

## UNAPPROVED

### COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2012

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#### OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

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Jerry Pierce, 12236 Partridge Street, stated he did not receive a response to his last Open Mic appearance regarding continuing concerns about the handicap accessibility at Bunker Hills. He asked who paid for the retrofitted doors, what the cost was, and why the doors were not included in the original plan. He challenged the Council and select staff to a question/answer forum on City accomplishments over the past six years.

Bruce Nelson, 2961 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue, shared concerns about his property being considered non-homestead and rental property. He said he is currently married and while he has purchased another house he is living at the 2961 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue address. He also brought up concerns about his miscellaneous special assessment fees later on in the agenda.

Mayor Howe stated staff will review and report back regarding the non-homestead property issue but said the special assessment issues were to be address during the Board of Adjustment and Appeals meeting on March 1.

John Smoluch, 9741 Foley Blvd, said he would like to address the Council regarding his special assessment issue. Mayor Howe reiterated that the Council would not be taking public comment regarding any miscellaneous special assessments.

Alan Tucker, 9967 Egret Boulevard, asked when to share his comments on the 2012 Street Reconstruction Project 12-3. Mayor Howe invited him to speak during the public hearing later in the agenda.

#### CALL TO ORDER

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The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of March was called to order by Mayor Tim Howe at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, in the Council Chambers.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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Mayor Howe led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

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Members Present: Mayor Tim Howe, Councilmembers Paul Johnson, Jerry Koch, Bruce Sanders and Scott Schulte

Members Absent: Councilmembers Denise Klint and Melissa Larson

ADOPT AGENDA

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KOCH, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, REMOVING ITEM 1 AND AMENDING ITEM 9A. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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MARCH 6, 2012, WORK SESSION  
MARCH 6, 2012, COUNCIL MEETING

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2012, WORK SESSION MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Koch requested a change on Page 2, noting his statement should read the City is responsible for the mainline and the homeowners are responsible from the mainline to their home. He indicated on Page 7 that Mr. Nellis stated he does not have any iguanas instead of lizards.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2012, COUNCIL MEETING AS AMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

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1. ~~RECEIVE SUBMITTED GAMBLING REPORTS FOR JULY 1 DECEMBER 31, 2011~~
  2. AUTHORIZE FINAL PAYMENT, PROJECT 10-12, COON RAPIDS ICE CENTER, 3A PRECAST WALL PANELS
  3. ACCEPT EASEMENTS FROM JAMES M. STANTON TRUST OVER PORTIONS OF PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG 124<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST OF NORTHDALÉ BOULEVARD
  4. ACCEPT EASEMENT FROM ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM OVER PORTIONS OF PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG SPRINGBROOK DRIVE NW
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KOCH, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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5.      STREET RECONSTRUCTION, VARIOUS COLLECTOR STREETS, PROJECT 12-2:
    - A.      PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSESSMENT HEARING, 7:00 P.M.
    - B.      CONSIDER REQUEST FOR NO ASSESSMENTS FOR 3001-118<sup>TH</sup> LANE NW
    - C.      CONSIDER RESOLUTION ORDERING THE PROJECT
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City Engineer Vierzba presented a memorandum to Council stating the City is proposing street reconstruction on three collector streets in 2012 under this project. A feasibility report has been prepared and was presented to Council on February 21, 2012. Council is requested to hold the public hearing/assessment hearing and then adopt a resolution ordering the project.

There are 2.2 miles of streets proposed for reconstruction under this project as follows—(see map)

1. 119th Avenue --Blackfoot Street to Jonquil Street
2. Northdale Boulevard --west of Crooked Lake Boulevard to 124th Avenue
3. 124th Avenue --west of Northdale Boulevard, a 600-foot length

Council ordered preparation of a feasibility report on January 17, 2012 and received the report on February 21, 2012. The project would propose to replace concrete curb that is in poor condition, install ADA compliant pedestrian curb ramps at all intersections, and repave a new bituminous surface. The City's assessment policy provides for assessment of \$1,575 per home for properties that have direct access to the street. There are only 4 single-family homes to be assessed for this project. There are 15 townhomes and two apartment building sites that are to be assessed based on front-footage at a rate of \$19.69 per foot. There are four commercial sites that access the streets and they are to be assessed based on front-footage at a commercial rate of \$39.38 per foot. These sites include Target Store and Wells Fargo Bank. Assessments would be made over a 10-year period with interest rate of 3.1%. The actual assessment would be adopted by Council on May 15, 2012.

The County is planning to install new traffic signals and widen the intersection at Northdale Boulevard and Crooked Lake Boulevard in 2013. Therefore, a portion of Northdale Boulevard (adjacent to the American Legion) will not be repaved under the City project in 2012, but will be repaved as part of the County project in 2013. Also, Mercy Hospital is planning to develop the site north of Coon Rapids Boulevard and west of Blackfoot Street next year. Therefore, the reconstruction of Blackfoot Street is not going to be included with this project as originally proposed. Blackfoot Street will most likely be included in the 2013 or 2014 program if the development proceeds as planned.

A neighborhood meeting was held on March 12th and no one attended.

Staff has received one phone call from a long-time homeowner (Mr. Tom Compton) on Northdale Boulevard at 3001-118th Lane. The property owner does not believe he should be assessed for improvements to Northdale Boulevard even though his driveway access is to Northdale Boulevard. However, before Northdale Boulevard was improved 25 years ago, the property owner had access to

118th Lane. The City purchased a portion of his property along Northdale Boulevard to build Northdale Boulevard and required him to access Northdale Boulevard. It is much more difficult to access Northdale Boulevard due to the busy traffic (over 13,000 vehicles per day). The homeowner is questioning benefit to his property and would like the City to drop this assessment (\$1,575). This is the only home that has direct access to Northdale Boulevard. Council is requested to consider this request.

Councilmember Schulte questioned if a super majority was required for this project to proceed. City Attorney Hiljus explained in order to approve this project six out of seven Councilmembers would need to vote in favor. He recommended the Council hold the public hearing this evening and take action on the item at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

Mayor Howe opened and closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. since no one appeared to address the Council.

Councilmember Schulte suggested the homeowner at 3001-118<sup>th</sup> Lane not be assessed with this project, as the City forced him to realign his driveway. He recommended the homeowner be assessed when 118<sup>th</sup> Lane was reconstructed.

Councilmember Sanders agreed with this recommendation.

Councilmember Koch questioned if the City had a right to assess the homeowner since his property does not access 118<sup>th</sup> Lane. City Engineer Vierzba stated a letter could be sent to the homeowner explaining the deferral.

City Manager Fulton recommended the City enter into an agreement with the homeowner to defer the assessment until 118<sup>th</sup> Lane was completed. This would assure there were no appeals in the future.

Mayor Howe questioned if the assessment could be deferred until the home sold. Finance Director Legg stated water and sewer hookups have been deferred. City Engineer Vierzba agreed noting the agreement with the City would be the better option for this assessment.

The Council was in agreement with drafting an assessment agreement with the homeowner at 3001 118<sup>th</sup> Lane.

Councilmember Schulte noted he attended a City of Anoka Council meeting where he learned that Anoka assesses \$5,600 for street assessments. He commended the City for its efforts to keep street assessments low and well managed.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO POSTPONE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-2(6A) TO THE APRIL 3, 2012, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6.      2012 STREET RECONSTRUCTION, VARIOUS COLLECTOR STREETS, PROJECT 12-3:
    - A.      PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSESSMENT HEARING, 7:00 P.M.
    - B.      CONSIDER RESOLUTION ORDERING THE PROJECT
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City Engineer Vierzba presented a memorandum to Council stating the City is proposing street reconstruction on five collector streets in 2012 under this project. A feasibility report was presented to Council on February 21, 2012. Council is requested to hold the public hearing/assessment hearing and then adopt the resolution ordering the project.

There are 2.0 miles of streets proposed for reconstruction under this project as follows—(see map)

1. Hanson Boulevard –south of Mississippi Boulevard to 99th Avenue
2. 99th Avenue --east of Hanson Boulevard to Egret Boulevard
3. Egret Boulevard –north of 99th Avenue to frontage road
4. 99th Avenue --west of Foley Boulevard to Coon Rapids Boulevard Extension
5. Springbrook Drive –south of Holly Street (a length of 0.21 mile)

Council ordered preparation of a feasibility report on January 17, 2012 and received the report on February 21st. The project would propose to replace concrete curb that is in poor condition, install ADA compliant pedestrian curb ramps at all intersections, and repave a new bituminous surface. The project would include construction of right-turn lanes on 99th Avenue, west of Foley Boulevard, for northbound traffic at the entrance to the shopping center and for Woodcrest Drive. The project would also include construction of sidewalk on both sides of Springbrook Drive if owners agree to dedicate easements for the sidewalk. The City's assessment policy provides for assessment of \$1,575 per home for properties that have direct access to the street. There are 30 single-family homes to be assessed for this project. There are two apartment building sites that are to be assessed based on front-footage at a rate of \$19.69 per foot. There are 7 commercial sites that access the streets and they are to be assessed based on front-footage at a commercial rate of \$39.38 per foot. State Aid funds can be used to pay for the balance of the cost. Assessments would be made over a 10-year period with interest rate of 3.1%. The actual assessment would be adopted by Council on May 15, 2012.

A neighborhood meeting was held on March 12th and no one attended. There have been no phone calls from property owners objecting to the project or proposed assessment.

Mayor Howe indicated the Council would not be taking action on this item, as it required a super majority vote.

Councilmember Schulte asked how First Advantage Bank, located at 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Foley Boulevard, was being assessed. City Engineer Vierzba noted he was proposing to assess this property for half its width. He stated the other half of its width would be assessed with Woodcrest Drive as the site had access to both roadways.

Mayor Howe questioned if the construction of collector streets differed from residential streets based on the larger volume of traffic on these roadways. City Engineer Vierzba noted the blacktop was thicker to meet these demands.

Mayor Howe opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Alan Tucker, 9967 Egret Boulevard, commented that the park adjacent to his home requires a great deal of on-street parking. He questioned how this situation would be handled this summer. He requested the City address the power concerns to his neighborhood while the street is torn up. City Engineer Vierzba commented parking could be an issue for this park and temporary “No Parking” signs can be posted.

Councilmember Koch questioned if the use of Egret Boulevard could be limited to the homeowners during the time of construction. City Engineer Vierzba did not see how the City could limit parking or traffic from the park. The road would have to remain open to allow for the work, but parking can be restricted.

Mayor Howe asked how long the construction for Egret Boulevard would take. City Engineer Vierzba anticipated this taking six weeks.

Councilmember Johnson requested the Egret Boulevard be watered down to reduce dust for the neighbors. City Engineer Vierzba explained the contractor would be responsible for taking this action.

Mayor Howe questioned if it made sense to push this project back to August or September. City Engineer Vierzba stated he could speak with the County on this issue.

Councilmember Schulte indicated his neighborhood was rehabilitated last summer and the project was done quite well and felt dust was not an issue.

Mayor Howe closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, TO POSTPONE ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 12-3(6A) TO THE APRIL 3, 2012, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7.      2012 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, VARIOUS COLLECTOR STREETS, PROJECT 12-4:
    - A.      PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSESSMENT HEARING, 7:00 P.M.
    - B.      CONSIDER RESOLUTION ORDERING THE PROJECT
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City Engineer Vierzba presented a memorandum to Council stating the City is proposing to work with the City of Andover on street reconstruction on 133rd Avenue, west of Hanson Boulevard, in

2012. This one mile long street is a border street with the City of Andover. The construction project is proposed to be handled by the City of Andover but each City must hold hearings to assess benefiting properties in each City. Council is requested to hold a public hearing and assessment hearing and then adopt a resolution ordering the project.

Council ordered preparation of a feasibility report on January 17, 2012 and accepted the report on February 21st. The project would propose to replace concrete curb that is in poor condition, install ADA compliant pedestrian curb ramps at all intersections, and repave a new bituminous surface. The City's assessment policy provides for assessment of \$1,575 per home for properties that have direct access to the street. There are 3 single-family homes in Coon Rapids to be assessed for this project. Council has approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the City of Andover providing for Andover to bill the City for 50% of the project cost. State Aid funds can be used to pay for the costs not recovered through assessments. Assessments would be made over a 10-year period with interest rate of 3.1%. There have been no objections to the project from the three property owners that would be assessed for this project. Council would adopt the actual assessment on May 15th.

Mayor Howe indicated the Council would not be taking action on this item, as it required a super majority vote.

Councilmember Sanders asked if the City of Andover would be charging an administrative fee for this project. City Engineer Vierzba stated only engineering and contractor expenses would be paid.

Mayor Howe opened and closed the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. since no one appeared to address the Council.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO POSTPONE ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 12-4(6A) TO THE APRIL 3, 2012, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BID OPENINGS AND CONTRACT AWARDS**

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**8.      CONSIDER RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE 2012 SANITARY SEWER LINING PROJECT**

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Public Services Director Gatlin presented a memorandum to Council stating bids were received on March 2, 2012 for the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. Council is requested to consider award of a contract at this time.

On February 8, 2012, Council approved preparation of plans and specifications and ordered advertisement for bids for the next phase of the Sanitary Sewer Lining Program. Our consultant, SEH, prepared the plans for the project. Bids were opened on March 2, 2012. There were five bids received for this project. A summary of the bids is listed below:

Insituform Technologies USA	\$856,077.60
Veit & Company, Inc.	\$886,792.00
Lametti and Sons, Inc.	\$957,879.00
Visu-Sewer	\$1,224,599.25
Michels Corporation	\$1,245,001.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$975,648.20

The low bid was submitted by Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. Their bid of \$856,077.60 is \$119,570.60 or approximately 14% less than the engineer's estimate. Insituform has done sanitary sewer and watermain lining for the City in the past and has done a good job. A letter of recommendation for award of a contract from SEH, Inc. has been given to the City. Based upon staff and consultant review, it is recommended that the contract for this project be awarded to Insituform Technologies. If Council awards the contract, work will begin in summer of 2012 and be completed by fall of this year.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-8(9) AWARDING A CONTRACT TO INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES USA, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$856,077.60 FOR THE 2012 SANITARY SEWER LINING PROJECT.**

Mayor Howe requested a brief description on how this process was completed. Public Services Director Gatlin described the process of sanitary sewer lining to the Council.

Councilmember Schulte questioned how much more clay pipe the City had to reline in the City. Public Services Director Gatlin noted the City had 80 miles of clay pipe in the City. He estimated the City has approximately three to four more years of relining.

Councilmember Schulte asked how many of the watermains within the City needed relining. Public Services Director Gatlin noted the City was just beginning to review the watermains. He noted a different process was used for watermain relining, as temporary water service was necessary. He added staff was drafting a program for these projects.

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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9. MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:
  - A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-46 ADOPTING 2012 (1B) MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (CONTESTED MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS-ONE YEAR)
  - B. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-47 ADOPTING 2012 (1B) MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (CONTESTED MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS-

THREE-YEAR)

Finance Director Legg presented a memorandum requesting the Council consider the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals on contested miscellaneous special assessments are referred to the City Council for adoption.

As you know, after the assessment hearing on miscellaneous assessments was held on February 8, 2012, property owners who were objecting to their assessments were referred to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals for review at their meeting on March 1, 2012. After the Board of Adjustment and Appeals heard objections on March 1, 2012, the following recommendations have been made (names in bold were in attendance, all others were not present):

Case #	Address/PIN#	Assessment(s)	Board of Adj. Recommendation
12-03V	Bruce Nelson 2961 121 <sup>st</sup> Avenue NW 09-31-24-31-0080	Citation Fee-No Rental License-\$530.00 Citation Fee-No Rental License - \$1,030.00	Affirm Assessments-\$1,560.00
12-04V	Gerald & Penny Patt 2121 109 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW 15-31-24-34-0138	Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$330.00 Removal & Disposal-\$411.00	Affirm Assessments-\$741.00
12-05V	<b>Derek Glowacki</b> 10024 Cottonwood Street NW 25-31-24-11-0020	Citation Fee-Mowing/Weed-\$330.00	Affirm Assessment-\$330.00
12-07V	Barbara Curry 2190 Coon Rapids Blvd. 22-31-24-24-0068	Citation Fee-Expired Tabs-\$330.00 Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$330.00	Affirm Assessments-\$660.00
12-08V	<b>Leslie Price</b> 1947 108 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW 22-31-24-12-0065	Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$300.00 Removal & Disposal-\$383.50	Affirm Assessments-\$683.50 Paid off on 3/6/12
12-09V	<b>Jon Smoluch</b> 10522 Foley Blvd. NW 24-31-24-13-0108	Excessive Consumption-\$180.00 Citation Fee-Excited Tabs-\$330.00 Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$330.00 Removal & Disposal-\$353.50 Citation Fee-Expired Tabs-\$630.00 Citation Fee-Expired Tabs-\$630.00 Citation Fee-No Garbage Service-\$330.00 Citation Fee-No Garbage Service-\$330.00	Affirm Assessments-\$3,113.50

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12-10V	Derrek Rand Abendroth 10640 Arrowhead Street NW 21-31-24-13-0007	Citation Fee-Parking off Pavement-\$630.00 Citation Fee-Parking off Pavement-1,230.00 Citation Fee-Parking off Pavement-\$1,230.00	Affirm Assessment-\$3,090.00
12-11V	<b>Larisa Pokhilchuk</b> 11734 Jonquil Street NW 09-31-24-33-0057	Citation Fee-Parking off Pavement-\$300.00 Citation Fee-Blvd. Encroachments-\$300.00 Citation Fee-Parking off Pavement-\$300.00 Citation Fee-Blvd. Encroachments-\$300.00	Affirm Assessments-\$1,200.00 Paid off on 3/7/12
12-12V	Thomas Durkin 11106 Hanson Blvd. NW 15-31-24-31-0009	Citation Fee-No Garbage Service-\$630.00 Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal -\$330.00 Citation Fee-Parking off Pavement-\$330.00	Affirm Assessments-\$1,290.00.
12-13V	Jeanann & Kimmarie Hagen 2441 112 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW 16-31-24-41-0098	Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$330.00 Citation Fee-Expired Tabs-\$330.00	Affirm Assessments-\$660.00
12-14V	<b>Mayli Vang</b> 1093 94 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW 26-31-24-43-0040	Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$330.00 Removal & Disposal-\$361.00	Affirm Assessments-\$691.00
12-15V	Jolly Kemet 422 109 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW 24-31-24-21-0063	Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$630.00 Removal & Disposal-\$1,016.00 Citation Fee-Expired Tabs-\$330.00	Affirm Assessment-\$1,976.00
12-16V	Carly Hanson 10521 Palm Street NW 23-31-24-41-0054	Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$330.00 Removal & Disposal-\$418.50	Affirm Assessment-\$748.50
N/A	David Shimota 2372 123 <sup>rd</sup> Circle NW 09-31-24-11-0025	Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$330.00 Citation Fee-Removal & Disposal-\$630.00	Appeal invalid-appeal submitted too late \$960.00 to assessed
N/A	Al Assedy Nasir 761 124 <sup>th</sup> Lane NW 12-31-24-22-0075	Citation Fee-Mowing/Weed-\$180.00	Appeal invalid-renter (not owner) submitted appeal \$180.00 to be assessed

Mayor Howe indicated all residents with outstanding special assessments were sent a notice to attend the Board of Adjustment and Appeals meeting. He requested staff discuss the appellant's next course of action. City Attorney Hiljus stated the next step under State Law would be to file an action with District Court. This would have to be filed within 30 days of the Council approving the assessments. Failure to follow the correct process would have the matter overruled in District Court.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHULTE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-46A ADOPTING 2012(1B) MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (CONTESTED MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS-ONE YEAR); AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 12-47 ADOPTING 2012(1B) MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (CONTESTED MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS-THREE YEAR).**

Councilmember Sanders asked staff to correct the term under 12-09V to "expired" tabs.

Mayor Howe thanked the Board of Adjustments and Appeals for hearing the comments at their last meeting.

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **10. APPROVE EAST RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY**

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Community Development Director Nevinski requested the Council consider approval of the East River Road Corridor Study. Representatives from Kimley-Horn will provide a short presentation.

Over the past year, staff, along with Councilmembers Johnson and Schulte, have worked with the Anoka County Highway Department and the City of Fridley on a corridor study of East River Road. The study's scope ranged from Highway 610 in Coon Rapids south to Interstate I-694 in Fridley. The issues considered were similar to the issues considered in the Coon Rapids Boulevard corridor study in 2009-2010, which generally reviewed the corridor capacity, safety and access, and appearance. The study will set the foundation for the future funding, reconstruction, and upgrade of East River Road. It also provides a basis for the cities along the corridor to make both policy and capital investment decisions.

The general conclusions of the study are:

- Residents along the corridor value its residential character and do not wish to see it change.
- East River Road will not be widened, although there may be impacts to certain blocks or properties.
- Limiting access to the corridor according to county spacing guidelines will increase safety and traffic flow. However, this will change traffic patterns within neighborhoods.

- The study establishes a "visual quality" plan for the corridor to enhance its appearance.

Few issues exist along the Coon Rapids section of East River Road, and impacts will be minimal. The most notable impacts will be a conversion of full access to "three-quarters" access at 84th Lane and Larch Streets, which primarily impacts the neighborhood in the southeast quadrant of East River Road and 85th Ave. Drivers northbound on East River Road will have right-in/right-out access from these streets, and drivers southbound on East River Road will be able to make a left hand turn into the neighborhood. However, drivers wishing to travel southbound on East River Road from the neighborhood will need to proceed to 85th Avenue and out to the stoplight.

The study also suggests extending Palm Street north, through Kennedy Park, to align with 85th Avenue. Some evaluation of this proposal should occur with the Parks Plan update. Similarly, the study suggested that 85th Lane be redirected south to 85th Ave. The City owns right-of-way in the neighborhood, making this recommendation relatively feasible. A median at 87th Lane was opposed by the neighborhood and the study recommends monitoring the data for this intersection. Finally, the extension of a pathway along 85th Avenue from East River Road to Springbrook Nature Center was repeatedly brought up by residents at meetings and open houses. The City of Coon Rapids' most recent grant application to the DNR to fund a trail extension was denied, but the City will, with reasonable confidence of success, resubmit the application later this year.

Finally, it is important to know that the time horizon for the implementation of this study's recommendations is approximately ten to fifteen years. Improvements will occur incrementally, and will be funded mainly by federal dollars. Improvements may be small, such as closing a particular median, or large, such as the reconstruction of several miles of roadway.

Dan Coyle, Kimley-Horn, discussed the detailed findings within the East River Road Corridor Study with the Council. He reviewed the section of the City included in the study. The first recommendation was to have the median opening at Larch Street be changed to a three-quarter access. A full access would remain at Mississippi Boulevard. He discussed the proposed changes at 84<sup>th</sup> Lane. One item for discussion was the extension of Palm Street to 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue through Kennedy Park. This was a recommendation at this time and not a certainty.

Mr. Coyle reviewed the trail recommendations for the East River Road Corridor. He reviewed proposed costs for the project stating the portion of East River Road in Coon Rapids would cost approximately \$10 million to reconstruct. He then requested the Council approve the study, which would allow the County to review the plans and apply for funding.

Kate Garwood, Anoka County Highway Department, thanked the Council for supporting the East River Road Corridor Study. In addition she thanked Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Schulte for serving on this corridor study committee. She felt the process went well and noted the County would continue to work to prioritize the safety issues within the study and would be seeking funding to implement the plan.

Mayor Howe thanked Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Schulte for agreeing to serve on

this East River Road Corridor Study Committee.

Councilmember Koch questioned when the City would need to make a decision regarding Kennedy Park. Ms. Garwood stated this segment of the corridor would have to be reviewed on a larger scale before any decisions were made. This would be brought back to the Council before any action was taken. She stated support from the City, Police and Fire Department would be needed.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, TO APPROVE THE EAST RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY.**

Councilmember Johnson said he was pleased with the excellent work completed on the study.

Councilmember Schulte agreed stating all parties involved worked well together.

**THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF QUINCE STREET AND 105<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BETWEEN 104<sup>TH</sup> LANE AND PALM STREET NW**

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Public Services Director Gatlin presented a memorandum to Council stating the City received a request for parking restrictions on Quince Street and 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 104<sup>th</sup> Lane and Palm Street. Council is asked to introduce an ordinance restricting parking in this location.

A resident contacted the City regarding vehicles parked along Quince Street and 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue. His concern was because of the many driveways in the area, vehicles cannot park safely especially in the 90 degree turn on this section of roadway. The Traffic Review Committee viewed the area and initially felt that formal parking restrictions were not needed. City Code currently prohibits parking in front of mailboxes and across from driveway openings. The Committee felt that current City Code provided enough parking prohibition instead of taking additional action to restrict parking that was not needed in the area.

The resident requested that we view the situation with him in the field. At that time we observed several vehicles parked across from driveway openings. These cars were not technically parked directly across from driveways, but close enough to driveway openings to cause access difficulty. Also, cars were parked adjacent to mailboxes but not directly in front of the mailboxes. Where these vehicles were parked would make it difficult for mail to be delivered.

After reviewing the situation again in the field, staff believes that parking restrictions should be imposed so that there is no confusion as to where parking is allowed. It is recommended that parking be restricted at all times on both sides of the street for the entire block on Quince Street and 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 104<sup>th</sup> Lane and Palm Street.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Howe declared the ordinance to have been introduced.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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Mayor Howe indicated City Attorney Hiljus has been appointed a District Court Judge in Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District. He congratulated him on his achievement and thanked him for his years of service to the City of Coon Rapids. City Attorney Hiljus thanked the Council and noted his last day with the City would be April 6, 2012.

**ADJOURN**

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**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KOCH,  
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Tim Howe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk