

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010 - 8150 BARBARA AVENUE**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL The City Council of Inver Grove Heights met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2010, in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Tourville called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Council members Grannis, Klein, and Madden; City Administrator Lynch, Assistant City Administrator Teppen, City Attorney Kuntz, Public Works Director Thureen, Parks & Recreation Director Carlson, Community Development Director Link, Finance Director Lanoue, and Deputy Clerk Rheume.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Tourville removed Item 4O, Authorize Inver Grove Heights Fire Department to Accept Early Delivery of Ladder Truck, from the Consent Agenda.

- A. Minutes – January 25, 2010 Regular Council Meeting
- B. **Resolution No. 10-11** Approving Disbursements for Period Ending February 3, 2010
- C. Pay Voucher No. 8 for City Project No. 2008-18, Public Safety Addition/City Hall Renovation
- D. Pay Voucher No. 2 for City Project No. 2009-29, Well No. 9 – Phase 2
- E. Accept Proposal from Keys Well Drilling for Well Pump No. 7 Rehabilitation
- F. Accept Proposal from Keys Well Drilling for Water Treatment Facility High Service Pump No. 4 Rehabilitation
- G. **Resolution No. 10-12** Approving Amendment to Agreement between Dakota County, Egan, and Inver Grove Heights for a Regional Roadway System Visioning Study of Inver Grove Heights' Northwest Area, Egan's Northeast Area, Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake
- H. **Resolution No. 10-13** Calling for Hearing on Proposed Assessments and **Resolution No. 10-14** Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessments for 2008 Pavement Management Program – City Project No. 2008-09G, Cahill Avenue/Brooks Boulevard Mill and Overlay
- I. Authorize Purchase of Weather Warning Siren
- J. Approve Members Code of Conduct for the Veterans Memorial Community Center
- K. Approve Resignation from Aircraft Noise Abatement Commission
- L. Schedule Public Hearing – Liquor License Transfer Request
- M. Schedule Public Hearing – New 3.2 Off Sale Liquor License
- N. Approve 2010 Seasonal/Temporary Compensation Plan
- P. Approve Kennel License Application for Property at 9159 Dalton Ct.
- Q. Accept Donation to Inver Grove Heights Fire Department from Robert Loss
- R. Approve City Administrator's Performance Review and **Resolution No. 10-15** Authorizing Amendment to Contract
- S. Personnel Actions

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

O. Authorize Inver Grove Heights Fire Department to Accept Early Delivery of Ladder Truck
 Mayor Tourville noted this would be prorated. He asked that Mr. Kuntz and Chief Thill work on the contract language.

Mr. Kuntz said that computation has been made.

Mr. Lynch said there is a number that calculates the number per day.

Motion by Tourville, second by Klein, to authorize Inver Grove Heights Fire Department to Accept Early Delivery of Ladder Truck

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

7. REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

A. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Presentation Regarding 2010 Census

Ms. Botten explained a census is conducted every ten (10) years to track population changes. She stated the 2010 Census count is expected to have a profound impact on the state for the next ten (10) years and beyond. She explained the count would determine congressional representation, state legislation, local voting districts, and the allocation of federal and state dollars. She noted that approximately \$400 billion dollars is distributed to states annually based on the results of the Census, and Minnesota would lose approximately \$13,000 per person missed in the 2010 Census. She stated the questionnaire would be mailed to homes beginning in March and is quick, easy and confidential. She explained the questionnaire is comprised of ten questions that take ten minutes to complete. She encouraged citizens to complete the questionnaires that they will be receiving.

Councilmember Madden reiterated the importance of the information collected and noted that the state is in danger of losing a congressperson.

Councilmember Klein asked if the census differentiates between legal citizens and legal aliens.

Ms. Botten responded in the negative and stated the information submitted remains confidential.

Mayor Tourville asked if information would be available on the City's website.

Ms. Botten responded that information was currently available on the City's website.

PUBLIC WORKS:

B. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Receive Report for Inver Grove Heights Middle School Pedestrian Safety Study

Mr. Thureen explained City Council previously authorized a study regarding the intersection of 81st Street and Cahill Avenue. He noted that SRF Consulting Group, Inc. was selected to prepare the study. He stated that City staff has begun to move forward with some of the short term solutions recommended in the report.

Mari Coti, SRF Consulting Group, presented the conclusions and recommendations from the Inver Grove Heights Middle School Pedestrian Safety Study. She stated a crash analysis was done and there were three reported crashes over the past five years. She explained the installation of an all-way stop is not warranted at that intersection. She outlined the recommended short term improvements and suggested

that the City coordinate the implementations of those improvements with the school district. She identified the short term improvements as: repainting of crosswalk to connect to sidewalk, improve intersection lighting, remove sign visibility obstructions, hire an additional crossing guard, paint advance stop bars 30 feet from crossing, establish a school zone with reduced speeds on Cahill Avenue, right-turn only from driveway during school arrival and departure periods, and improve internal circulation and pavement markings.

Mr. Thureen explained that, per Council direction, City staff has already begun to address some of the recommended short term improvements. He stated the crosswalk was repainted, sign visibility obstructions were removed, and improvements to the existing lighting were initiated. He noted a school zone speed study was also initiated and indicated that advance stop bars would be painted in the spring.

Mayor Tourville noted the results of the study are on the agenda for discussion during the Council's joint meeting with the school board.

Councilmember Klein stated there is a squad car present at the school every morning and evening and questioned if the changes will warrant another squad car.

Mr. Thureen responded that the Police Department provides a squad car when one is available. He noted the City has the authority to set the speed limit in a school zone.

Ms. Coti recommended discussing the long term improvements with the school board at the joint meeting.

Motion by Madden, second by Klein, to receive report for Inver Grove Heights Middle School Pedestrian Safety Study

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION:

C. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Authorize Purchase of High Density Storage Units for Public Safety Addition

Ms. Teppen explained the Public Safety Addition is being constructed to accommodate two high density storage systems. She stated one quote was received from TAB Products, on the State contract, for a combined total of \$45,808.52. She added the price includes installation, a five year warranty and two years of labor. She noted the project budget was prepared with an estimate of \$100,000 for this equipment. She explained the funds for the purchase would come out of the internal funds previously discussed by the Council.

Motion by Klein, second by Madden, to authorize purchase of High Density Storage Units for the Public Safety Addition from TAB Products in the amount of \$45,808.52

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

D. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS; Consider First Reading of Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 7 of the City Code relating to Charitable Gambling Requirements

Mr. Kuntz explained the majority of the changes were necessitated by recent changes in state gambling law. He stated in recent years the Minnesota Legislature has eliminated various classes of lawful gambling licenses and bingo hall licenses, and made organizational licenses and premises permit perpetual. He explained that absent from any adverse license action or lapse of the license, renewal of organizational licenses and premises permits is no longer required. He stated the state gambling control board issues two types of permits in order to conduct lawful gambling, the first is an organizational license or permit on which the City does not have any input. He identified the second permit as a premises permit and stated the City has the option to impose certain restrictions with the premises permit. He reviewed the restrictions the City currently imposes. He explained the license for the premises permit is ongoing and

does not have to be annually reviewed. He stated there have always been exempt gambling activities and noted the recommendation is to no longer license the exempt activities. He stated the other major change deals with lawful purpose expenditures within the trade area. He explained the current requirement is 20% and the recommendation is to increase that to 60%. He reviewed the cities included in the trade area.

Bob Boeck, St. Paul Park – Newport Lions Club, questioned the criteria used to define a local organization and stated his organization would not comply with those requirements.

Mr. Kuntz stated that portion of the code remains unchanged and suggested that an answer to that question be brought back at the second reading of the ordinance.

Motion by Klein, second by Madden, to approve first reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 7 of the City Code relating to Charitable Gambling Requirements

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Motion by Grannis, second by Tourville, to schedule a special meeting with the department heads on March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. ADJOURN: Motion by Klein, second by Grannis, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:15 p.m.