

**Greenwood City Council  
Worksession Minutes**

6:00 pm, Tuesday, November 13, 2012  
Deephaven City Hall ~ 20225 Cottagewood Avenue ~ Deephaven, MN 55331

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Approval Agenda

Mayor Kind called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Council members present: Cook, Quam and Page  
Others present: City Clerk Karpas

Quam moved to approve the agenda. Second by Page. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Canvass General Election Results

Mayor Kind presented Resolution 29-12 outlining the results of the November 6 General Election for city offices indicating the she had been re-elected to serve an additional two years for Mayor and Bill Cook and Rob Roy had been elected to serve four-year terms as Councilmembers.

**Cook moved, Quam seconded, Adopting RESOLUTION NO. 29-12, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Greenwood, Canvassing the November 6, 2012 General Election Results.” Motion passed 4/0.**

3. Consider: Resolution 28-12 Variances Findings of Fact, Chip and Kathy Fisher, 5185 Greenwood Circle

Mayor Kind presented the proposed findings for the approval of the Fisher variance. She said it reflected the action taken by the Council at its November 7 meeting.

**Cook moved, Quam seconded, Adopting RESOLUTION NO. 28-12, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Greenwood, Minnesota Acting as the Board of Appeals and Adjustments, for real property located at 5185 Greenwood Circle setting out the findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding the Chip and Kathy Fisher variances to side, front, and lake yard setbacks, impervious surface and maximum structure volume to permit construction of a new home on an existing lot.” Motion carried 3/1.**

4. Consider: Response to Draft 2013 Proposed Plan for Additional AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Prevention Programs

Mayor Kind summarized the issue and gave a brief overview of her proposed response on behalf of the city to the proposed draft AIS plan. She asked if the Council had any questions or comments. Councilmember Quam asked where the money quoted in the draft plan was coming from. Mayor Kind said the funds would come from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD).

Councilmember Page took exception to the comment regarding the effectiveness of inspection program and questioned how it can be proven that some of the AIS have come in on boats. Mayor Kind believes the inspections haven't worked and doesn't feel the \$250,000 budgeted is enough to pay for 24/7 inspections. Page said that most large water bodies within the state have inspections programs and said there are a number of AIS not in our watershed district due to the inspection program. He feels the budgeted amount will be used to enhance the existing inspection program. Kind said it's not clear what lakes would be covered under the proposed

program. Councilmember Quam asked where the funding would come from. Mayor Kind said the MCWD would provide the funding but that it was unclear whether they would be raising their tax levy or not. Page said the funding would provide increased inspections within the existing program and noted that Lake Minnetonka is the largest water body within that program. He said he doesn't support the bullet points. Kind offered to remove the top four bullet points referencing the inspection program but would like to keep the bullet point supporting the lake sticker concept. Page said he's not sure he supports the lake sticker program but he's supportive of some type of sticker/seal program. The Council agreed on amended language in support of a sticker/seal program for AIS control.

Councilmember Page indicated he did not like the last bullet point in the memo referring to the city's opposition to the use of taxpayer money for lobbying efforts. He felt that's exactly what the city wants. Mayor Kind said she meant to remove that bullet point.

Mayor Kind discussed the Self-Certification Program contained in the draft plan. She said the plan noted a violation would result in a permit being revoked for an unspecified amount of time. She believes this is too lenient. She believes the city should support a stronger penalty. Councilman Cook asked what the MCWD means by a "negligent" violation. The council consensus was that the language in the city's response should specify support for stronger penalties for "any" violation.

The Council discussed the Communications portion of the draft plan. They agreed the proposed budget is sufficient and that communications is key in the ongoing efforts to control AIS. Councilmember Page noted that the MCWD donated a portion of their Communications budget last year to the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) for inspectors, calling that "communications." Councilmember Cook asked if the city should encourage the MCWD to actually spend their entire communications budget on communications. Page said he would support communication in the form of increased ramp signage and the like. Councilmember Quam suggested including a positive statement about the importance of communication in combating AIS and maybe indicating adding to the existing communication tools. The Council agreed to amend the letter to reference additional, effective communication methods.

Mayor Kind said the last paragraph discussed the city's opposition to the adoption of a new tax levy to fund AIS programs. Councilmember Page said the MCWD's proposed plan does not specify how these programs are to be funded and maybe the letter should ask the MCWD for clarification on their funding methods. The Council agreed.

Mayor Kind said she would make the amendments to the letter and asked the Council if they would be agreeable to her sending it out since it needs to be received by the MCWD prior to the Council's next meeting.

**Page moved, Cook seconded, Approval of the revised letter to the MCWD regarding 2013 AIS prevention programs. Motion carried 4/0.**

## 5. Adjournment

Page moved to adjourn the work session. Second by Quam. The work session adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Gus Karpas  
City Clerk