

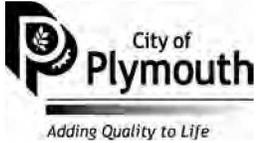
**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
AGENDA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
MEDICINE LAKE CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. TOPICS

- A. Discuss Council goals and legislative priorities for 2012
- B. Set Future Study Sessions

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To: Mayor and City Council

**SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Prepared by: Laurie Ahrens, City Manager

January 17, 2012

Item: **Discuss Goals and Priorities**

1. ACTION REQUESTED:

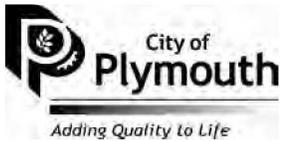
Adopt 2012 Council Goals and Priorities.

2. BACKGROUND:

Each year, the City Council establishes goals and legislative priorities. The 2011 list is attached as a starting point for discussion. Please bring your desired goals to the meeting.

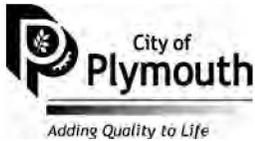
3. ATTACHMENTS:

2011 Goals and Priorities



2011 City Council Goals

- **Monitor Economic Challenges.** Continue to evaluate and prioritize services. Seek innovative solutions to maintain high quality core services, promote financial transparency and protect Plymouth's strong financial position and quality of life.
- **Protect Plymouth's Strong Financial Position.** Maintain Plymouth's fiscal health by crafting long-term revenue and expenditure plans to ensure sustainable operations at a fair and equitable tax rate.
- **Increase Efficiency of Services.** Explore partnerships with neighboring communities, school districts, and other agencies to decrease costs through shared services and eliminate duplicate efforts. Streamline business processes through the use of technology, including website enhancements, e-permits and expanded credit card processing. Evaluate community trends and consider associated facility and service needs.
- **Promote Transportation Solutions.** Focus on the advancement of the following projects: third lane on I-494, study of Highway 169 between I-494 and I-94, and improvements to Highway 55. Evaluate transit and adjust service levels to maintain suburban transit and meet legislative changes. Evaluate transit service proposals and award a contract.
- **Pursue Northwest Greenway.** Continue to acquire property for the Northwest Greenway and parks, as directed by voter referendum.
- **Continue Environmental Initiatives.** Collaborate with watershed agencies to ensure effective progress on water quality mandates. Continue energy conservation efforts in city buildings. Evaluate recycling services and award a contract.
- **Continue Proactive Public Safety Initiatives.** Continue proactive policing strategies using technology and collaboration to promote and enhance livability. Build on the successes of fire prevention and fire service programs for a safe community.
- **Protect the City's Infrastructure Investment.** Ensure that the city can protect and enhance the useful life of streets and utilities. Continue to monitor financial resources and economic conditions, and consider timing with regard to infrastructure needs. Analyze and implement amended pavement management plan.
- **Consider Development and Redevelopment Requests.** Continue to carefully consider land use related to development and redevelopment to ensure a well planned community with a varied tax base. Plan the infrastructure to serve future development in northwest Plymouth.



2011 Legislative Priorities

I. TRANSPORTATION

- A. To efficiently transport commuters and promote business growth, the city encourages the legislature to identify long-term funding sources with growth potential to allow for the construction and maintenance of efficient transit and highway systems. Specifically, Plymouth supports the following:
 1. Third lane expansion on I-494 from Highway 55 to I-94, the only portion of I-494 with two lanes. The city opposes a managed third lane for I-494.
 2. The city supports preservation of suburban transit, and the expansion of the transit taxing district.
 3. The city encourages improvements to Highways 169 and 55.

II. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

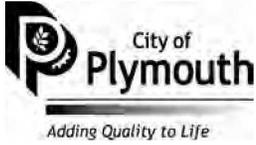
- A. **Day Care Facilities in Residential Areas.** The city encourages the amendment or clarification of MN Stat. 245A.14, Subd. 1, to require that a residential day care facility must be accessory to the principal use of a residential property and the business must be operated by residents of the residential structure.
- B. **Vehicle Miles Traveled.** The city opposes legislation mandating comprehensive plan amendments that includes requirements to calculate, monitor and reduce vehicle miles traveled to a previous date.
- C. **Variances.** The city supports clarification of the variance statute in light of the recent Supreme Court case, *Krummenacher v. City of Minnetonka*. The ruling prevents local governments from issuing variances unless the applicant can show that their property cannot be put to a reasonable use without the variance. This interpretation is too narrow, usurps local control, and makes it very difficult for residents and businesses to improve their properties.

III. PUBLIC SAFETY

- A. **Maintain Judicial System Funding.** The city strongly encourages support for full judicial system funding as it relates to pre- and post-sentencing impacts and retaining the Minnesota 4th District Ridgedale Courthouse.
- B. **Fire State Aid (2% Fund).** The city supports the continued distribution of Fire State Aid accumulated from insurance premium dues (2% funds) to fund firefighter pensions. Additionally, the city supports the continuation of state funding for fire training and education activities.

IV. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- A. **Local Control.** The city opposes legislation that erodes local control or creates mandates without a corresponding state appropriation or funding mechanism.
1. **Mandates.** Remove unnecessary reporting and other mandates and provide a funding source for state-required mandates.
 2. **Levy Limits.** The city opposes levy limits. State-imposed limits on local decision making are inconsistent with local accountability.
 3. **Market Value Homestead Credit.** The city supports payment of MVHC directly to the homeowner (not using cities as a conduit) in order to improve transparency and eliminate unpredictability in budgeting. If the State is not going to reimburse cities for this payment, the program should be eliminated.
 4. **Property Tax Freezes.** The city urges the Legislature to consider the tax shifting that would occur under proposals for tax freezes to specific classes of property.
- B. **Buy American Law.** Clarify the law that requires purchased uniforms and safety equipment be manufactured in the U.S. There is a limited supply of American uniform, specialized technology, and equipment manufacturers who are able to meet required specifications. This unfunded mandate has unknown consequences.
- C. **Sales Tax Exemption on Local Government Purchases.** The city supports legislation to reinstate the sales tax exemption for all local government purchases.
- D. **Utility Relocations.** The city supports efforts to ensure relocation of utilities in a timely manner, efforts to increase service reliability, as well as indemnification from fees and fines when relocation is beyond the city's span of control.
- E. **Metropolitan Council.** The Metropolitan Council is comprised of 16 members appointed by the Governor. The City supports an effective Metropolitan Council that ensures the highest level of accountability to taxpayers, businesses, and local units of government within the metropolitan region. The City supports this same accountability for other non-elected boards with regulatory and planning powers.
- F. **Ice Arena Mandates.** The City opposes far-reaching regulations that would mandate alarm and ventilation systems on all ice arenas. Plymouth has invested in electric equipment to ensure healthy air quality, and the alarm and ventilation equipment would be costly and unnecessary.



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To: Mayor and City Council

**SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Prepared by: Laurie Ahrens, City Manager

January 17, 2012

Item: **Set Future Study Sessions**

1. ACTION REQUESTED:

Review the list of pending study session items and schedule dates as desired. Calendars are attached for your use.

Pending Study Session Topics

(at least 3 Council members have approved the following study items on the list)

- Fire Study
- Discuss trails
- Redistricting

Other requests for study session topics:

- Update with City Manager (summer 2012)
- Update on Northwest Greenway acquisition (after 5/1/12)
- Funding infrastructure improvements in Northwest Plymouth

January 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1  NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 NEW YEAR'S DAY Observed CITY OFFICES CLOSED	3 6:00 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Discuss Proposals for Peony Lane/Lawndale Lane Project Medicine Lake Room	4 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	5	6	7
8	9	10 5:30 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING* Medicine Lake Room 7:00 PM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers	11 7:00 PM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE (EQC) MEETING Council Chambers	12 7:00 PM PARK & REC ADVISORY COMMISSION (PRAC) MEETING Council Chambers	13	14
15	16  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY Observed CITY OFFICES CLOSED	17 6:00 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Discuss Council Goals and Legislative Priorities for 2012 Medicine Lake Room	18 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	19	20 CANCELLED SKATE WITH THE MAYOR Parkers Lake	21
22	23	24 5:30 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Discuss Private Utilities for Silverthorn Medicine Lake Room 7:00 PM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers	25 7:00 PM PLYMOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSIT (PACT) STUDY SESSION Medicine Lake Room	26 7:00 PM HRA MEETING Medicine Lake Room	27	28
29	30	31				

* Receive update from the City's prosecutor

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February 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	2 6:00 PM BOARD AND COMMISSION REC- OGNITION EVENT Plymouth City Hall 7:30 PM CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING Medicine Lake Room	3	4 2:00 PM FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL Parkers Lake
5	6	7 7:00 PM PRECINCT CAUCUSES	8 7:00 PM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE (EQC) MEETING Council Chambers	9 7:00 PM PARK & REC ADVISORY COMMISSION (PRAC) MEETING Council Chambers	10	11
12	13	14 7:00 PM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers	15 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	16 7:00 PM HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING Medicine Lake Room	17	18
19	20  PRESIDENTS DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED	21 5:30 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING* Medicine Lake Room	22 7:00 PM PLYMOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSIT (PACT) MEETING Medicine Lake Room	23 7:00 PM POLICE DEPT. ANNUAL RECOGNITION EVENT Plymouth Creek Center 7:00 PM HRA MEETING Medicine Lake Room	24	25
26	27	28 7:00 PM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers	29			

- * Parkers Lake Cemetery
- * Street Lighting Rates
- * Noise Ordinance
- * Hotel Registration Ordinance
- * City Manager Update

CHANGES ARE NOTED IN RED

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OFFICIAL CITY CALENDAR

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March 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 9:00 AM– 12:00 PM CITY SAMPLER Plymouth City Hall
4	5	6	7 7:30 AM STATE OF THE CITY MEETING Council Chambers 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	8	9	10
11 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	12	13 7:00 PM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers	14 7:00 PM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE (EQC) MEETING Council Chambers	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 7:00 PM PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Council Chambers	22 5:30–8:00 PM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FAIR Kimberly Lane Elementary School 7:00 PM HRA MEETING Medicine Lake Room	23	24
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