

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Work Session – April 3, 2008

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Diamond Point Room at the Hampton Inn, Mayor Lehmann presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Lehmann, Markeson, Hellquist, Johnson, Erickson, Downs, Meuers.

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Engineer Brian Freeberg, City Engineer Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Others Present: Leo A Daly Representatives – Jennifer McMaster, Mike Warren, Steve Singer, Tom Whitlock; Paul Richards, WSN

Mayor Lehmann stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the exterior design of the proposed event center.

Steve Singer, Leo A Daly, stated the purpose of the three day workshop was to develop a conceptual direction for the exterior of the Bemidji Regional Event Center. He reviewed a series of sketches of the exterior of the building with the Council. Discussion followed regarding the design.

Jennifer McMaster, Leo A Daly, stated that they will have another workshop on April 15 and 16 to consider the design.

Meuers stated that she liked the design; however, she was not comfortable in giving direction without knowing the cost of the project.

Erickson stated that she would like to have a better idea of costs. She stated that the building cap of \$50 million has never been changed by the Council.

Johnson suggested that the land to the north of the proposed event center along Lake Bemidji be discussed further with DNR.

Motion by Markeson, seconded by Johnson, directing Leo A Daly to continue to refine the design plans for the exterior of the Bemidji Regional Event Center for Council's consideration. Motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Markeson, Erickson, Lehmann, Johnson, Downs. Nays: Meuers, Hellquist.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Johnson, seconded by Markeson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk