

CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS  
DAKOTA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Held Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council, City of Mendota Heights, Minnesota was held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, 1101 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Huber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Councilmembers Duggan, Krebsbach, Schneeman and Vitelli.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council, the audience and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Councilmember Duggan moved adoption of the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0

Councilmember Vitelli seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Duggan moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 3, 2009 as presented.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0

Councilmember Vitelli seconded the motion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Duggan moved approval of the consent calendar as presented, pulling items e, h, and j for further discussion, and authorization for execution of any necessary documents contained therein.

- a. Acknowledgement of the Minutes from the November 10, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.
- b. Acknowledgement of the October 2009 Treasurer's Report.
- c. Acknowledgement of the October 2009 Fire Department Report.
- d. Authorization for Cancellation of December Advisory Commission Meetings.
- e. Authorization for Installation of Security Light in Ivy Hill Park.
- f. Authorization of Purchase Order for Squad Car Set Up.

- g. Approval of Emergency Lighting and Computer for Assistant Chief's New Vehicle.
- h. Approval of Fence Permit for 1520 Commerce Drive.
- i. Approval of Monument Sign Replacement on Existing Base at 1191 Northland Drive.
- j. Adoption of Resolution No. 09-101, "A RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR VISITATION DRIVE AND MENDOTA HEIGHTS ROAD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT (PROJECT #200711)."
- k. Adoption of Resolution No. 09-102: "A RESOLUTION SEEKING FUNDING FROM DAKOTA COUNTY FOR CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY LANDFILL ABATEMENT PROGRAM."
- l. Adoption of Ordinance No. 427: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3 OF THE CITY CODE." (NO PARKING)
- m. Approval of Contractors List, dated November 12, 2009.
- n. Approval of the List of Claims, dated November 17, 2009, totaling \$239,302.97.

Councilmember Krebsbach seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0

#### SECURITY LIGHT IN IVY HILL PARK

Mayor Huber noted the costs have been reduced for getting the land ready for the recently approved skating rink. He asked if the Council wants to spend \$4,500 now to install a security light or if it should be delayed one year, after more is known about the level of use for the skating rink.

Councilmember Vitelli asked if citizens requested the security light. Councilmember Schneeman stated the Park Commission requested the light.

Assistant City Administrator Sedlacek explained there had been no security light in the park since the previous warming house was removed. Operations and Projects Coordinator Kullander had identified the need for this project and the Park Commission debated if it was an amenity for the skating rink or a light that would usually be available at a City park.

Councilmember Krebsbach asked whether this was the best location for a security light. Mr. Sedlacek stated that was not discussed but the suggested location is where the electrical conduit is available.

Councilmember Duggan noted the Park Commission supports a security light and he thinks it makes sense because it would allow use of the skating rink for longer hours, beyond when ambient light is available. He questioned why the city would spend the money to establish a rink that is only available for use until 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Huber asked if the light would be installed if the rink had not been built. Mr. Sedlacek stated the grading cost \$500 and it is anticipated to cost \$2,200 to create the ice, for a total of \$2,700. He stated it may not have been realized there was a need for the light had the skating rink not been installed. He advised of Mr. Kullander's comment that this was a logical location for a light given the proximity to the tennis court, basketball court, and parking.

Councilmember Krebsbach noted a comment from Mr. Kullander's original memo about a temporary light that could be installed for this year; however, the City does not want something that is substandard.

Councilmember Schneeman stated the Council authorized \$5,000 but she felt the cost for the light is outrageous and a lower bid could be obtained. She noted it does get dark early, but it is not known what the winter will be like or if ice can be made. Councilmember Schneeman felt the entire project could be completed for \$5,000, noting children would probably not be allowed to come to this park after dark anyway.

Councilmember Vitelli agreed and stated the City should also ask nearby neighbors if they would like a light.

Councilmember Duggan moved to authorize the installation of a security light in Ivy Hill Park, if the total project cost remains within the \$5,000 authorized for this project, and to appropriately shield the light so light is not cast on nearby homes.

Councilmember Krebsbach seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0

FENCE PERMIT FOR  
1520 COMMERCE DRIVE

The Council questioned the color of the proposed fence.

Mr. Sedlacek presented the cross section plan of the proposed fence, noting it is a six-foot high galvanized chain

link fence. This fence section will be on the north side of the yard, between the contractor yard and office parking. Mr. Sedlacek noted there is ornamental fencing on the east side and a cedar fence on the south side of the property. He stated the applicant had proposed ornamental fence and he does not remember the Council addressing the color of the chain link fence at that time.

Councilmember Duggan asked about screening with shrubs or trees so the fence appearance concern may be moot. Mr. Sedlacek stated that fairly substantial trees will be planted.

Councilmember Duggan referenced the plan, noting a corner of Commerce Drive that identifies six trees will be on the outside of the fence and the next six trees will be on the inside of the fence. Mr. Sedlacek agreed that is how the plan appears. Councilmember Duggan stated his support since it would break up the magnitude of the fence. He stated he would have preferred a black colored chain link fence but it appears that was not indicated when the request was originally made.

Councilmember Schneeman moved to grant staff the authority to issue the requested fence/gates permit for RJ Ryan Construction at 1520 Commerce Drive, Bituminous Roadways site, as presented.

Councilmember Krebsbach seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0

#### AGENCY AGREEMENT (ROUNDAABOUT)

Councilmember Krebsbach asked who would cover cost overruns beyond what the federal government provides. Acting City Engineer Ruzek explained the agreement under consideration would be with Mn/DOT to obtain federal funds for the project and does not relate to the actual project costs.

Councilmember Krebsbach stated this agreement puts it into play and while the City has a 90-day cancellation time, it would make the City responsible for any cost overruns.

Mayor Huber noted that Public Works Director Mazzitello was confident there would be no cost overruns and with the way the project had been designed, the cost estimate would be adequate to get the project done.

Councilmember Krebsbach stated, for the record, that this contract would make the City responsible for any cost overruns and management and employment requirements. She stated she would like the Council to review the project budget at the next meeting so there are no surprises. She noted the City is also responsible to pay for the audit.

Councilmember Duggan asked if the Council should publicly discuss the project budget if it is going out for bids. Councilmember Krebsbach noted the budget is already in the public record.

City Administrator McKnight stated this language is typical for a City construction project and assured the Council that staff will keep them updated on a regular basis.

Councilmember Krebsbach asked if the cost for the audit was included in the budget. Finance Director Schabacker explained a single audit is required for receipt of more than \$500,000 of federal funds. At this time, the project does not meet that threshold so a single audit would not be required.

Councilmember Duggan referenced the cover letter and asked what is meant by a "certified" resolution. City Clerk Swanson explained a certification statement would be drafted indicating the resolution that will be submitted is a true and correct copy of the original resolution.

Councilmember Duggan referenced agreement language indicating the City will "sell the plan." Mr. Ruzek explained it is a standard practice to recover some of the costs to print and send out the plans. He advised that it will cost the bidders \$75 for this set of plans and specifications.

Councilmember Duggan referenced agreement language indicating the City "will document quantities." Mr. Ruzek explained the bid tabulation includes pay items and the amount paid for quantities.

Councilmember Duggan asked if Mn/DOT takes a small percentage of the total funds received for handling the project. Mr. Ruzek stated the City is allocated to receive \$310,000 and he would have to check but believes Mn/DOT's portion would come from the federal portion.

Councilmember Duggan referenced the duties of Mn/DOT and asked what is meant by “DB participation.” Tom Madigan, Foth Infrastructure, advised it means “disadvantaged business.”

Councilmember Vitelli stated he has confidence in staff’s estimate and budgeting of this project. He stated staff has always provided good estimates and he is confident in letting staff manage this project, as they normally do.

Councilmember Duggan moved adoption of Resolution No. 09-101, “A RESOLUTION FOR AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR VISITATION DRIVE AND MENDOTA HEIGHTS ROAD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT (PROJECT #200711).”

Councilmember Vitelli seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ross Fefercorn, RMF Entities, Ltd., updated the Council on a newly signed lease with New Heights Physical Therapy, which will be opening shortly after January 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, they sold a townhouse this week that will close next week and closed the sale of two condominiums that will be combined into one unit. Mr. Fefercorn advised of new businesses including Perfect Polish Nails, Expert Hearing and Audiology, and The Olive Grove.

Mr. Fefercorn announced the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Mendota Lights event on December 5, 2009, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and advised of sponsors and activities that will occur as part of that celebration. He indicated information is available on their website as well as a schedule and photos of businesses.

Councilmember Duggan asked if the information is posted on the City’s website. Mr. Fefercorn advised a link is available on the City’s website.

Mr. Fefercorn stated they are in discussion with additional tenants and excited that people are finding them from other locations.

Natalie Jaeger, The Olive Grove, stated they are newly opened and offer a European olive oil bar, a healthy product that has experienced a high percentage of sales increase. She advised of her research to find a location for

this business and stated her business had been featured on FOX 9 News, and in the *Pioneer Press* and *Highland Villager*, which brought in customers from all over the metro area and the state, and Wisconsin. Ms. Jaeger stated the grand opening on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., resulted in 187 transactions, which she found to be incredible. She displayed pictures of the olive oil bar and described how the oil is procured from around the world, displayed, sampled from the spout, bottled, and sold. She stated they also sell gift boxes, baskets, food items, and kitchenwares.

Councilmember Krebsbach stated she went to the store on Saturday and it was packed with customers.

Councilmember Duggan asked if The Olive Grove featured an olive oil for Thanksgiving. Ms. Jaeger answered it is wild mushroom and sage extra virgin olive oil.

Mayor Huber asked Ms. Jaeger to relate the story about her husband. Ms. Jaeger explained that her husband is in the insurance business and very conservative. When they relocated from Chicago for his work, she could not find a job so in January she decided to open an olive oil store. Her husband asked her to write a business plan, which she did after researching library books. Her husband reviewed the 21-page plan and said it looked good but now she needed to convince the bank and if the bank got on board, he would get on board. Ms. Jaeger stated she pitched the offer to four banks and all four presented offers.

## PRESENTATION PAR 3 UPDATE

Mayor Huber welcomed Dick Spicer to provide a Par 3 update.

Dick Spicer, Chair of the Par 3 Greens Committee, thanked the Council for the opportunity to provide a Par 3 update on their tremendous success over the past year. He advised they have met all goals for this year: an increase in the number of players, an increase in youth golf, and improved the structure of the golf course itself. Mr. Spicer noted that last year, when they had only one-half a year, Par 3 had 12,500 rounds, generating almost \$150,000 in gross revenue, which was way up from previous years. He stated that even after doing a variety of spectacular improvements a surplus remains to carry over to next year.

Mr. Spicer explained that this year, Mr. Sedlacek stepped forward with an itinerary: two large bathrooms were put in the clubhouse for ADA purposes, the building was re-sided, trees and shrubs were planted, leaning trees were thinned for safety purposes, and golf course equipment was improved, all with funds generated by improving the play of golf itself. Mr. Spicer felt the greatest thing they accomplished was to bring in youth from other communities for the Junior PGA tournament, showing that Mendota Heights was a wonderful place to live. He stated there are many more improvements that can be done and they have plans for additional beautification, planting trees and flowers, and to replace the monument. Mr. Spicer advised that Jerry Murphy and staff did a wonderful job to improve the golf course.

Councilmember Duggan stated he received a plaque for placing a ball closest to the pin at the city tournament and enjoys retrieving lost golf balls.

Mayor Huber asked Mr. Spicer how he feels about what is going on. Mr. Spicer stated Paul Portz and Mr. Sedlacek have done most of the work and part of the money made helps fund staff salaries. He felt they had set reasonable goals and then exceeded those goals. Mr. Spicer pointed out that golf is down in most areas of the country but in Mendota Heights, golf participation is up.

Mayor Huber stated the weather in October was not the best for golfing but the numbers are still good and there are remaining funds to carry forward to next year. He thanked Mr. Spicer and staff for prudent management and improving the golf experience to create repeat business. Mayor Huber stated he is pleased with how it is turning out.

Councilmember Schneeman stated she is excited about the golf course, as everyone is. She asked for suggestions on a winter activity to get kids out of the house.

Mr. Spicer noted that at one time, the Park Commission talked about cross-country skiing trails in Valley Park and through the golf course. At that time, the golf course was privately owned but they agreed to allow trails. Mr. Spicer stated if a new roof is put on the club house so it is winterized, Par 3 would be a perfect place for cross-country skiing.

Councilmember Krebsbach stated she attended the PGA tournament and spoke with Eden Prairie residents who held Mendota Heights in high regard for keeping the Par 3 and found it to be a kid-friendly course.

Mr. Spicer agreed the course promotes Mendota Heights, noting there are very few par 3 courses left. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to present the update.

## DAKOTA COUNTY REGIONAL VISIONING STUDY UPDATE

City Administrator McKnight stated that at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Council had directed staff to track the Dakota County Regional Visioning Study due to concerns regarding the interchange. He explained that he and Assistant City Engineer Ruzek met with Public Works Director Mazzitello before his departure to discuss options. It was felt that to do nothing different than in the past was not feasible due to the concerns expressed by the Council. It was also felt that the use of City staff to track the Study was not feasible since he and Mr. Ruzek were new to their positions and Public Works Director Mazzitello would be gone for six to eight months. Mr. McKnight stated staff recommends establishing an ad-hoc project committee consisting of the following individuals to assure interests of Mendota Heights are being adequately considered as the Dakota County Regional Visioning Study moves forward:

Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC – primary role would be technical analysis and critique of the Dakota County consultant's assumptions, traffic modeling, and recommendations. The City's consultant will report back to the City Administrator and Acting Public Works Director/Acting City Engineer with results of their analysis.

Acting Public Works Director/Acting City Engineer – to provide technical support to the City's consultant along with City engineering records and data, and to attend the Technical Committee meetings.

City Administrator – to act as the overall coordinator of efforts among team members.

City Attorney – to provide legal support and advice on issues surrounding the Visioning Study.

City Council Representative – to provide Council perspective to the team and act as the team liaison with the rest of the Council.

Mr. McKnight stated staff further recommends that the Council discuss a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Sunfish Lake and come to an agreement whereby the City of Sunfish Lake can participate with and share in costs incurred with this proposal from the City of Mendota Heights' team. He explained if it is the wish of the Council to implement staff's recommendation, they should pass a motion authorizing the establishment of the Dakota County Regional Visioning Study Ad-Hoc Team as recommended by staff and further authorizing staff to obtain a work order estimate from Foth Infrastructure & Environmental LLC for services anticipated for their role in the team.

Mayor Huber stated staff's recommendation looks like a good overall plan.

Councilmember Krebsbach asked if this team would be used for lobbying. Mayor Huber stated if, at some point, the City thinks there is a need for pure lobbying assistance, it could go with that route. Mr. McKnight advised that Tom Madigan of Foth Infrastructure & Environmental LLC has indicated he would advise the City if a lobbyist is needed.

Mayor Huber stated any good communication strategy has to be backed up with good facts, technical information, and advice. In addition, contacts need to be used. Mayor Huber stated an ad-hoc committee is a good place to start.

Councilmember Krebsbach asked how all the groups would communicate. Mayor Huber stated the community is intensely interested in this issue and he thinks Sunfish Lake Mayor Park will also be involved. As a demonstration of how serious the Council takes this matter, he requested to be appointed as the Council representative. In terms of making sure that communication occurs, Mayor Huber stated he would look to Mr. McKnight to draft communications to all parties. Mayor Huber stated this will probably be a regular item on the agenda so there will be ample opportunity to provide input.

Councilmember Krebsbach agreed there should be regular briefings and the Council deployed, as needed. She stated support for Mayor Huber to represent the Council on the ad-hoc committee, which shows the weight and importance of this issue. Councilmember Krebsbach stated the Council should, when they have the opportunity, discuss this matter with their contacts.

Councilmember Schneeman asked if there should be an alternate representative in case Mayor Huber is not available. Mayor Huber stated Mendota Heights always needs a Council representation at the meetings and if he is not available, he will make that known so another can attend. Councilmember Krebsbach stated with notice she can remain flexible to fill in, if needed.

Mayor Huber noted that the Council is getting a number of e-mails from concerned citizens and been replying to reaffirm the City is united in its position. He stated the City needs a plan on how to advise citizens they can have a role so their voice is heard and concerns brought forth.

Councilmember Krebsbach stated the citizens' e-mails have been effective, thoughtful, and asked good questions.

Councilmember Schneeman noted that 179 people attended the visioning meeting with the majority being from Mendota Heights. She agreed that many animated, knowledgeable, and interested people were in attendance.

Councilmember Duggan stated both he and Michael Noonan had distributed flyers. The end result was terrific attendance and representation by Mendota Heights. He stated that Mike Walsh knows some people in Washington D.C., so he urged Mr. Walsh to call them. Councilmember Duggan stated that due to the high attendance, Dakota County was made aware of the great interest in this study.

Councilmember Vitelli stated he fully supports staff's recommendation and that the Mayor take the lead in representing the City. He recommended the ad-hoc committee prepare memos to the City's legislative representatives indicating residents and business people find it very easy to list the negatives of the proposal and ask them to advise of the positives for Mendota Heights, which they represent. Councilmember Vitelli stated he sees no

positives and the City needs to find out who is directing this matter, possibly motivation from landowners.

Councilmember Krebsbach stated she talked with Commissioner Tom Egan at the open house and directly asked him to oppose this on behalf of Mendota Heights. She also talked to Mark Krebsbach (no relation) who said it was early in the process. She suggested the more the City Council voices its opinions as an elected body, the more effective it will be.

Michael Noonan stated he had attended the earlier open house at Sibley and been following the process. He stated that he had received a notice several weeks prior to the open house. Mr. Noonan stated he lives adjacent to Delaware and will be directly impacted. However, his neighbors were not aware of the matter so he prepared a circular, printed and delivered it. He stated that open houses are wonderful to provide basic information but a comprehensive set of facts have not been provided to the community. Mr. Noonan stated he met with Mr. Sorenson individually and got answers but he failed to find a comprehensive situation that talks about impacts to Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake, steep topography, wetlands and mature vegetation, when you “drill it down.” Mr. Noonan asked how the road is going to change if the unpleasant happens and an interchange is constructed at Delaware and I-494. When those basic questions were asked, they were not answered because Dakota County said it was not yet known. Mr. Noonan stated he believes there will be direct impacts and the fear of the unknown “fans the flames” and makes it a bigger deal than what it may be. He stated the City should impress upon the visioning group that there needs to be better community consultation so all have the same understanding about the impact. Then citizens can make an informed judgment. Otherwise, all tend to rush to judgment and become characterized as NIMBYs (Not In My Back Yard).

Mr. Noonan stated he wants to be an informed citizen and while change will happen, it has to be change for the good and not just growth taking place in Inver Grove Heights and Eagan that is thrust onto Mendota Heights. He felt those cities have to assume the responsibility for their own growth and take the impacts, not thrust it onto areas north of I-494. Mr. Noonan urged the City to develop a program

but to not lose sight of the tremendous resource of citizens in Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake. He stated he has been corresponding with other residents, individuals who will stand behind the Councils of both cities to make sure the right thing is done.

Mr. Noonan asked the City to impress on Dakota County the need to provide all the facts, costs, timing, and alternatives. He stated it is difficult for residents to fully understand five alternatives because you do not know what to concentrate on and residents want to talk about what is real and immediate. Mr. Noonan offered to do what he can, noting there is a core of interested residents in the City, Copperfield neighborhood, and Sunfish Lake to help the Council and staff.

Mayor Huber stated the City wants to use all resources, which will absolutely include Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake residents.

The Honorable Molly Park, Mayor of Sunfish Lake, stated it is a pleasure to appear before the Council, noting they are “brothers and sisters” living side-by-side and this issue calls them to work together and collaborate, sharing resources and ideas for the good of community and citizens. Mayor Park explained that two years ago, Sunfish Lake began forming an ad-hoc committee to deal with a possible interchange at Delaware and I-494. However, they were unable to use the Sunfish Lake attorney and engineer since they also represented Inver Grove Heights. Mayor Park stated that Sunfish Lake hired a land use attorney and a number of citizens who live close to the freeway served on their ad-hoc committee. She explained that in Sunfish Lake, any committee formed with staff and council contains at least one citizen, which is important symbolically. Mayor Park stated that Inver Grove Heights has the right to develop its land and she hopes they can sort out the “wants” and “needs” in their development. But if their “wants” impinge on Sunfish Lake and Mendota Heights, the cities have to work out a resolution that is good for all.

Councilmember Vitelli asked Mayor Park why they don't hire a different city attorney if there is a conflict of interest. Mayor Park explained their attorney and engineer recuse themselves from both sides when dealing with this issue.

Councilmember Vitelli recommended they use the Mendota Heights City Attorney. Mayor Park stated she will have to talk with her council further about this matter.

Mayor Park stated they may come to a point to talk about a not-to-exceed budget at a later time.

Councilmember Duggan stated he supports Mayor Park's comments about citizen participation and knows that former Councilmember Jill Smith and Dave Herrick of Huber Avenue are interested, as well as Mr. Noonan.

Mayor Huber stated support to start the ad-hoc committee and then address where resources should be directed. He suspected the City will want to contact legislators so a group could coordinate that effort with the county, state, and federal side.

Mayor Park again thanked the Council and stated she is heartened that Mayor Huber will be representing the Mendota Heights Council and joining her in this "family affair."

Councilmember Duggan suggested a report in the *Heights Highlights* and maybe increasing publication to get the message out since people do read it. Mayor Huber noted it will also be on the City's website.

Terri Moore, Delaware Avenue, stated if Alternative C is selected, her house will no longer be there. She thanked the Council and Mr. Noonan for their support. Ms. Moore stated she hopes that someone on the committee will address east/west issues south of I-494.

Brian Sorenson, Dakota County Transportation Department, explained that most of the alternatives show improvements to Lone Oak Road, which is the next east/west road that is south of I-494. Other alternatives show no access changes to I-494.

Mayor Huber stated there are alternatives to get people to the northwest corner of Inver Grove Heights by getting off on Dodd Road.

Councilmember Duggan referenced the Inver Grove Heights AUAR, noting two significant points: a letter from

Mn/DOT indicating they don't believe there is adequate analysis to support the need for a new interchange access point at I-494 and Trunk Highway 63 (Argenta Trail); and, plans for a 4-lane highway on Delaware Avenue. On the other hand, the AUAR talks about the need for more than 100,000 additional trips but the Metropolitan Council indicates there is no way that will happen. Councilmember Duggan stated that as Mendota Heights struggles to complete its 2010 Comprehensive Plan, it appears that Inver Grove Heights has a 2020 Comprehensive Plan. He stated he would like to see a copy of their plan and indicated that Inver Grove Heights needs newer ideas on how to more centralize development within their own city.

Councilmember Vitelli moved to authorize the establishment of the Dakota County Regional Visioning Study Ad-Hoc Team as recommended by staff and to authorize staff to obtain a work order estimate from Foth Infrastructure & Environmental LLC for services anticipated for their role in the team. Councilmember Schneeman seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Vitelli said he had no activities to report as he just returned from taking his two granddaughters to Florida, which was a perfect trip.

Councilmember Schneeman stated she attended the Holy Family Maronite Church consecration, which was a beautiful ceremony attended by a huge crowd, and Lebanese dinner afterwards. She stated this church is a wonderful addition to Mendota Heights.

Councilmember Schneeman recognized and welcomed two students from Cretin Durham High School.

Councilmember Krebsbach said she attended the Sunday service at the Holy Family Maronite Church, a wonderful event, and met Bishop Shaheen.

Councilmember Krebsbach announced that Glencoe High School, her alma mater, was in the tournament and beat De La Salle High School in an incredible game at Macalester College.

Councilmember Duggan offered a big “shout out” to the great number of Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake citizens who attended the November 10<sup>th</sup> visioning open house and were attentive to the presentations. He also thanked Mr. Noonan for his efforts.

Councilmember Duggan stated that after a horrible year, he is happy to announce that his son is well into recovery from melanoma and thanked all for the prayers offered on his behalf.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Krebsbach moved to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Schneeman seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5  
Nays:0

Time of Adjournment 8:18 p.m.

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Carla Wirth  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

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John J. Huber  
Mayor