

5) Review Appraisal of Former Municipal Center

City Administrator Ulrich reviewed the staff report. He added Staff has been working informally with a local landowner who owns several properties in the area. This landowner may be interested in combining this parcel with his current holdings. He noted a new station would cost \$2.5 million.

Councilmember Wise inquired what the \$2.5 million would entail and whether there are drawings yet.

Fire Chief Kapler stated there are preliminary drawings from when the department moved to the new Municipal Building. He said he would recommend a space needs analysis be completed. The \$2.5 million figure includes some estimation. He emphasized the preliminary plans are conceptual and not usable for a definitive plan at this point.

City Administrator Ulrich noted the City would work with an architect. He said there is an item in the CIP to begin planning on the architecture of this item.

Consensus was reached to explore the possibility of a land swap with a private owner. In addition, a space needs analysis will be conducted. City Administrator Ulrich stated he will research the legal aspects of a land swap.

6) Consider EPB Annual Work Plan

Environmental Coordinator Anderson reviewed the staff report. He noted the Board is looking to the Council for direction of what they should do in the future.

Councilmember Wise mentioned there has been a lot of discussion regarding stormwater runoff with potential developments in The COR.

Discussion took place regarding potential systems that could be of benefit.

Councilmember Elvig mentioned the TAC Board and stated he was pleased the Development Manager was part of the TAC Board. He asked if any EPB members would like to be part of the TAC Board. He stated he would like the EPB to come up with ideas that would assist the preservation level of what they have done so far. He would like the two Boards to collaborate.

Mayor Ramsey mentioned there are community gardens and he would like to have the EPB start collaborating with the garden clubs.

Councilmember McGlone suggested they collaborate with Scouts, and nurseries. He added the Board should get out in the community and make citizens more aware of what they do.

Councilmember Backous commented the Board could collaborate with the schools and colleges or technical schools in the area. He stated he likes the idea of trail markers and information

pieces along trails. He further suggested working on environmental issues regarding shorelines and pollution along the river.

Mayor Ramsey suggested a kiosk or display to educate the public on what to look for in oak wilt and noxious weed.

Councilmember Tossey noted the fishing and hunting groups may be groups to work with on conservation.

City Administrator Ulrich noted the City is partnering with the Game Fair and offered the EPB a space at the Fair. It could be a good opportunity for the community to be involved.

Councilmember Elvig stated he would prefer to see this item on the Council agenda as opposed to the Consent Agenda.

Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated the point of the topsoil ordinance the City passed was to reduce the consumption of water. He explained there are soil moisture sensors that can help the homeowner know when to put in irrigation and in what areas. He offered if the Council would like to pursue this program, the EPB Board could explore that option.

Mayor Ramsey commented on the Coon Rapids Dam with the Asian carp. He asked if this would be appropriate for the EPB to consider.

Environmental Coordinator Anderson responded it could be beneficial to have collaboration with State studies on the Asian carp. He also suggested it would be helpful to translate those studies into layman's terms.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Review Future Topics/Calendar

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

Mayor Ramsey discussed the EDA appointment. He noted there was one interview the previous week. The candidate had a great background. He said he is undecided which candidate to choose at this point.

Councilmember Backous suggested a term limit be discussed as a matter of policy in the near future.

Deputy City Administrator Nelson noted the Northstar Corridor Transit Development Orientation Tour is this coming Thursday afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT