

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS**

February 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Vadnais Heights was held on the above date and called to order by Mayor Johannsen at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johannsen provided several announcements.

Everyone present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor, Marc A. Johannsen
Councilmembers: Gerald J. Auge, Terry S. Nyblom, Craig A. Johnson, and Bob Fletcher.

The following members were absent: None.

Also present were: Kevin Watson, City Administrator; Kathy Keefe, Assistant City Administrator; Ed Leier, Fire Chief; Bob Sundberg, Finance Director; Mark Graham, City Engineer; Carie Fuhrman, Planning/Community Development Director; Caroline Bell Beckman, City Attorney; Jeff Melcoch, Cable Producer; and Barb Suciu, Recorder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Johannsen stated item 9.B. will be split into two items. The first item will be approving assistance to Volp Vadnais Heights, LLC, with certain costs of construction costs not to exceed \$278,000 and item 9.B.2. will be considering a resolution approving Tax Increment Development Agreement with Volp Vadnais Heights, LLC. The public hearing will be opened tonight, but will be continued to a later meeting. Anyone who wishes to speak on this item tonight will be given the opportunity to do so.

Upon motion by Auge, seconded by Johnson, it was

16-02-029 “RESOLVED, that the agenda for the February 3, 2016, Council Meeting be approved as amended.”

Ayes - 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Workshop meeting minutes of January 20, 2016, Regular Council meeting of January 20, 2016, and Special Meeting of January 26, 2016.

Upon motion by Fletcher, seconded by Nyblom, it was

16-02-030 “RESOLVED, to approve the workshop meeting minutes of January 20, 2016, as presented.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

Upon motion by Nyblom, seconded by Johnson, it was

16-02-031 “RESOLVED, to table the Regular City Council meeting minutes of January 20, 2016.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

Upon motion by Fletcher, seconded by Nyblom, it was

16-02-032 “RESOLVED, to approve the Special Meeting minutes of January 26, 2016.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Fletcher, seconded by Auge, it was

16-02-033 “RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda items for the February 3, 2016, meeting be approved as follows:

- A. Approve Claims #72369 through #72426, and Electronic Claims #923 through #926 for Payment
- B. Conditionally Approve a For-Profit Solicitor’s License for Window Concepts of Minnesota, Inc. beginning February 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016
- C. Conditionally Approve a For-Profit Solicitor’s License for Liberte Construction beginning February 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016
- D. Conditionally Approve Application for Renewal of Optional 2am Liquor License for Gerald, Inc. d/b/a Jimmy’s Food & Drink Located at 1132 County Road E

- E. Approve One-Day Lawful Gambling Permit for Ducks Unlimited Chapter 209 for an Event at Jimmy’s Conference Center, 3565 Labore Road on March 29, 2016
- F. Approve One-Day Lawful Gambling Permit for Magnuson Christian School for an Event at the Vadnais Height Commons, 655 E County Road F on April 23, 2016.”

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one wished to speak.

PRESENTATIONS

Northeast Youth & Family Services

Jerry Hrmotka, Northeast Youth & Family Services (NYFS), reported NYFS serves all ages but primarily those from ages 5 to 21 years old. Over the course of the year, NYFS served 4,000 people, which equates to 2,000 households. The budget for the organization is \$3.2 million. There are three programs: Mental Health, Youth Development, and Day Treatment.

The Mental Health division works with kids as well as their families. NYFS is school based with therapists in schools in Mounds View, Roseville, and White Bear Lake school districts. In addition, there are two clinics; one in White Bear Lake and one in Shoreview. They also meet with families in their homes on occasion.

Youth Development is a combination of diversion, out of school programs, and the senior chore program. NYFS receives referrals from local police departments, sheriff’s department and the Ramsey County Attorney’s office. The senior chore program connects youth with seniors to assist them in staying in their homes. Youth development starts with education, more than just a high school education. They try to help kids get excited about their talents and interests. They also try to help kids get ready for employment.

The Day Treatment program is for kids that are having trouble being successful in the classroom due to mental health issues. These kids are referred through many different programs such as NETS, REACH and Woodlands. This helps the kids get back to a traditional classroom.

The money that is given to NYFS ensures that all residents of Vadnais Heights are entitled to services that NYFS provides regardless of their ability to pay. The benefits are helping kids get ready to be successful in the classrooms, assisting in creating an effective workforce, and being part of the community. Their belief is that because of the services they offer, there are families and individuals who now rely less on public assistance. There are 15 cities that partner with and support NYFS.

In 2014, they were able to serve 72 households. In 2015, NYFS served 85 households. Councilmember Fletcher asked where NYFS gets their mental health referrals from. Mr. Hrmotka responded that they come from schools, doctors' offices, self-referrals, people who have heard about NYFS, etc. Councilmember Fletcher also asked where the funding comes from. Mr. Hrmotka stated that funding comes in a couple different ways. Some funding comes from grants to help offset insurance costs. Another source of funding is grants to help provide programs or services. If a family from Vadnais Heights comes and needs mental health services and they cannot afford to pay, NYFS guarantees that they will receive services because of the partnership with the City.

Mr. Hrmotka noted that he has noticed that issues are becoming more complex. As seniors are able to stay in their homes longer, isolation has become a more popular issue. Community connection is about keeping everyone part of the community because when you are part of the community, you feel good about yourself and this increases positive skills.

Mr. Hrmotka stated funding sources are changing, and now non-profits need to run more like a business or they will end up going out of business. This is NYFS's 40th anniversary, and upcoming events include the Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament on June 13, 2016 at Keller Golf Course.

Mayor Johannsen thanked Mr. Hrmotka for coming and for all the work they do.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2016-1 Street Improvements

City Engineer Graham reported the 2016 Street Improvement Project consists of English Street from County Road E to Montmorency Street, Montmorency Street from English Street North to English Street South and Hoffman Road East from County Road E to the south cul-de-sac. Each property owner was mailed a letter notifying them of the public hearing tonight and the meeting notice was published in the *Vadnais Heights Press* in accordance with state law.

English Street was built in 1970 with some bituminous replacement performed on it in 1995. It has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 60; Montmorency Street was built in 1970 and had some bituminous replacement performed on it in 1995. It has a PCI of 46. Hoffman Road East was built in 1984 with a PCI of 51.

Vadnais Heights' assessment method for residential properties is per lot and all residents would be assessed the same amount. Hoffman Road East is a commercial road and according to the assessment policy, they are assessed 100% of the project on the front footage basis.

The project consists of removal of the bituminous surface, a limited amount of curb repair, placing new bituminous surface, and some minor utility adjustments as necessary. The estimated project cost is \$816,200. Councilmember Fletcher asked what the amount for Hoffman Road East was. City Engineer Graham responded that Hoffman Road East is estimated to be \$271,000. Financing for the project calculates to 60% through assessments to property owners and 40% through the City's contribution. When the project is bid, Hoffman Road East will be bid as one project and English Street and Montmorency Street as a second project. English Street and

Montmorency Street have estimated assessments of \$3,500 per lot and Hoffman Road East has estimated assessments at \$101 per frontage foot.

The City's assessment policy was adopted in 1993. There would be an 8-year payment period for those who have it assessed to their property taxes, with 8% interest per the assessment policy. This could be adjusted to 6% and if the City Council chooses to reduce this, it would need to be decided tonight. The current and proposed schedule of the project was reviewed.

Staff recommendation is to hold the Public Hearing, to order the project which requires a 4/5 vote, as the project is City initiated. Staff also recommends the Council establish the assessment interest rate, approve plans and specifications, and authorize the City to advertise for bids.

Councilmember Auge asked if staff has received any complaints about the condition of the road from residents on English Street and Montmorency Street.

City Engineer Graham stated staff has received complaints from residents on English Street and that English Street has been on the radar for a few years.

Councilmember Fletcher asked about the rating of the streets.

City Engineer Graham stated these are the 2015 PCI ratings and the lower the rating, the higher the need for the street to be improved. These roads are to the point where the City should do something now, to prevent them from becoming a full reconstruction project.

Councilmember Fletcher stated he has concerns about the rating for Hoffman Road East and the costs that would be incurred by the businesses. He also asked if there have been any complaints regarding the road.

City Engineer Graham indicated he has not received any complaints regarding Hoffman Road East. Staff relies on PCI ratings and also the public works staff in regard to the amount of time repairing the street.

Mayor Johannsen opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Jay Olson, 3490 English Street, stated he has lived on English Street for 18 years and supports the decision to reconstruct the street. He has noticed it deteriorating and stated it is time for the improvement. He also thanked City Engineer Graham for his work.

Paul Boening, 3560 Hoffman Road East, stated he does not feel that Hoffman Road East needs a full re-pavement but maybe some patches or other maintenance items. He is wondering if there is a less expensive alternative to the full re-pavement.

Councilmember Fletcher asked Mr. Boening what type of business he owned.

Mr. Boening stated it is a textile business with knitting machines.

Mayor Johannsen closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Councilmember Fletcher stated he is troubled by the large assessments for Hoffman Road East. He does not like that the commercial assessment policy is based on front frontage and wonders why the City is saying to businesses that you aren't getting any help from the City when businesses are such an important part of the City. He would like to have the Hoffman Road East project delayed until the commercial assessment policy can be revisited.

Mayor Johannsen stated the policy for commercial assessments has been in place since the inception of the assessment policy in 1993. He indicated he didn't have a problem with delaying the Hoffman Road East project but the Council needed to keep in mind if the project doesn't move forward at a certain point, the project can go from a relatively low cost repair to a much higher-level repair.

City Engineer Graham suggested that Council approve the Hoffman Road East repairs for this year. He stated that from a commercial standpoint, staff identified Hoffman Road East as the one that is the most in need of repair. Staff has done pothole repair, crack-sealing, sealcoating already to Hoffman Road East. This is the next step.

Councilmember Fletcher questioned if Hoffman Road East needs to be done now and if the businesses need to be assessed using the full frontage method.

City Engineer stated if the City wants to revisit the assessment policy for commercial properties that discussion can be had. He cautioned that there might be some feedback from other commercial property owners that have paid according to this policy in the past.

City Administrator Watson asked if Hoffman Road East was not bid would it impact English Street and Montmorency Street projects.

City Engineer Graham stated in the negative, as they are being bid as two separate projects. He added that Hoffman Road East will not get less expensive in the future.

Councilmember Auge clarified that the Council is authorizing staff to go out for bids and not authorizing doing the project.

City Engineer Graham stated that is correct, the City Council is only approving going out for bids.

Mayor Johannsen stated this is also not the assessment hearing. No one is being assessed tonight and the amounts have not been firmly set yet. City Graham stated that is also correct.

Councilmember Fletcher asked if in the interim, he went out and talks to all of the property owners and if they do not want their street redone, shouldn't Council listen to that. Councilmember Fletcher also asked what part of the project requires the 4/5 vote.

City Engineer Graham stated 4/5 vote is required on the project throughout the entire project.

City Administrator Watson stated if the Council defers the Hoffman Road East project, it only brings more costs to the General Fund as the City will have to continue with minor repairs.

Councilmember Fletcher stated that he is comfortable moving forward today knowing that a 4/5 will be required for the entire project and that Council can change their votes at a later date.

Councilmember Johnson stated he is comfortable approving this project tonight and going out for bids and hopefully Council will hear from the business owners in the meantime.

Councilmember Auge suggested having separate resolutions for different roads from this point forward.

City Engineer Graham stated this could be done going forward.

Upon motion by Auge, seconded by Johnson, it was

16-02-034 “RESOLVED, to Order the 2016-1 Street Improvement Project.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

Upon motion by Auge, seconded by Johnson, it was

16-02-035 “RESOLVED, to approve the Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement of Bids with a March 28, 2016 Bid Date for the 2016-1 Street Improvements, including English Street, Montmorency Street and Hoffman Road East.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

Mayor Johannsen stated that there will be further discussion regarding the assessments at the assessment hearing. He would also like the assessment policy issue to be brought to a Workshop before the assessment hearing.

B1. Approve Assistance to Volp Vadnais Heights, LLC with Certain Costs of Construction Costs not to exceed \$278,000

Planning/Development Director Fuhrman reported when this project began, Volp Vadnais Heights, LLC, was seeking financial assistance to help finance the storm water improvements needed for the new free standing building north of the Heights Plaza Shopping Center. This is a 4,300 square foot free standing retail building proposed on the corner of Highway 96 and Centerville Road. The project has since evolved into more of a redevelopment project of not only a major commercial corner for the City of Vadnais Heights, but also a significant entrance into our community off I-35E.

While working with the VHEDC, City staff has identified and had the opportunity to meet three of City’s initiatives from the 2013 Strategic Plan and from the Comprehensive Plan. They are improving vacancy rates in commercial facilities and attracting major retailers, as well as

building tasteful monuments that proudly announce arrival into Vadnais Heights at key perimeter locations.

The City currently only has one entrance monument sign into the community located at the corner of Highway 61 and County Road E within the Sports Center Complex. This property is another key perimeter location in our community due to the high traffic volume, the number of commercial businesses in close proximity, and the visitors that exit and enter the I-35E exit nearby. A City monument sign at this corner would announce the entrance into our community and help promote community identity.

The proposed sign would look similar to the City Hall monument sign and would be 16 feet long and 5.5 feet high. The cost estimate is \$33,451. If approved, the monument sign would be angled within the County right-of-way on the southwest corner of Highway 96 and Centerville Road. The City has an opportunity to finance the construction of the entrance monument sign by making it a condition that Volp Vadnais Heights LLC build the monument sign for the City in order to receive his requested financial assistance for other TIF-eligible site improvements.

The second piece to this project is the existing pylon signs on Volp's property which announce the tenants of Heights Plaza. There has been significant investments put into the buildings, time and effort is being put into attracting high-class tenants, and a new monument sign is being constructed to welcome people into our community on this busy intersection. The belief is that these signs should be updated as well. Mr. Volp is willing to replace these signs as part of the overall redevelopment of his property, and these are TIF-eligible expenses as well.

The TIF consultant from Ehlers & Associates has reviewed the project and is recommending reimbursement not to exceed \$278,000 for the items discussed. This amount also includes the storm sewer improvements for \$109,222, soil corrections for \$25,307, signage for the pylon signs for \$128,000, and the SAC/WAC fees for \$15,471.

As a condition, Volp Vadnais Heights LLC would not be reimbursed until the developer has incurred the costs and provided the necessary documentation to the City. To the extent the costs are lower than anticipated, the assistance would be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

As mentioned earlier, this is a main entrance and serves as a gateway into the Vadnais Heights community. Heights Plaza is one of three commercial shopping centers in Vadnais Heights. It not only serves our residents, but brings people in from outside the community. Investing in updating and improvements to the building and signage are key elements in not only keeping shoppers interested in coming back, but in attracting major tenants and keeping them long-term.

Mr. Volp and Volp Vadnais Heights, LLC has put significant investment into the redevelopment of this shopping center to attract Noodles and Company and is continuing to invest in the property by building this new freestanding building to entice first-class tenants with long-term leases. By the City's financial assistance via pooled TIF funds, the City is recognizing and acknowledging these investments and is further investing in business development. This project is directly in line with three initiatives and goals of the City. The City has a unique opportunity here because of the location of the property and the chance to dovetail with the property owner's reinvestment into this property. Staff recommends approval of this project. Before the Council

tonight is a motion to approve of this project for certain construction costs not to exceed \$278,000. Staff is recommending tabling the resolution approving the Tax Increment Development Agreement with Volp Vadnais Heights, LLC to allow Mr. Volp's attorney more time to review the documents.

Councilmember Johnson asked staff to explain TIF funds and the two pylon signs being proposed. He also asked if the City didn't use TIF money, what percentage of that money would come back to the City.

Finance Director Sundberg stated if the City were returning the TIF money back to the County, the City would get between 20% to 25% back.

Councilmember Johnson noted the City's portion would be about \$30,000 and the sign we are getting is \$33,000.

Councilmember Fletcher stated he understands when the project is complete it will be worth over \$2 million and increase the property taxes on this building by \$21,000 once it is complete. He added this is a small investment for the City to get a quality project back.

Community/Development Director Fuhrman reiterated that Mr. Volp has worked very hard to bring in quality tenants with long-term leases.

Councilmember Fletcher asked about the traffic count on Highway 96.

Community/Development Director Fuhrman stated the traffic count on Highway 96 is 18,000 per day.

Ling Becker, VHEDC, thanked Mr. Volp for all the efforts he has put into this development. She announced that Punch Neapolitan Pizza as one of the two tenants in the new building. She introduced John Puckett, from Punch Pizza.

John Puckett, Punch Pizza, stated Punch Pizza is a family owned business and has been in the Twin Cities for 20 years and he has been interested at this property and this area for a long time. Punch Pizza is locally owned and treats its employees very well. Punch Pizza is excited to be in Vadnais Heights and plans on creating a very unique and historical storefront.

Mayor Johannsen and Councilmembers thanked Mr. Puckett for bringing Punch Pizza to Vadnais Heights.

Mr. Volp stated they have been working on this project for quite a while and it was an opportune time to introduce the new neighbor.

Mayor Johannsen opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Johannsen closed the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Upon motion by Auge, seconded by Fletcher, it was

16-02-036 “RESOLVED, to approve Assistance to Volp Vadnais Heights, LLC with certain costs of construction costs not to exceed \$278,000.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

B2. Consider a Resolution Approving Tax Increment Development Agreement with Volp Vadnais Heights, LLC

Upon motion by Fletcher, seconded by Auge, it was

16-02-037 “RESOLVED, to table the resolution approving the Tax Increment Financing Development Agreement with Volp Vadnais Heights, LLC.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

City Administrator Watson thanked Mr. Volp for all of his work on his development and for helping to bring Punch Pizza to Vadnais Heights.

C. Rosene – Pearson Minor Subdivision – 4293 Heritage Drive

Planning/Development Director Fuhrman reported this is an application by Mr. Peter Rosene and Ms. Sheila Pearson for a Minor Subdivision of their vacant lot into two separate parcels. The vacant lot is located behind their home. The subdivision would split the parcel into two. The properties are 4293 and 4285 Heritage Drive.

Parcel A and parcel B as stand-alone lots are non-conforming. Parcel A does not have street frontage, and neither parcel meets the minimum lot depth requirement of 120 feet. Therefore, the combinations will be a condition of the approval. Rosene is proposing a 33-foot ingress and egress easement over the neighboring property in order to have vehicular access to his backyard so he can clear brush and trees. If the intent ever changes, then the City would need an agreement with Mr. Rosene.

The applicant shall ensure all of the existing drainage and utility easements on the affected parcels are included and updated on the survey. A public hearing notice was sent to property owners within 350 feet of the affected parcels. If the minor subdivision is approved, City staff will bring forward a resolution approving the minor subdivision at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Johnson asked if the property would have been buildable before the subdivision.

Community/Development Director Fuhrman stated Bridgewood Terrace would need to be improved.

Mayor Johannsen opened the public hearing at 8:27 p.m.

Peter Rosene, 4293 Heritage Drive, stated this lot has been an area where the kids in the neighborhood have played. It is now infected with Red Oak Wilt and he and his neighbor decided to purchase this and clean it up.

Mayor Johannsen closed the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

Upon motion by Johannsen, seconded by Auge, it was

16-02-038 “RESOLVED, to approve Rosene - Pearson Minor Subdivision – 4293 Heritage Drive subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Parcel A shall be combined with Lot 4, Block 1, Dokmo Addition (known as 4293 Heritage Drive). A copy of the approval from Ramsey County shall be submitted to the City.
- 2) Parcel B shall be combined with Lot 5, Block 1, Dokmo Addition (known as 4285 Heritage Drive). A copy of the approval from Ramsey County shall be submitted to the City.
- 3) The applicant shall ensure that all of the existing Drainage and Utility Easements on the affected parcels are included and updated on the survey. The updated survey shall be submitted to the City.
- 4) The resolution approving the Minor Subdivision and Survey shall be filed with Ramsey County.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Approving Payment of Certain Costs In Connection with TIF District No. 1-6, 1-8, 1-12, 1-16, and 1-17 (City Center Street Lighting Project & Garceau/Vadnais Market Property Purchases

Upon motion by Fletcher, seconded by Johnson, it was

16-02-039 “RESOLVED, to approve Payment of Certain Costs in Connection with TIF District Nos. 1-6, 1-8, 1-12, 1-16 and 1-17.”

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

B. Ordinance Amending the 2016 Fee Schedule to Increase Water Meter Fees

Mayor Johannsen stated the vendor has increased the rates for water meters and this wasn't captured when approving the 2016 Fee Schedule.

Upon motion by Auge, seconded by Fletcher, it was

16-02-040 "RESOLVED, to approve Ordinance 690 Amending the 2016 Fee Schedule to Increase Water Meter Fees."

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

C. Authorize Repairs to Station 810 HVAC System as Outlined by the City's Mechanical Contractor, Shadegg Mechanical

Mayor Johannsen stated this item approves updating the HVAC system at Station 810 with the funds coming from the 2016 Fire Department Operating Budget.

Upon motion by Auge, seconded by Johnson, it was

16-02-041 "RESOLVED, to authorize Schadegg Mechanical to repair the HVAC system in Station 810, as outlined below, for an amount not to exceed \$10,335.00, from the Fire Department 2016 Operating budget."

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

D. Consider Setting February 17, 2016 Workshop and Agenda

City Administrator Watson reported the Workshop will consist of a BR&E Project update, layout for streetlights, and a discussion on White Bear Lake augmentation with a 5:30 p.m. start.

Upon motion by Nyblom, seconded by Auge, it was

16-01-042 "RESOLVED, to set the February 17, 2016, Workshop and Agenda with a BR & E Project update, layout for street lights, and a discussion on White Bear Lake augmentation with a 5:30 p.m. start."

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The resolution was adopted.

COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Leier thanked the Council for approving the HVAC repairs. He indicated with the snow event yesterday, there were no calls. He encouraged residents to keep the fire hydrants clear of snow.

Assistant City Administrator Keefe had no report.

City Attorney Bell Beckman reported that were oral arguments in front of the Supreme Court on the McCollough appeal.

Finance Director Sundberg had no report.

Planning/Community Development Director Fuhrman had no report.

City Engineer Graham reported the snow event earlier this week accumulated 11 inches of snow. The public works staff was very committed with five individuals staying overnight. He reminded residents to have the garbage cans on the driveway and not in the street. He reported the sanitary sewer lining bid will be at the end of the month. The White Bear Lake augmentation report has two options, both going through Vadnais Heights. He stated he and the City Administrator had recently attended a meeting regarding the Rice Street bridge with Ramsey County.

City Administrator Watson thanked the public works staff for the snowplowing. He commented on the ramp up of the BR&E program with VHEDC and plans to get out to the businesses next week. Staff met with representatives of Fresh Thyme and they will be a great business in the community. He thanked the City Attorney for her work regarding the McCollough appeal, which was heard by the Minnesota Supreme Court earlier today.

Councilmember Fletcher reported staff did a great job snowplowing. He indicated the contract for the Farmer's Market has been signed and it will be held on Wednesday's from 2 pm to 6 pm starting June 22. He suggested the White Bear High School kids be invited to attend the State of City speech.

Councilmember Nyblom had no report.

Councilmember Johnson reported he attended the BR&E training with 30 businesses to be interviewed, he attended the City Center Task Force meeting, he stated he is also excited for the Farmer's Market, there was discussion on moving the Taste of Vadnais Heights to west of Mad Jacks, and discussion on the City Center street light project.

Councilmember Auge reported he attended the Public Safety Meeting where they appointed the officers for 2016.

Mayor Johannsen reported he and other City Officials met with a Fresh Thyme representative and it was very productive. It started on a good note and they want to be a part of the community. He commented that Punch Pizza is another great addition to Vadnais Heights and the Farmer's Market is very exciting. He offered best wishes to Gerry Urban. He stated the Public Works staff

did a great job snowplowing and with them staying overnight it says a lot about their commitment to the community. The Council fully supports the level of service the Public Works staff is providing.

Upon motion by Auge, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin P. Watson, City Administrator

ATTEST:

Marc A. Johannsen, Mayor