



Approved: February 8, 2016

**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
JANUARY 13, 2016
ARDEN HILLS CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Grant called to order the special City Council work session at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor David Grant; Councilmembers Brenda Holden, Fran Holmes, and Dave McClung

Absent: None

Also present: Interim City Administrator Sue Iverson; Community Development Director Jill Hutmacher; and City Attorney Joel Jamnik

1. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Interviews for City Council Vacancy

The Council conducted interviews of City Council candidates Steven Scott, Hoda Kemp, Brian Wagner, and Jonathan Wicklund.

B. TCAAP Goals

Mayor Grant explained that City Attorney Joel Jamnik had drafted TCAAP goals for the Council to review.

City Attorney Jamnik reported that the goals were drafted in a similar format as the County's and took into consideration the comments made by the Council at their work session on January 11th. He requested that the Council review the goals and provide staff with further direction.

Mayor Grant asked if the Council should address the amount of retail on TCAAP.

Community Development Director Hutmacher discussed the amount of retail and non-retail space that could be built on TCAAP. She estimated that there could be over 2 million square feet of retail on the site.

Mayor Grant discussed the affordable housing language and noted that 10% of all new housing units should be affordable. He was in favor of adding language stating that all housing will be sustainable and high quality.

Further discussion ensued regarding the housing language within the goals.

Community Development Director Hutmacher suggested that the bullets within the goals not be altered as they were taken directly from the Comprehensive Plan. She explained that the proposed housing goals focused on young professionals, move up housing, and senior citizens.

Councilmember McClung supported the language proposed by staff and believed it covered all the bases.

Mayor Grant suggested that the sentence following this language be removed. He feared that developers could misunderstand or have various interpretations of what a “proper balance” of housing was.

Councilmember Holmes questioned if the number of jobs should be referred to versus average employment within the goals.

City Attorney Jamnik commented that the typical average for businesses was one employee per 1,000 square feet.

Councilmember Holmes thanked staff for the clarification and recommended that the language remain as is.

Mayor Grant asked if the City could include language regarding a single hauler for TCAAP.

Community Development Director Hutmacher commented that cities have approached limiting the number of haulers on each street in different ways. The City has yet to determine what method it will use for TCAAP.

City Attorney Jamnik anticipated that the City may have a hauler for refuse and another for recycling. For this reason, he suggested that the goal refer to a single or limited number of haulers.

Councilmember Holmes thanked staff for drafting the TCAAP goals for the Council.

2. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND STAFF UPDATES

Councilmember McClung questioned when the Council would be discussing the City Council candidates.

City Attorney Jamnik reported that this would be at an upcoming public meeting. He encouraged the Council to be positive with their comments and to point out the valuable qualities of the candidates.

Mayor Grant recommended that the Council address this item at the January 19, 2016, Council work session.

ADJOURN

Mayor Grant adjourned the City Council Work Session at 8:28 p.m.



Sue Iverson
Interim City Administrator



David Grant
Mayor



Request for Special City Council Work Session

A special meeting may be called by the Mayor or by any two Councilmembers.

Reason for meeting: 1. City Councilmember Interviews

Requested Date: 1/13/16

Requested time: 5:30 PM

Open meeting

Closed meeting

Signature of person(s) making request:

David Grant
Mayor or Council Member

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Date

Council Member

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Date

-This section to be completed by City staff-

Date received: 1 / 4 / 16

Date meeting to be held: 1/13/16

Time of meeting: 5:30 - PM

Location: City Hall

All necessary posting and notices have been completed.

Amy Dietz
Signature of City Clerk

1 / 4 / 16
Date