000 would then be used to buy individual exhaust fans for the dressing rooms in the Blue Line Center.

The Committee was recommending to the Council to reappropriate \$15,000 for the purchase of a new Zamboni and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City. Resolution No. 4 was introduced by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Dokken, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Willmar authorizes the Finance Director to amend the Civic Center Department Capital Improvement Fund Budget as follows:

Increase:	Capital - Zamboni	\$15,000.00
Decrease:	Capital - Exhaust	\$15,000.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Minnesota, that the bid of Frank J. Zamboni & Co. Inc. of Paramount, California for a 2007 Electric Battery Ice Resurfacer for the Civic Center is accepted, and be it further resolved that the Mayor and City Administrator of the City of Willmar are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the bidder for the terms and consideration of the contract in the amount of \$99,979.98.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Item No. 2 Staff explained the 2007A Bond Recommendations to help finance the Water View Business Park Improvement Project. These recommendations were presented at the bond hearing held previously in the meeting. This matter was for information only.

Item No. 3 Staff presented a recommendation to fund the additional \$17,000 approved at the February 5th Council meeting from interest earnings of the Library Capital Reserve account. The account was established in January of 2003 with \$316,000 of excess Local Option Sales Tax Revenues. The account has earned a little over \$39,000 in interest earnings and spent over \$88,000 in capital purchases in the four-year period since its' establishment.

The Committee was recommending the Council adopt a resolution to appropriate \$17,000 of interest earnings from the Library Capital Reserve Account to the Willmar Public Library to cover 2007 operating requests. Resolution No. 5 was introduced by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Reese, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar to authorize the Finance Director to amend the Library Budget within the General Fund:

Increase:	Other Charges	\$17,000.00
Increase:	Transfer In – Library Capital Reserve	\$17,000.00

Dated this 20th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Item No. 4 Staff reviewed the Cable Franchise audit findings with the Committee. Staff indicated it was still working on finalizing the receipt from the two Cable Franchises, but that all other findings were complete and appropriate payments to the City have been made. Following discussion the Committee was recommending to receive the audit findings as submitted and order the report to be placed on file.

Item No. 5 The Committee reviewed a request from City Attorney Ronning to appropriate an additional \$640 of Auction Proceeds for Administrative Forfeiture Vehicles to his departmental budget for the purchase of additional books. Resolution No. 6 to appropriate \$640 to the City Attorney's Budget was introduced by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Reese, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar to authorize the Finance Director to amend the City Attorney Department within the General Fund as follows:

Increase:	Office Supplies	\$640.00
Increase:	Forfeited Vehicle Sales	\$640.00

Dated this 20th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday

Attest: CITY CLERK

The Finance Committee Report for February 12, 2007, was approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Dokken, and carried.

The Public Works/Safety Committee Report for February 13, 2007, was presented to the Mayor and Council by Council Member Reese. There were five items for Council consideration.

Item No. 1 Richard Engan of Engan and Associates was present to review with the Committee the bids for the Willmar Civic Center/Blue Line Center Connection. The apparent low bid was that of Chester Contracting, Inc. of Willmar, Minnesota in the amount of \$832,000.00. Mr. Engan reviewed four alternate bids involving: (1) the addition of a north parking lot, storm sewer line and south bus parking area, (2) the addition of signage, (3) the addition of three flag poles, and (4) the addition of resilient athletic flooring. With the additional costs of four alternates, and including nonconstruction items of architectural and engineering fees and a project contingency, the total project cost is \$1,076,500.00.

The Committee briefly discussed the impact of eliminating various alternate bids and recommended to the Council to award the contract for Civic Center/Blue Line Center Connection to Chester Contracting, Inc. including the four alternates for a total contract amount of \$935,500.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a contract on behalf of the City. Resolution No. 7 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member DeBlieck, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7 and Noes 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Minnesota, that the bid of Chester Contracting, Inc. of Willmar, Minnesota for the Willmar Civic Center/Blue Line Connection is accepted, and be it further resolved that the Mayor and City Administrator of the City of Willmar are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the bidder for the terms and consideration of the contract and four alternates in the amount of \$935,500.00.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday

Attest: CITY CLERK

The Committee then recommended that the project budget be revised to reflect the new total cost of \$1,076,500.00. Resolution No. 8 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member DeBlieck, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7 and Noes 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

OTHER SERVICES		RECEIVABLES	
Mtce. of Other Impr.	\$935,500.00	City - L.O.S.T.	<u>\$1,076,500.00</u>

Cleaning & Waste Removal	<u>\$56,000.00</u>	TOTAL	\$1,076,500.00
TOTAL	\$991,500.00		
		FINANCING	
OTHER CHARGES		City - L.O.S.T.	<u>\$1,076,500.00</u>
Prof. Serv.	<u>\$85,000.00</u>	TOTAL	\$1,076,500.00
TOTAL	\$85,000.00		
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,076,500.00		

Dated this 20th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Item No. 2 The Committee reviewed the January 2007 Monthly Report for the new Wastewater Treatment Facility prepared by Donohue and Associates. The Infrastructure Management Plan for the planning phase was finished and distributed to staff. Updated evaluations of alternative conveyance routes with costs estimates were prepared along with consideration of the impacts and costs of relocating the new facility from County Road 116 to an alternative site on County Road 5. These options were presented to staff and Committee and discussed in detail at a neighborhood informational meeting on February 6, 2007. The NPDES and EAW submittals are being held until the conveyance issues are resolved.

The Council began discussing the location of the plant and the conveyance system route that would best serve the City. Following a lengthy discussion Council Reese made a motion to state the Council's desire to stay with the original adopted plan for the location of the new Wastewater Treatment Facility. Council Member Dokken seconded the motion.

The Council further discussed the obstacles to be encountered in a direct westward path. Donohue and Associates, the consulting engineer for the project, gave a staff estimate of \$7,750,000.00 additional costs to go north and then west along Highway 40 as opposed to condemning property by eminent domain and going straight west.

City Attorney Richard Ronning advised that in consultation with Kennedy and Graven's legal staff the City's ability to head straight westward by condemnation proceedings should be successful, and that the landowners objections should not be meritorious. Also noted was that if the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency was properly informed throughout the process, they would not likely levy a heavy financial penalty for a delay. Estimated delays could be up to 240 days. Mr. Ronning was recommending to get the property appraised for both easements and ownership (acquire fee title). The council members making the first motion withdrew their motion to stay with the original adopted plan for the location. Upon withdrawal, a motion was made by Council Member Gardner to direct staff to seek appraisals of those privately held lands along the proposed route of the Wastewater Treatment Facility conveyance system. Council Member Swenson seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote of Ayes 7 and Noes 0 with Council Member Anderson abstaining.

In construction-related activity, Donohue rejected S. J. Louis' differing site conditions claim

for the interceptor project due to lack of merit. S. J. Louis has requested a meeting to explore means of resolving the matter. Construction plans and specifications were prepared to install an excess flow pump at the existing facility as an interim improvement to be relocated to the new plant. This item was for information only.

Item No. 3 Police Chief Kulset discussed with the Committee his concerns about the recent phenomena of Ultimate Fighting and the possibility of this activity taking place in the City. Chief Kulset reviewed various actions taken by other communities, including outright banning of these activities. The Committee was recommending the Council consider a motion to have staff prepare a draft ordinance banning Ultimate Fighting within the corporate limits and that the ordinance be brought to the Committee for discussion at a later date. Council Member Reese moved to approve the recommendation of the Public Works/Safety Committee, with Council Member Fagerlie seconding the motion, which carried.

Item No. 4 Discussion of a concept to incorporate the "Bums Alley" area into the City's hiking/biking and park systems was initiated. This would be accomplished by generally cleaning up the area and establishing rest areas with benches and picnic tables. Staff was asked to determine ownership of the property and the feasibility of developing the area as proposed. This item was for information only.

Item No. 5 Community Education and Recreation Director Steve Brisendine presented to the Committee a request to submit a trail grant application to the Department of Natural Resources. The requested \$100,000.00 grant would compliment trail system enhancements under consideration with the local option sales tax program. The Committee was recommending to the Council to approve staff's submittal of the grant application. Council Member Reese moved to approve the recommendation, with Council Member Gardner seconding the motion, which carried.

The Public Works/Safety Committee Report for February 13, 2007, was approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Fagerlie, and carried.

The Labor Relations Committee Report for February 14, 2007, was presented to the Mayor and Council by Council Member Gardner. There was one item for Council consideration.

Item No. 1 Chairman Steve Gardner announced that it's the intent of the Committee to close the meeting to discuss Rice Hospital, Municipal Utilities, and City Employment contract negotiations. Council Member Reese moved to close the meeting at 4:46 p.m. with Council Member Anderson seconding the motion, which carried.

At 5:45 p.m. Council Member Swenson moved to reopen the meeting with Council Member Anderson seconding the motion which carried.

The Committee recommended to the Council that a new employment agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. be approved. Generally speaking, the agreement is for a term of three years, January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 and provides for a three percent (3%) general wage increase in each of the three years. Other notable provisions include a new step and salary schedule adjustment for market conditions, exchange of the Columbus Day holiday for the day after Thanksgiving, and the implementation of a VEBA health insurance program scheduled to take effect January 1, 2008. Council Member Gardner moved to approve the recommendation of the Labor Relations Committee, with Council Member Reese seconding the motion, which carried.

The Committee also recommended to the Council that a new three-year employment agreement with Department Head, First-Line Supervisor and Confidential Employees be approved. The three-year agreement is for a term beginning January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 and includes a three percent (3%) wage adjustment in each of the three years. Other notable provisions include a \$350.00 per month vehicle allowance for department directors not assigned City-owned vehicles, exchange of the Columbus Day holiday for the day after Thanksgiving, and the implementation of a VEBA health insurance program scheduled for implementation on January 1, 2008. Council Member Gardner moved to approve the recommendation of the Labor Relations Committee, with Council Member Anderson seconding the motion, which carried.

The Labor Relations Committee Report for February 14, 2007, was approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member Gardner, seconded by Council Member Anderson, and carried.

The Community Development Committee Report for February 15, 2007, was presented to the Mayor and Council by Council Member DeBlieck. There were five items for Council consideration.

Item No. 1 Staff introduced discussion to the Committee of possible short-term, partial tax abatement for Northern Factory Sales. Kathy Schwantes, Assistant Director of the EDC, provided background on the company, its products, and its employees.

The company recently moved from a 33,000 sq. ft. building on Trott Avenue to the 76,000 sq. ft. former Somody Supply building. This move resulted in a major increase in real estate taxes. The company considered, but rejected, the idea of participating in the JOBZ program as the company was not comfortable with the idea of not paying any real estate taxes on their new facility. Working with the EDC and City staff, the idea of partial tax abatement was raised.

Roger Gauquie, co-owner of Northern Factory Sales, told the Committee what the company does and where it does it. They are a distributor of vehicle cooling equipment and have 14 facilities across the United States. Mr. Gauquie talked about past employment growth, future projections, and how they were hiring workers from another Willmar company going through a major transition.

The Committee reviewed a five-year partial tax abatement proposal based on the company's real estate tax increase. The proposed abatement represents only the taxes payable to the City, County, and School District and would phase in the tax increase as the company ramps up production at its new building. The company commits to minimum job growth of 5 positions over the next 5 years. All Northern Factory Sales jobs exceed the City's minimum wage requirement of \$10.00 per hour.

It was the recommendation of the Committee to set a public hearing for the required business subsidy / tax abatement agreement for March 5, 2007. Council Member DeBlieck moved to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee, with Council Dokken seconding the motion, which carried.

Item No. 2 Feedlogic Systems, Inc. is a former Washington state company starting operations on the Minn West campus as of March 1, 2007. The company is a manufacturer of intelligent livestock feeding systems. The entire Minn West campus was formerly granted JOBZ status with all unoccupied buildings being granted tax abatement for the life of the JOBZ program.

State statute requires City approval for companies to qualify for JOBZ, even within an

approved zone. State approval is also required. The business meets the States standards for JOBZ qualification. In addition to meeting JOBZ requirements, the company has a tremendous synergy with existing local businesses and the livestock industry. Company goals are to create a minimum of 5 jobs over the first year and to make capital improvements to the real estate they will occupy at the Minn West campus. All positions will pay in excess of the minimum \$10.00 per hour required by the City. Kathy Schwantes of the EDC was present to field questions regarding the Feedlogic's proposal.

The Committee recommended setting the required JOBZ / business subsidy hearing for March 5, 2007. Council Member DeBlieck moved to approve the hearing date, with Council Member Reese seconding the motion, which carried.

Item No. 3 The goals for the proposed Housing Conditions Task Force as established at the recent City Council / Staff retreat was reviewed by the Committee. The goals were to review current standards relating to residential conditions and to make recommendations for changes to policies and enforcement codes / methods.

The Committee also offered some ideas for the make-up of the task force. It was suggested that the task force consist of 16 citizens representing all four wards. Additionally, staff and the City Attorney should be involved in the effort. Task force members should represent different economic backgrounds. There should be a mix of owners and renters, landlords and developers. As much as possible a good mix of age, race and length of residency should be represented on the task force.

Council Member DeBlieck moved to approve the recommendation of the Committee that the Mayor appoint a task force to review residential policies and ordinances and to make recommendations related to changes in policy and enforcement, with Council Member Fagerlie seconding the motion, which carried

It was further agreed by the Committee that Council Members should suggest possible task force members to the Mayor.

Item No. 4 The Committee was presented a proposal to swap a piece of City-owned land with a private property owner to complete the acquisition of right-of-way for the extension of County Road 47. The private property owner is Harlan Rohner and the proposed right-of-way swap would involve a .55 acre tract of City-owned property which was part of the former airport.

The Committee was recommending to the Council that the City take the necessary steps to work with the County to secure the right-of-way, including the swap of .55 acres with Harlan Rohner. Council Member DeBlieck moved to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee, with Council Member Fagerlie seconding the motion, which carried.

Also discussed by the Committee was the issue of right-of-way value. It has been the position of the City all along to provide as much of the right-of-way for the extension of County Road 47 as possible. The Committee wanted to make sure that there was at least some recognition of value for the provision of right-of-way. Council Member DeBlieck moved to approved the recommendation of the Committee that the value of the right-of-way for the County Road 47 extension be recognized as an off-set to County costs or claims for any part of the County Road 47 project, with Council member Dokken seconding the motion, which carried.

Item No. 5 Staff provided updates on the recent trip to Washington DC and the projects

for which Federal assistance was requested. A draft copy of the residential expectations handout was also reviewed and discussed by the Committee. This matter was for information only.

The Community Development Committee Report for February 15, 2007, was approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member DeBlieck, seconded by Council Member Fagerlie, and carried.

Announcements for Council Committee meeting dates were as follows: DNR hosts meeting on management of Lake Wakonda on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building; Figure Skating March 3/March 4 – Oksana Baiul – Olympic Skating; Finance, February 26; Public Works/Safety, February 27, 2007

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m. upon motion by Council Member Fagerlie, seconded by Council Member Swenson, and carried.

Attest:

MAYOR

SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL