

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009 - 8150 BARBARA AVENUE**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL The City Council of Inver Grove Heights met in regular session on Monday, March 23, 2009, in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Tourville called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Council members Grannis, Klein, Madden, and Piekarski Krech; City Administrator Lynch, Assistant City Administrator Teppen, City Attorney Kuntz, Public Works Director Thureen, Community Development Director Link, Parks & Recreation Director Carlson, Finance Director Lanoue and Deputy Clerk Rheaume.

3. PRESENTATIONS: None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of March 9, 2009 Regular Council Meeting
- B. **Resolution 09-39** Approving Disbursements for Period Ending March 18, 2009
- C. Pay Voucher No. 9 for City Project No. 2003-15, Northwest Area Trunk Utility Improvements
- D. **Resolution 09-40** Approving Individual Project Order No. 6B with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for City Project No. 2003-03, Southern Sanitary Sewer System, Construction Phase Services
- E. **Resolution 09-41** Approving Compromise Agreements with SRW Properties, LLC for the Dismissal of Assessment Appeal relating to City Project No. 2003-03
- F. **Resolution 09-42** Approve Compromise Agreements with Rodger & Sherryl Espeseth for the Dismissal of Assessment Appeal relating to City Project No. 2003-03
- G. Personnel Actions

Motion by Madden, second by Grannis, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Huffman, 4237 Denton Way, informed the Council that Dakota County has offered to give the ornamental sign from the JAR Bridge to the City for placement in Heritage Village Park. He noted that the sign should be preserved because of its historical significance.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. **CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS;** Consider Resolution Ordering the Project, Approving Plans and Specifications, and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the 2009 Pavement Management Program, City Project No. 2009-09D, Urban Street Reconstruction Project (South Grove Area 4)

Beth Engum, Kimley-Horn & Associates, reviewed the street segments included in the project and explained the scope of work the project would entail. She stated that the streets in the proposed project area are 34-44 years old. She noted that Clayton Avenue East and 75th Street East are on the City's Municipal State Aid System and are being reconstructed to State Aid standards to make them eligible for approximately \$646,500 of State Aid funding. She added that Clayton Avenue East would be posted for no parking on one side of the street, while parking will be allowed on both sides of 75th Street East. She provided an overview of the proposed street widths.

Councilmember Klein questioned if 77th Street would have parking on both sides of the street.

Ms. Engum responded that if parking is currently allowed on both sides of the street that status will be maintained. She explained that the improvements include the installation of a piped outlet from the stormwater pond located on City property west of Clayton Avenue East and north of 78th Street East. She noted that no pond outlet currently exists. She stated that City staff is currently working with Independent School District 199 to obtain permanent and temporary drainage and utility easements for the pipe on the

former South Grove Elementary School property. She noted that there is some flexibility in the construction documents so that the outlet could be removed from the project if the Council decides not to construct it at this time or if the necessary easements cannot be obtained.

Ms. Engum stated that the project is proposed to be funded from the Pavement Management Fund, Municipal State Aid, Water Connection Fund and through special assessment to benefitting properties. She explained that the preliminary special assessment calculations assume a 30% City contribution for the street reconstruction costs. She noted that the storm sewer improvements would be assessed based on the area of each parcel that drains to the storm sewer system within the project area. She stated that the total project cost is \$3,833,100 and there are 544 properties proposed to be assessed a total of \$2,226,420. She stated that the estimated assessment for street reconstruction is \$6,602.42 per single family residential parcel and when the assessment for drainage is added the total assessment increases to approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 per parcel. She noted that a benefit analysis appraisal report was completed by Metzen Appraisals and it was found that on average an assessment amount of \$4,000 per single family residential parcel and \$2,000 per townhome parcel could be sustained in this area of the South Grove neighborhood.

Ms. Engum presented the proposed project schedule with an estimated completion date in October of 2009.

Dan Greising, 3753 77th St. E., questioned if his property would be included in this project or the project scheduled for 2010 and asked for clarification regarding the two assessment amounts that were mentioned.

Mayor Tourville responded that a member of staff could help determine which project his parcel is included in and explained that after doing market appraisals of properties in the area it was determined that a \$4,000 assessment per single-family residential parcel could be sustained.

Mr. Greising questioned where the sewer would go once it gets past the school property, how the assessments would work for parcels that are included in both the 2009 and 2010 projects, what the cost of driveway replacement would be to the property owner, and whether or not there was a tree removal plan.

Mayor Tourville responded that assessment questions should be addressed on a per parcel basis because it is based on drainage area. He explained that driveways are replaced "like-for-like" at no additional cost to the property owner.

Mr. Thureen explained that they try to minimize the number of trees that are removed as part of the project.

Ms. Engum responded to the question regarding storm sewer and explained that if the pipe was installed it would travel to the East on the South side of the school district property and would tie into an existing structure.

Kay Lehto, 7601 Carmen Ave. E., asked why work needed to be done on Carmen Avenue and 76th Street and questioned if there was something wrong with the existing sewer.

Mr. Thureen explained that the streets are inspected on a three year cycle to rate their condition. He stated that age of the street factors into the rating. He noted that the overall rating for the area was well into the rating range that warrants reconstruction. He added that they are taking advantage of the street reconstruction to minimize the cost of utility improvements by doing the improvements at the same time.

Ms. Lehto stated that the street she lives on is not in bad condition and does not think it is necessary to tear up the street. She asked that this area be looked at on a street-by-street basis.

Mayor Tourville explained that the City needs to look at improvements to areas because assessments would be too high if individual streets were chosen.

Councilmember Klein asked if the curbs in the area were evaluated.

Mr. Thureen responded that spot replacement of curbs in the area would be more expensive than the cost to replace all of the curbs.

Mark Jacobs, 3515 78th St. E., stated that he hopes the assessment cap is considered. He expressed concerns regarding the proposed decrease in the street width of 78th Street. He suggested keeping it at 40 feet.

Councilmember Klein asked if they would be adding any parking.

Mr. Thureen stated that the option is being considered as a potential add-on to the project. He explained that 38 feet is the minimum requirement on a state aid street to have parking on both sides.

Mayor Tourville agreed that the current width of 40 feet should be maintained because it is already a tight fit when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

Jim Kennedy, 3367 77th St. E., asked how much they will have to dig into the yards to replace the curbs. He stated that there are no drainage problems on his street.

Mr. Thureen responded that on a standard lot it is about 6 feet back from the curb.

Emie Tunell, 3362 76th St. E., stated that she has never seen the drain overflow and does not think a storm sewer is necessary

Joe, 7935 Conroy, stated that half his yard drains forward and half drains back and asked about the assessment.

Mr. Thureen responded that the storm sewer improvements are assessed on a square foot basis.

Dan Greising, stated he is 100% in favor of continuing the plan that was started years ago for road improvements.

Councilmember Klein stated he would like to remove the outlet pipe from the bid to see what happens with the school district property.

Councilmember Piekarski Krech suggested bidding the entire project to see what the actual cost is. She stated if the cost is too high they can always remove the outlet pipe from the project.

Councilmember Madden agreed that the whole project should be bid to see what the actual cost would be.

Motion by Piekarski Krech, second by Madden, to close the public hearing

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Madden, second by Grannis, to approve Resolution 09-43 Ordering the Project, Approving Plans and Specifications, and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the 2009 Pavement Management Program, City Project No. 2009-09D, Urban Street Reconstruction Project (South Grove Area 4)

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

B. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Consider Resolution Ordering City Project No. 2008-11, Southern Sanitary Sewer System, East Segment Improvements

Ms. Engum explained that on February 26, 2009 bids from 19 contractors were opened for the southern segment and on February 27, 2009 bids from 9 contractors were opened by Mn/DOT for the northern segment which is planned to be constructed with the Mn/DOT frontage road project. She reviewed the parcels proposed to be assessed as part of the project. She explained that Swift Transportation does not see the benefit to their parcel because of the septic system that was recently installed.

Ms. Engum explained that the cost for the northern segment of the project is \$124,000 and the cost for the southern segment is \$492,800. She stated that the cost for the 111th Street lateral for the I-State parcel is \$53,000 and the easement costs are \$30,000. She reviewed the proposed financing for the project and stated that \$389,300 is proposed to be assessed for the improvements associated with the southern segment and the remaining costs are proposed to be funded from the City sewer connection fund. She

explained that the proposed area assessment is \$3,215 per acre and the proposed lateral assessment is \$2,550 per acre. She stated that the improvements included in the northern segment are proposed to be funded via the City sewer connection fund.

Ms. Engum stated that the proposed schedule would have construction on the northern section beginning in April, and construction of the southern section would be delayed until August to allow for the Mn/DOT portion of the sewer to be installed.

Mr. Thureen stated they did receive a letter from Swift Transportation objecting to the proposed assessment.

Motion by Madden, second by Klein, to accept letter of objection to proposed assessment from Swift Transportation

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Gary Weinberger, Swift Transportation, stated when they bought the property they were told that this project would be many years away. He explained that there would be no benefit to the property as a brand new septic system was installed. He stated that they would have to pay the assessment plus the cost to remove the septic system. He explained that Swift would like to work something out with the City because he understands that the project would provide a great benefit to the other property owners.

Mayor Tourville responded that Mn/DOT moved the project up 4-6 years because of traffic safety issues along that corridor.

Roger Carlson expressed support for the project. He stated that it is important to time the project with that of the frontage road. He noted that the businesses did what they could to keep the costs down. He stated that he hopes something can be worked out with Swift so the project can move forward.

Dave Olson, 116650 Courthouse Blvd., stated that he also supports the project.

Rob Loftus, representing Inver Grove Real Estate Holdings, stated that the cost of operating their current septic system is extensive and they are definitely supportive of the project and are prepared to accept the assessment.

Motion by Piekarski Krech, second by Klein, to close the public hearing

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Klein, second by Piekarski Krech to approve Resolution 09-44 Ordering City Project No. 2008-11, Southern Sanitary Sewer System, East Segment Improvements

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The City Council recessed for five minutes.

Mr. Lynch added item J. calling for a public hearing potential for tax abatement at the April 27th meeting.

7. REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- A. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS;** Consider the First Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to Section 510 (Subdivision Regulations) of the City Code adopting regulations related to street naming and addressing

Mr. Hunting explained that on February 9, 2009 Council approved a resolution that adopted the Dakota County Uniform Street Naming and Addressing Manual as the system to follow when the City takes over street naming and addressing responsibilities. He stated that a condition of that resolution was that an ordinance be drafted to formally adopt the manual. He added that Planning staff and the City Attorney

drafted an ordinance amendment which states that the City shall be responsible for naming streets and assigning street addresses utilizing the county manual. He noted that staff recommended that all private streets follow the same naming standards to keep all street naming in the City uniform. He stated that for clarification purposes, the ordinance restates that signs for public streets are to be green and signs for private streets are to be brown. He added that address number requirements, taken from the state fire code, are also recited in the ordinance. He noted that an official address map would also be adopted.

Councilmember Klein expressed concern regarding a number of homes that do not have the address displayed so it is visible from the street.

Mr. Hunting responded that problems would be have to be reviewed through inspections and the Fire Marshall could enforce the state fire code if there are on-going issues.

Mr. Lynch noted that staff is typically made aware of such issues via citizen complaints, and clarified that the City does not currently have a proactive enforcement process in place.

Mayor Tourville suggested that staff put an article in an issue of “Insights” to remind citizens of the address requirements outlined in the state fire code.

Motion by Klein, second by Madden, to approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 510 (Subdivision Regulations) of the City Code adopting regulations related to street naming and addressing

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

B. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Consider Resolution Approving an Agreement between Dakota County, Eagan and Inver Grove Heights for a Regional Roadway System Visioning Study

Mr. Link explained that in the Fall of 2007, Dakota County, Eagan and Inver Grove Heights completed a County Travel Demand Study for Inver Grove Heights’ Northwest Area and Eagan’s Northeast Area. He stated that in response to requests from two cities, Dakota County has suggested a follow-up study that would be more detailed in an effort to generate support from both Mn/DOT and the Metropolitan Council. He explained that the study would address future transportation needs, with the major issues being whether there is a regional need for an interchange at I-494 at or near Argenta Trail and the design of the interchange at Highway 55 and Argenta Trail. He stated that the project would be completed by the end of the year and the majority of the study would involve technical analysis of different scenarios, including traffic modeling. He explained that the total cost of the study would be \$215,700 and 1/3 of that cost would be funded by Mn/DOT and 1/3 by Dakota County, with the remaining cost being split between Eagan and Inver Grove Heights. He stated that the total cost to the City would be \$36,000 and staff has proposed fund the City’s portion via the Closed Bond Fund.

Councilmember Klein commented on Mn/DOT’s previous lack of support for an interchange at I-494 and Argenta Trail and questioned if the City should spend more money on something that may never get approved.

Mr. Link responded that Mn/DOT recognized the regional needs after the study in 2007 and supports the “visioning study” as a means to move forward in the process to address those needs.

Councilmember Piekarski Krech questioned what information the proposed study would provide that previous studies did not.

Mr. Link responded that the study would provide a more detailed technical analysis.

Councilmember Piekarski Krech commented that a lot of money has already been spent on previous studies and she would like more of a guarantee that this will be the final study, that the City won’t be asked to spend additional money and that comprehensive results will be obtained.

Mr. Link stated that the study will build on the analysis done in 2007 and noted that in the long run it could lead to more state funding. He suggested that the Council could limit the amount to be spent on the study to \$36,000.

Councilmember Klein commented that he feels the study is a benefit to the City because support is needed from the Metropolitan Council and the state if anything is ever going to get done.

Motion by Piekarski Krech, second by Klein, to adopt Resolution 09-45 Approving an Agreement between Dakota County, Eagan and Inver Grove Heights for a Regional Roadway System Visioning Study in an amount not to exceed \$36,000

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

C. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Consider Resolution Approving the Conveyance and Waiver Agreements, Quit Claim Deeds and Easement Agreements with the Affected Landowners Voluntarily Conveying the T.H. 52 Direct Access Rights to and from Private Briggs Drive and Public Clark Road to the City relating to City Project No. 2007-17

Mr. Kuntz explained that the State always hoped that Clark Road would be further extended. He said the State has placed a cooperative agreement to fund that portion of Clark Road leaving a sum of about \$485,000 to be funded by the city. He noted that item F. would actually order the project. Mr. Kuntz stated the total project cost is estimated to be \$1.34 million dollars. He said this is all the property rights and have not been acquired. The project would be built this year if approved.

Councilmember Grannis asked about the extension to Courthouse Boulevard up to the north.

Mr. Thureen said Mn/DOT still has segments for the west frontage road.

Councilmember Klein asked if the comprehensive plan document shows this.

Mr. Thureen said yes.

Motion by Klein, second by Madden, to approve

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

D. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Resolution Approving the Joint Powers Agreement between Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District for Technical Services on the Raingarden Project included in City Project No. 2009-09D

Mr. Thureen explained that City Engineering staff is requesting assistance from the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District to perform inspections on the construction of raingardens and to host neighborhood planting events to properly train the citizens on planting and caring for the raingardens. He stated that Dakota County runs the Blue Thumb Program for planting neighborhood raingardens and has staff that is well trained on the proper construction, installation, planting and care needed for a successful raingarden initiative. He noted that there are currently fourteen raingardens within the 2009 South Grove Street Reconstruction Area 4 project. He stated that the cost would be an amount not to exceed \$5,280.

Motion by Piekarski Krech, second by Klein, to adopt Resolution No. 09-47 approving the Joint Powers Agreement between Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District for Technical Services on the Raingarden Project included in City Project No. 2009-09D

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

E. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Consider Resolutions Calling for Hearing on Proposed Assessments and Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessments for City Project No. 2008-11, Southern Sanitary Sewer System, East Segment Improvements

Mr. Thureen explained that the schedule for the project calls for an assessment hearing to be held prior to considering award of a contract to allow the Council to know if any appeals are filed concerning the proposed assessment and have a better understanding the City's financial exposure to additional project costs. He stated that staff will calculate assessments using the bid prices, a construction contingency, standard feasibility study overhead rates and an updated estimate of easement costs.

Motion by Piekarski Krech, second by Grannis, to approve Resolution No. 09-48 Calling for Hearing on Proposed Assessments and Resolution No. 09-49 Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessments for City Project No. 2008-11, Southern Sanitary Sewer System, East Segment Improvements

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

F. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Consider Resolution Ordering City Project No. 2007-17, Clark Road Extension from T.H. 52 to Briggs Drive

Mr. Thureen explained that the project extends Clark Road from the current Clark Rd. and T.H. 52 intersection north terminating in a cul-de-sac at the current intersection of Briggs Drive and T.H. 52. He stated that the closure of the intersections at Clark Rd. and T.H. 52 and Briggs Drive and T.H. 52 will be accomplished by this project. He explained that the total project cost is \$1,074,200 and is proposed to be financed through Mn/DOT Cooperative Agreement Funding as well as other City funds. He added that the City was approved for \$594,000 in Mn/DOT Cooperative Agreement Funds to construct the roadway and drainage improvements and the estimated City project cost of \$480,200 is proposed to be funded from the City's Capital Improvement Revolving Fund or the Closed Bond Fund. He noted that no special assessments are planned for the financing of the project.

Motion by Madden, second by Piekarski Krech, to approve Resolution No. 09-50 Ordering City Project No. 2007-17, Clark Road Extension from T.H. 52 to Briggs Drive

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION:

G. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Approve Revised Additional Services Compensation

Ms. Teppen stated that BKV Group revised their request for compensation for additional services. She explained that the revisions include a reduction or removal of Construction Phase Administration charges to the various alternates with the exception of the basement storage alternate. She reviewed that the City entered into a contract with BKV for architectural services associated with the proposed public safety addition/city hall renovation project and there were items outside of that contract that the City Council asked BKV to add during the design development phase. She explained that the City received a credit of \$13,774 for items that were included in the original contract and subsequently removed by the Council during design development. She noted that the invoice was reviewed and approved by the owner's representative team from Krech, O'Brien & Mueller.

Motion by Madden, seconded by Piekarski Krech, to approve the revised additional services compensation.

Mayor Tourville asked for clarification regarding the construction phase charges.

Ms. Teppen responded that each of the alternates that were added by the Council have a corresponding cost for the design development phase and the construction phase. She stated that BKV agreed to reduce the construction phase costs associated with three of the alternates.

Bill Baxley, BKV Group, clarified that the City would only be invoiced for the work they complete.

Mayor Tourville further clarified that the City would not be invoiced for "construction phase" costs if the project was not ordered.

Mr. Baxley confirmed that if the project was not ordered the City would not be invoiced for construction phase costs.

Councilmember Piekarski Krech questioned how the total of \$21,004 was reached because the individual line items on the invoice did not seem to add up to that total.

Mayor Tourville clarified that the revised total of \$21,004 is not going to be invoiced and BKV will only invoice the City for the work they have completed to date.

Mr. Baxley responded that the costs associated with the construction phase would not be invoiced unless they are completed, and they were only provided in the contract revision so that staff and the Council would have a better understanding of what the costs associated with each item would be if the project was to move forward into the construction phase.

Mr. Lynch explained that at the March 9th meeting BKV proposed to revise the contract for an additional compensation of \$27,464. He stated that this the amount reflected a charge of \$41, 238 for alternates that were added by the Council, minus a credit of \$13,774 for alternates that were removed by the Council. He explained that staff worked with BKV to revise the compensation request and the charge for the additional alternates was reduced to \$38,878 and BKV also agreed to make a contribution of \$4,100 to the City. He stated that \$38,878 minus the credit of \$13,774 and the contribution from BKV of \$4,100 brings the total of the revised compensation request to \$21,004. He noted that this reflects what the cost for the additional services would be through project completion. He stated that staff could further break down the numbers to provide the Council with the cost of the additional alternates through design phase and the cost of the additional alternates if the project proceeded into the construction phase.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

H. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Approve Additional Services - City Council Chambers

Ms. Teppen explained that the Council directed BKV Group to include alterations to the exiting of the City Council Chambers and the design fees associated with that request are \$5,975.

Councilmember Grannis stated that he would vote against approval of this item because he feels that an additional exit from the Council Chambers should be added to the design.

Motion by Madden, seconded by Piekarski Krech, to approve the additional design fees for the City Council Chambers.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1 (Grannis) Motion carried.

I. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Consider 2009 Budget Amendment

Mr. Lynch explained that the Council is being asked to consider a recommendation to help the City deal with a potential building permit revenue loss in 2009 of \$275,000 and the cut of the City's 2009 Market Value Homestead Credit in the amount of \$518,841. He stated that staff previously planned to offset the loss of \$500,000 of the Market Value Homestead Credit cut in the 2009 budget through transfers to the General Fund. He noted that there is a remaining \$18,841 that would still need to be dealt with. He stated that staff recommends the reductions as proposed to cover the remaining Market Value Homestead Credit loss, the loss of Building Permit Revenue and to allow for revenue shortfalls that may come from tax collections or investment losses.

Councilmember Klein asked if the engineering intern positions were paid and if the students who participated received credit for their position.

Mr. Thureen responded that the internships are paid and the students do not receive credit from their educational institutions. He stated staff is looking into offering unpaid internships for interested students.

Councilmember Piekarski Krech suggested that inspectors be used to help deal with an increasing number of code compliance issues. She stated that the number of foreclosed properties and nuisances are increasing and inspectors could be used for abatement of nuisances rather than go out for extra services.

Mr. Lynch responded that the City is able to assess the costs to the property if abatement work is done on a contract basis and by the costs associated with having an employee do the work on an hourly basis are equal to, if not more than the cost of contracting for the service.

Councilmember Klein stated that he agrees with the majority of the proposed reductions, but would like to have further discussion regarding several of the items.

Mayor Tourville asked for clarification regarding the housing study.

Mr. Lynch stated that staff originally planned to complete a housing study in 2009 and 2010. He stated that the proposal is to postpone that study until 2010.

Councilmember Klein stated that he would like more discussion and information on the reduction of the inspections support position, building inspector and reducing the cost to the Parks department and the VMCC through the combination of positions.

Mayor Tourville stated that he would like to find out what services would be associated with the elimination in the seasonal and part time support positions in the

Mr. Lynch stated that \$10,500 is associated with the reduction of part-time clerical support for the Parks Superintendent and the remaining \$13,500 is seasonal and would only affect the summer time activity. He explained that the proposed combination of positions is an attempt to save money from an operational standpoint at the VMCC and to shift costs away from the General Fund.

Councilmember Grannis stated that the reduction of one inspector position is warranted due to the decline in building activity.

Councilmember Madden agreed that the reduction of one inspector should be left in the amendment.

Motion by Klein, seconded by Grannis, to approve the 2009 Budget Amendment as proposed with the exception of the reduction to the inspections support position and the combination of positions in the VMCC and Parks department.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1 (Piekarski Krech) Motion carried.

J. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Schedule Public Hearing

Mr. Lynch stated that a public hearing to consider the A&W Tax Abatement issue needed to be scheduled for April 27, 2009.

Motion by Klein, seconded by Piekarski Krech, to set the public hearing date on tax abatement for April 27th.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Klein, seconded by Grannis, to notice the Town Hall meetings on the March 30th, March 31st, and April 14th as Special Council Meetings.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Klein asked for an update on the roads in the Rottlund development.

Mr. Thureen responded that staff was preparing information for discussion with the Council at the April 13th work session.

Councilmember Klein recommended starting negotiations with the various neighborhood associations to expedite the process.

9. ADJOURN: Motion by Madden, second by Piekarski Krech, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 10:47 p.m.