

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2009**

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on December 15, 2009 at 6:07 p.m. in the Medina City Hall.

**I. Call to Order**

**Members present:** Weir, Crosby, Smith

**Members absent:** Siitari, Johnson

**Also present:** City Administrator Chad M. Adams, City Planner Dusty Finke, and Public Works Superintendent Steve Scherer

**II. Orono Comprehensive Plan**

Finke provided a slide presentation on the Orono Comprehensive Plan that included some of the major issues that may conflict with Medina's Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion was held on Orono's proposed rural density standards, urban service areas, utility connection with Medina Morningside and Keller Estates, Willow Drive classification, and other potential collaborative efforts.

*Smith moved, Weir seconded to direct staff to send a letter to Orono outlining the comments indicated in the presentation and Staff memo. Motion passed unanimously.*

**III. Gramercy Prairie Plantings**

Adams discussed the background of the prairie plantings at the Gramercy project, along with an update on the lack of growth progress of the plantings.

A low-mow grass turf mix was discussed as an option to replace the prairie plantings.

*Smith moved, Weir seconded to direct staff to negotiate and prepare an agreement to substitute a low-mow grass turf mix for the prairie plantings, considering the turf mix will work well with soils on the site. Motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Park Dedication Fee and Ordinance**

Adams stated Staff plans to prepare an ordinance for the January Park Commission meeting that will include some options and a recommendation for changes to the park dedication fee schedule. He noted a few statutory changes may be needed to the ordinance as well.

Discussion was held on revising the commercial cash in lieu fee from the current 10% to 8%. *The Council agreed to direct staff to study further and report to the Park Commission on the preferred option of reducing the commercial fee from 10% to 8%.*

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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T.M. Crosby, Jr., Mayor

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Chad M. Adams, City Administrator-Clerk