

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

The Willmar City Council Work Session was called to order in the Willmar Municipal Utilities Auditorium at 4:45 p.m. by Finance Committee Vice-Chair Rick Fagerlie. Those present included Mayor Frank Yanish, Council Members Doug Reese, Ron Christianson, Tim Johnson, Jim Dokken, Steve Ahmann, and Bruce Deblieck. Also present were City Administrator Charlene Stevens, Finance Director Steve Okins, City Clerk Kevin Halliday, Public Works Director Holly Wilson, Planning and Development Services Director Bruce Peterson, Police Chief Dave Wyffels, Community Education and Recreation Director Steve Brisendine, Acting Fire Chief Doug Gilbertson, John Sullivan, Willmar Design Center Treasurer John Christianson, West Central Integration Collaborative Executive Director Charley Leuze, Multi-Cultural Business Center Director Robert Valdez, Meals on Wheels Director Charles Oakes, Willmar Chamber Director Ken Warner, Humane Society Director Bobbie Bauman, Historical Society Director Jill Wohnoutka, Willmar Fests Director Lori Tostenson, Community Marketing Coalition Director Eric Spencer, Going Green Day representatives Jena Hillenbrand and Steve Peterson, West Central Tribune Journalist David Little, and Accounting Supervisor Carol Cunningham.

The purpose of this council work session was to discuss segments of the Mayor's 2013 Proposed Budget.

Item 1 – Public Comments. John Sullivan addressed his concerns to the Council regarding an e-mail listing numerous questions that he sent to the Mayor recently, to which he has not yet received a response.

Item 2 - Community Group Funding. City Administrator Stevens presented a comparative report reflecting the community organizations requesting funding from the City of Willmar for 2013 totaling \$169,400, the Mayor's 2013 funding recommendation totaling \$112,500, and the 2012 funding actually provided totaling \$134,500. Organizations that the Mayor has proposed to receive funding in 2013 attended this work session with each providing an overview of their accomplishments and needs.

Item 3 – Capital Improvement 5-Year Program. City Administrator Stevens presented to the Council the proposed 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2013 through 2017. Beginning with 2013, a new process has been instituted with new criteria and goals. It was noted that funding for much of the capital improvements comes from various sources which limit usage to specific projects. Capital improvements proposed for 2013 total \$7,663,245.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 6:06 p.m. upon motion by Member Christianson, second by Member Ahmann, and which carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cunningham
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