

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Special Meeting/Work Session – July 27, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice, a special meeting/work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, July 27, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Johnson, Hellquist, Olson, Erickson, Larson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, City Attorney Alan Felix, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray

Legal Counsel: Jason Kuboushek, Iverson Reuvers (via phone)

Mayor Albrecht stated that the purpose of the work session was to discuss threatened or pending litigation regarding Birchmont Drive Assessments.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Meehlhause, to close this meeting in accordance with Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) for the purpose of discussing with the City's Attorney regarding threatened or pending litigation with regards to Birchmont Drive Assessments. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting Closed at 5:31 p.m.

Motion by Hellquist, seconded by Olson, to reopen the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathews reviewed potential Northern Township Board interest in diminished boundaries to the current Phase II/Phase III annexation phase areas in Northern Township as well as alternative revenue sharing between Northern and the City in the context of the entities' standalone agreement for construction of the Birchmont Drive Project in anticipation of any project shortfall resulting from the assessment appeals. Johnson stated he believes it is in the city's interest to annex all of Phase II eligible as of 2015 under the Orderly Annexation Agreement (OAA). The Council discussed the merits and disadvantages of annexing Phase II in 2015, and would like further discussion with Northern Township. A work subcommittee of Mayor Albrecht, Councilors Erickson and Johnson was created to continue discussion with Northern and provide recommendations to the City Council.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Meehlhause, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan Mathews
City Manager