



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**August 12, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The work session meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm.

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

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Terrance Post

**Guests:** Chamber of Commerce representatives Bob Erickson and Jim Gulbranson

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Presentation by Chamber of Commerce Concerning Consideration of City Projects**

City Administrator Post introduced Jim Gulbranson. Mr. Gulbranson described various potential EDA or TIF City-funded projects the Chamber had discussed as a means to either assist with "destination rebranding" or general city beautification/usability. Projects discussed included installation of sixty foot flagpoles and flags ("Perkins" sized) visible from the Hwy 12 bypass and at the turnoff entrances, burying the utility lines on Lake Street to Lakeside Park, installation of lighting along the gateway landscaping project sidewalk, installation of a community reader board, more flowers, and an irrigation system in the gateway landscaping corridor, and the installation of a left turn arrow for eastbound Wayzata Blvd traffic wanting to turn north on Lake Street into Lakeside Park.

**2010 Budget Discussion**

Post referred to three spreadsheet handouts distributed at the meeting. The first gave an historical overview of past operating and debt service levy levels and provided the detail for the 2010 debt service levy. The second detailed the 2010 fire contract allocation percentage (i.e. Long Lake 10.60%, Medina 5.66%, and Orono 83.74%) calculations. The final handout highlighted various 2010 General Fund baseline revenue and expenditure assumptions and related deficit or surplus results for various operating levy change scenarios. One baseline assumption that has now firmed up since the last budget discussion is that the 2010 Local Government Aid (LGA) has been reduced from the \$133,465 certified amount to a \$44,271 amount after unallotment (a \$89,194 unallotment).

**Discussion of Proposed Fire Contract Addendum**

Post discussed the past fire agreements between the cities of Orono and Long Lake including a 2001 Settlement Agreement, a 2001 Contract for Joint Ownership, a 2002 20-Year Agreement and Fire Protection, and the 2009 proposed Addendum addressing the Navarre Fire Station. After much discussion, the Council decided to continue discussion of this subject to a future meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Gilbert advised the Council that he had been made aware of a used 40' curtain trailer that was for sale for \$1,600. He mentioned that it could be used for future community events (e.g. as a

band stage) and possibly rented out to other communities for their special event purposes. The consensus of the Council was favorable as to acquiring such a trailer. If the purchase is made, the funding source was discussed as being from EDA Fund No. 105.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the work session meeting by general consent at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terrance Post, City Administrator