

**Adopted Minutes
Special Council Meeting
March 11, 2014**

Mayor Slavik called a Special Meeting of the Plymouth City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Medicine Lake Room of City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Boulevard, on March 11, 2014.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Slavik, Councilmembers Wosje, Stein, Bildsoe, Johnson, and Prom.

ABSENT: Councilmember Willis.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Callister, Administrative Services Director Fischer, Public Works Director Cote, Park and Recreation Director Evans, Human Resources Manager Kone, Assistant City Engineer Renneberg, Transit/Solid Waste Manager Hellekson, and City Clerk Engdahl.

Modifications to Minnesota's 218 Agreement to Allow Councilmembers to Contribute to Social Security and Medicare

Human Resources Manager Kone stated State and Federal guidelines permit local elected officials to participate in PERA's Defined Contribution Plan and FICA simultaneously once the City has requested a modification of Minnesota's Section 218 Agreement. Several of Plymouth's Councilmembers participate in both plans; therefore, the Council must request a modification to Minnesota 218's Agreement to enable these Councilmembers to continue to participate in both plans. She noted that Mayor Slavik and Councilmember Stein who were elected prior to June 30, 2002 and who have served continuously are required to participate in FICA and may not un-enroll or request a refund of past contributions. She requested direction from the Council on whether they desire to request modification to Minnesota's 218 Agreement.

After Council discussion, the Council took no action on this item.

Suburban Transit Authority Update

James Clark, with Messerling and Kramer, provided a Suburban Transit Authority update and its recent endorsement of Move Minnesota Initiative. This endorsement essentially allowed Suburban Transit Authority to have a voice at the table to discuss transit funding. He stated there is a proposed bill, but it probably won't have much movement at the legislature this year but rather in 2015. He noted transit funding would receive a direct percentage increase of 4% for Metro Transit and Suburban Transit providers. In addition there would be a .75% increase in gas tax in the metro area that would fund rail projects and expansion of bus services.

The Council thanked Mr. Clark for the update.

Set Future Study Sessions

The Council scheduled the following study sessions:

April 22 at 5:00 p.m.:

- Emerald Ash Borer program update
- Met Council Thrive 2040

May 13 at 5:30 p.m.:

- Joint meeting with HRA to discuss potential HRA development of City-owned properties

In addition, the Council canceled the July 8 Council meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Slavik adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.



Sandra R. Engdahl, City Clerk