

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Work Session – February 13, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice, a work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, February 13, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Larson presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Larson, Waldhausen, Hellquist, Johnson, Albrecht, Negard, Thompson

Staff Present: City Manager John Chattin, City Attorney Alan Felix, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

Others Present: Mayana Rice, Tiffany Fettig, Dave Hengel, Aaron Chirpich

South Shore Visioning

Mayana Rice, Greater Bemidji Joint Planning Board Administrator, led the discussion regarding the Council's vision for development of the south shore. Rice reviewed recent amendments to the Planned Unit Development which included, but were not limited to: 1) change all uses in the document to "allowed uses"; 2) remove the requirement that all development face the public roads or the public trail; 3) remove references in the document promoting the construction of buildings close to the street frontage; 4) remove references to require "mixed use"; and 5) remove requirement for a two story or larger building.

Chattin stated that developers, at this time, are not interested in housing. Chattin stated that he believed the PUD is flexible. However, a couple of proposals received went to the Proposal Review Committee and then to the Council which did not meet the PUD requirements. He noted that there is no rush to sell the property at this time.

Dave Hengel stated that the HRDC is proactively knocking on potential developer doors and asked the Council what their sense of urgency was to sell the property.

After discussion, the Council concluded that the vision for the South Shore is primarily the same as first envisioned in 2009, that it is a mixed-use district which could include a mixture of commercial and residential properties. The consensus of the Council was that there was no urgency to sell land at this time.

Annexation Negotiating Committees

The following appointments were made to the Annexation Negotiating Committees:

- Northern Township: Johnson and Hellquist
- Bemidji Township: Albrecht and Negard

The City Clerk was directed to share the appointments with the townships including the Council's expectations that Bemidji and Northern Townships will have proposals at the first meeting and that it should be completed by April 1. If not completed by April 1, the Council consensus was that they would proceed with the original Phase I annexation plan.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,


Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk