



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**March 17, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The work session meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

**Present:** Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sam Rettinger, Sharon Henderson, Brian Carpenter, and Liz Olson

**Staff Present:** Administrator: Terrance Post

**Absent:** None

**APPROVE AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Olson, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.*

Council member Rettinger departed from the work session meeting.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Discussion and Development of Tactics and Strategies Supporting City Council Goals**

One of the action items the Long Lake City Council took upon itself after the goal-setting retreat last month was to meet on a regular basis to further discuss implementation, ownership, and communication of the goals developed at the retreat facilitated by Diane Herman.

The list of the following goals were identified at the retreat:

1. Designate use of TIF District 2 funds (1 year goal)
2. Effectively manage Highway 12 turn back
3. Meet upcoming financial challenges with proactive, effective planning and budgeting
4. Work with neighboring communities and public entities to advance our mutual interests
5. Position Long Lake for the post by-pass era
6. Improve the water quality of Long Lake

Initial discussion focused on the benefits of individual council members taking "ownership" of the six goals. With the exception of council member Carpenter's strong interest in the water quality improvement goal, it was decided to direct meeting time and attention to further goal discussion rather than goal assignments.

Discussion then turned to the highest priority goal (designation of TIF 2 funds use). Various alternatives were brought up in a general "brainstorming" fashion including purchase of the MnDOT Virginia Avenue conveyance property, potential environmental remediation sites, and various ideas to alert Highway 12 Bypass drivers that they are passing through Long Lake. Council members commented positively on the opportunity for a general discussion on this matter and looked forward to advancing the discussion with more specifics in future meetings.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the work session meeting by general consent at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrance Post  
City Administrator