



*Special Council Meeting - 6:15 p.m.*

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**Tuesday, January 29, 2013**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Coon Rapids City Center**  
**Conference Room 1**

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**Call to Order**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.04, subd. 2, the City Council will meet in work session to discuss the following:

1. Potential Discussion Topics for Future Legislative Meeting
2. Parks/Trail Master Plan Discussion

**Other Business**

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**City Council Work Session**

**1.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/29/2013

**Subject:** Potential Discussion Topics for Future Legislative Meeting

**Submitted For:** Steve Gatlin, City Manager

**From:** Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

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**INTRODUCTION**

Council is asked to review potential discussion topics for the upcoming Legislative work session in February.

**DISCUSSION**

Council was going to meet in work session with Coon Rapids legislators on January 29 but due to a scheduling conflict the meeting has been tentatively moved to the February 26 work session. Staff is suggesting that Council review some potential discussion topics so a formal agenda can be established for that meeting. Following are some topics that could be included:

Comprehensive Tax Reform

- Property Taxes
- Fiscal Disparities Program
- Local Government Aid (LGA)
- Loss of Tax Capacity
- Sales Tax

Transportation Funding

Also attached is a Legislative Action Plan that was distributed at a recent North Metro Mayors Association meeting with regards to Financial Policy, Transportation System Improvements, Governance, and Community and Economic Development.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council direction is requested.

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**Attachments**

**NMMA Legislative Action Plan**

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## **NMMA LEGISLATIVE ACTION PLAN 2013-2014**

### **FINANCIAL POLICY:**

1. Work with the Governor, the NMMA Legislative Delegation and other interested local units of government to reform certain onerous unfunded state mandates, with special focus on storm water permitting and legal notice publication requirements.
2. Work with the Governor and NMMA Legislative Delegation to reform onerous unfunded state mandates, e.g., storm water permitting and legal notice publication requirements.
3. Advocate for NMMA perspectives in debates over comprehensive tax reform proposals.

### **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Assist the North Metro TH 610 Crossing Coalition to secure the necessary funds to complete TH 610 in part by ensuring that the Governor, Legislature and Mn/DOT designate TH 610 a first priority transportation project for funding.
2. Assist the North Metro I-35W Corridor Coalition in securing funding for implementation of results from the Managed Lane Study between Minneapolis and Forest Lake.
3. Assist the City of Ramsey, Anoka County, and Mn/DOT in securing funding for the construction of the Armstrong Blvd. (CR83) and U.S. Highway 10 interchange.
4. Work with Mn/DOT, Legislative leadership and transportation committees, Governor's administration, Metropolitan Council, Minnesota Transportation Alliance and key Congress members and staff to secure increased transportation funding as recommended by the Governor's Transportation Finance Advisory Committee.
5. Work with the Cities of Dayton, Maple Grove, surrounding communities, Hennepin and Anoka Counties, Mn/DOT & the Metro Council to resolve area transportation system improvement issues.

### **GOVERNANCE:**

1. Work with the League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities and other local government partners in a collaborative manner to advance key local governmental legislative objectives.
2. Conduct Legislative Candidate forums in NMMA member City districts so as to inform Candidates on NMMA issues and to assist voters in determining their choices,
3. Host NMMA Legislative Delegation meeting early in each Legislative Session and as needed and work with the Delegation to advance NMMA legislative goals and objectives.
4. Engage NMMA Community Partners in Legislative efforts to more effectively carry the NMMA message to elected officials and the Governor's administration.

### **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

1. Lead efforts to promote public and private sector investments in the North Metro Area by cosponsoring a regional "Summit" conference for prospective private investors in collaboration with current business partners and area Chambers of Commerce.



**City Council Work Session**

**2.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/29/2013

**Subject:** Parks/Trail Master Plan Discussion

**Submitted For:** Steve Gatlin, City Manager

**From:** Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

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**INTRODUCTION**

Staff will provide Council with an update on the Parks/Trail Master Plan.

**DISCUSSION**

An update of action steps on the Parks/Trail Master Plan since the last work session will be shared.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is necessary; this is for Council information only.

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