

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jeff Jacobs, John Basill, C. Paul Carver, Phil Finkelstein, Paul Omodt, Loran Paprocki and Susan Sanger.

Staff present: City Manager (Mr. Harmening), Finance Director (Mr. DeJong), City Clerk (Ms. Stroth), Senior Planner (Mr. Walther), Community Development Director (Mr. Locke) and Recording Secretary (Ms. Hughes).

2. Presentations

2a. Congressman Keith Ellison

Congressman Ellison discussed federal funding for the Southwest Transitway Project and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District that was recently approved. He stated a High Priority Project funding request was submitted for the Highway 7 and Louisiana Interchange Project; and that he has also been working on securing funding for the traveling Holocaust exhibition. Congressman Ellison indicated he currently serves on the financial services and foreign affairs committees and asked for input on the implications to the City and its residents from the recent financial institution failures.

Mr. Harmening stated the City has in place fairly conservative investment policies and has not been impacted by the downturn in the market.

Congressman Ellison discussed the predatory lending bill and the credit cardholder's bill of rights. He indicated that Congress is currently debating health care reform. The Congressioners will be hosting a health care forum on July 1st. He added that energy policy will likely be on the agenda in the fall.

Mayor Jacobs expressed the City Council's thanks to Congressman Ellison and his staff for all their hard work on behalf of the City and its residents. He expressed thanks to Betty Folliard, Minh Ta, Allison Bowdin, Darlynn Benjamin and Brian Elliott for their help on community issues and transportation priorities. He thanked Congressman Ellison for the support the City received in helping it resolve concerns around the soil vapors and added home remediation systems were installed because of his assistance.

Mayor Jacobs presented a framed poster to Congressman Ellison on behalf of the City Council. He stated the poster contains a series of art work drawn by local children and adults through a project called "The 40 Unique Visions of the Developmental Assets Important to St. Louis Park Youth."

Congressman Ellison expressed his thanks and stated he would proudly and gratefully accept the poster for display in his local office.

3. Approval of Minutes

3a. City Council Minutes May 18, 2009

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Approval of Agenda and Items on Consent Calendar

NOTE: The Consent Calendar lists those items of business which are considered to be routine and/or which need no discussion. Consent items are acted upon by one motion. If discussion is desired by either a Councilmember or a member of the audience, that item may be moved to an appropriate section of the regular agenda for discussion.

- 4a.** Waive second reading and adopt **Ordinance No. 2373-09** amending Chapter 3 Section 3-101 of the St. Louis Park Code of Ordinances concerning alcoholic beverages and the showing of certain films; and approve the summary ordinance for publication.
- 4b.** Adopt **Resolution No. 09-072** amending Exhibit C of Resolution 09-045 imposing a Service Charge for Special Service District No. 5 located along Park Place Boulevard between I-394 and Cedar Lake Road.
- 4c.** Approve payment to School District #283 of \$53,000 from Cable TV franchise fees in 2009, which includes an operations grant of \$35,000, an equipment grant of \$14,000 and \$4,000 to support the Junior High video club
- 4d.** Adopt **Resolution No. 09-073** accepting this report, establishing and ordering Improvement Project No. 2009-2101, approving plans and specifications, and authorizing advertisement for bids.
- 4e.** Adopt **Resolution No. 09-074** authorizing the installation of parking restrictions on Excelsior Boulevard, Park Commons Drive, Grand Way, Monterey Drive, & Wolfe Parkway adjacent to the Excelsior & Grand development.
- 4f.** Adopt **Resolution No. 09-075** authorizing traffic controls at Lake Street West and Zarthan Avenue South.
- 4g.** Adopt **Resolution No. 09-076** establishing a special assessment for the repair of the water service line at 3129 Webster Avenue South.
- 4h.** Approve for Filing Vendor Claims.
- 4i.** Approve for Filing Planning Commission Minutes April 15, 2009.
- 4j.** Approve for Filing Fire Civil Service Commission Minutes March 11, 2009.

It was moved by Councilmember Carver, seconded by Councilmember Sanger, to approve the Agenda and items listed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed 7-0.

5. Boards and Commissions - None

6. Public Hearings

6a. Public Hearing – Liquor License for Kerasotes Theatres

Ms. Stroth presented the staff report and stated the applicant has made application for an on-sale intoxicating and Sunday liquor license for the Kerasotes Showplace Theatres, LLC located at 1625 West End Boulevard. She noted the applicant is specifically applying for the liquor license to cover the separate upper level restaurant area and the connecting VIP theatre balcony seating, and intoxicating beverages will only be served in

this area. She explained the applicant has in place a security plan consisting of two ID checkpoints to make certain patrons in the upper level are 21 or older. She stated the theatre is tentatively scheduled to open in October 2009.

Mayor Jacobs opened the public hearing. No speakers present. Mayor Jacobs closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Sanger asked how the applicant will deal with people that may get disruptive following alcohol consumption, so that other theatre patrons are not disturbed.

Bob Gallivan, Director of Real Estate Development for Kerasotes Theatres, stated they will have a minimum of three managers on duty at all times, along with private in-house security. He stated it is very important to them to make sure all patrons have a pleasant evening.

It was moved by Councilmember Sanger, seconded by Councilmember Omodt, to approve application from Kerasotes Showplace Theatres, LLC, dba Showplace 14 #8863 for an on-sale intoxicating and Sunday liquor license to be located at 1625 West End Boulevard with the license term through March 1, 2010.

The motion passed 7-0.

6b. Creation of Special Service District No. 6 – 36th Street W. from Wooddale Avenue to Highway 100

Mr. Walther presented the staff report and explained the City proposes to install infrastructure “streetscape” improvements along 36th Street West between Wooddale Avenue and Highway 100, including replacement of the existing sidewalks, benches and retaining walls, and providing a unified and pedestrian friendly design in this area. He stated as with previous improvement projects, the City has worked with adjacent commercial property owners to arrive at a proposed special service district. The proposed Ordinance lists potential services to be performed and establishes service charges, which are allocated to each property based on their frontage along 36th Street. He indicated that staff has met with affected property owners regarding the proposal and has received growing support for the project.

Mayor Jacobs opened the public hearing. No speakers present. Mayor Jacobs closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Basill requested clarification regarding the description of services contained on page 5 of the staff report that lists those services that the City “may” provide.

Mr. Walther explained that the District owners in conjunction with the City will determine which services the City will provide and the City has the option to change which services it provides following discussion with the Advisory Board.

Councilmember Omodt asked who is responsible for payment if a property is sold.

Mr. Walther replied the current property owner is responsible for payments and if the ownership changes, the new owner would then be responsible.

It was moved by Councilmember Basill, seconded by Councilmember Omodt, to adopt first reading of Ordinance authorizing creation of Special Service District No. 6, and scheduling the second reading of the Ordinance for June 15, 2009.

The motion passed 7-0.

- 7. Requests, Petitions, and Communications from the Public – None**
- 8. Resolutions, Ordinances, Motions and Discussion Items – None**
- 9. Communications**

Mayor Jacobs reminded residents of the Community Open House on Tuesday, June 9th, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Wolfe Park and the Rec Center.

Mayor Jacobs stated the annual Parktacular celebration is coming up on June 18-21, 2009 and added event buttons are now on sale. He expressed the City Council's thanks to the many volunteers who help make this annual event a success. He added further information regarding the event can be found at www.parktacular.org or on the City's website.

Mayor Jacobs stated the Meadowbrook anniversary potluck will be held tomorrow, June 2nd, at the Rec Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. Residents are asked to bring something to share.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Nancy Stroth, City Clerk

Jeff Jacobs, Mayor