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**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2018
5:00 P.M. - ARDEN HILLS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Present: Mayor David Grant, Councilmembers Brenda Holden, Fran Holmes, and Steve Scott

Absent: Councilmember Dave McClung

Also present: City Administrator Dave Perrault, Public Works Director/City Engineer Sue Polka, City Planner Matthew Bachler, Deputy Clerk Jolene Trauba, Utility Service Partners Representative Deryck Freudeman, WSB & Associates Project Manager Steve Foss, and WSB & Associates Senior Planner Eric Zweber

1. AGENDA ITEMS

A. National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program

Public Works Director/City Engineer Sue Polka noted that Utility Service Partners provides residents with insurance for their water and sewer services through the National League of Cities. There is no cost to the City, but there is a marketing agreement that the City would need to sign. The City can choose to collect royalties which would raise the cost to residents.

Councilmember Brenda Holden asked for an explanation of what In-Home Plumbing would cover.

Utility Service Partners Representative Deryck Freudeman responded that included all the supply and drain lines in the home except fixtures. For example internal lines that burst, a drain line that clogs, or valve repair. He also noted there is no obligation on the part of the resident to continue the policy for a specific period of time, but there is a 30 day wait period before they can file their first claim. There is no pre-inspection and everyone gets the same plan no matter the length of the service line. They partner with local contractors to do the necessary work.

Mayor Grant noted this is no cost to the City but an advantage to the residents that would like it. He felt there wasn't a downside risk to the plan and didn't want to charge for the royalties.