

M I N U T E S
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 5, 1975

A special meeting of the Plymouth City Council was called to order by Mayor Hilde at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Public Works Building, 14900 Twenty-third Avenue North, on February 5, 1975.

PRESENT: Mayor Hilde, Councilmen Hunt, Neils, Seibold and Spaeth, Manager Willis, Engineer Goldberg, Planner Dillerud, Consulting Engineer Olson.

ABSENT: None.

The Manager reviewed the proposed budget for the Human Rights Commission Affirmative Action Workshop, scheduled for March 11, 1975.

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
- AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
WORKSHOP**

MOTION was made by Councilman Neils, seconded by Councilman Seibold, to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 75-91, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AFFIRMATIVE ACTION WORKSHOP BUDGET AS SUBMITTED.** Motion carried on a roll call vote, five ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-91

Councilman Seibold reported that he had contacted other cities regarding City Manager compensation, as requested by the Council.

**CITY MANAGER'S
COMPENSATION**

MOTION was made by Mayor Hilde, seconded by Councilman Spaeth, to adopt a resolution increasing the City Manager's compensation by \$2,000 per year.

Council discussed the effective date of an increase for the Manager, and further, when the Manager's salary should be reviewed. Council indicated that they preferred to review the Manager's compensation level after the first of the year, because of the amount of work at the beginning of the year, and secondly, because new Council members would not be in a position to adequately review the Manager's performance.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Seibold, seconded by Councilman Neils, to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 75-92, A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE MANAGER'S COMPENSATION TO \$31,500, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1975; AND FURTHER, SCHEDULING THE NEXT REVIEW FOR CONSIDERATION OF A COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT FOR MAY 1, 1976.** Motion carried on a roll call vote, five ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-92

Mayor Hilde opened the discussion by indicating that the City has adopted a storm sewer policy by Resolution No. 75-130. He indicated that the Council may wish to revise and/or expand upon this policy, given the present stage of develop-

**CONSIDERATION OF
STORM SEWER
ASSESSMENT POLICY**

ment of Plymouth. As directed by the Council, the staff and consulting engineers had submitted for Council consideration some alternative means of financing storm sewer construction.

The Council reviewed the storm sewer policy adopted in March, 1974, by Resolution No. 74-130.

MOTION was made by Councilman Hunt, seconded by Councilman Neils, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 75-93, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICY ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. 74-130 BY DELETING THE WORD "COULD" AND INSERTING "SHALL" IN LIEU THEREOF IN THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION. Motion carried on a roll call vote, five ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-93

The Council discussed the matter of defining trunk vs. lateral and concluded that additional refinements should be made.

Mayor Hilde suggested that the method of funding storm sewers be discussed, and outlined the following:

1. funded on a watershed or a City-wide basis
2. defined costs (trunk) which are not accessible to benefited property
3. collection incidents
 - a. continuous via ad valorem tax
 - (1) percentage payment
 - (2) percentage refunded by new development
 - b. upon development - assess

During discussion, the Council generally agreed that funding should be on a watershed basis, as opposed to a City-wide basis. Each of the four watersheds within Plymouth (Bassett Creek, Minnehaha Creek, Elm Creek, and Shingle Creek) would finance their own improvements.

MOTION was made by Mayor Hilde, seconded by Councilman Spaeth, to direct the staff, for purposes of developing a policy, following the first decision to establish districts for funding and accounting purposes by watersheds, that we pay for, from this fund, (1) all of the trunks shown on our water plan, and (2) we also pay for all of the costs for operating that watershed district, and that the money be collected to pay for this on the basis of ad valorem tax by the district, which tax shall be determined by actuarial-type study which will look at the total costs involved, added to those costs of any bonding which may be needed as you do the sinking fund analysis, and then to determine on the length of time that you

determine that it will take that district to develop, or some lesser period of time if it gets out too far, and a rate sufficient to, with the time, develop that amount of money that you need; and that further, that in the district that you have a lot of work and costs coming early in the game and you have insufficient funds, that you would bond and then retire it by your income coming from the ad valorem during the year.

MOTION was made by Mayor Hilde, seconded by Councilman Neils, to amend the motion to add that the rate of this assessment should be pre-determined along with the ad valorem rate as to what are needed to pay all the costs in that district, and it shall be charged at the time of the development and to the sub-districts that are involved in that project. Motion carried, five ayes.

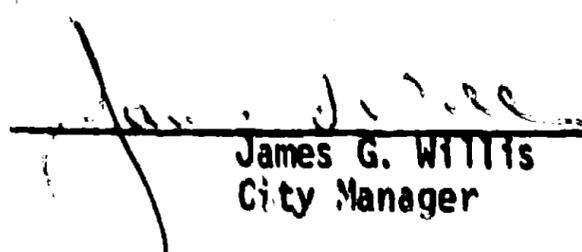
Main motion, as amended, carried, four ayes. Councilman Seibold voted nay.

Consulting Engineer Olson reviewed with the Council his letter of December 11, 1974 regarding possible assessment alternatives for the subject project. The Council expressed concern regarding the assignment of trunk vs. lateral benefit to the improvement. It was indicated that the approach recommended by the Consulting Engineer could place a heavy assessment against residential property receiving a questionable trunk benefit. It was the consensus of the Council that the industrial nature of the project and the large pipe sizing suggested that the pipes largely fit a lateral benefit to the development, as opposed to a trunk benefit to the sub-district.

REVIEW OF STORM SEWER
ASSESSMENT POLICY FOR
PROJECT NO. 416 - CARL-
SON COMPANIES ADDITION

The Council directed the staff to review the project in light of the previous discussion re a revised storm sewer assessment policy, and further the existing storm sewer assessment policy, with perhaps finding some middle ground between the two. The Council agreed to meet at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, February 8, at the City Council chambers, for the purpose of further consideration of the assessment policy to be used in conjunction with Project No. 416.

Mayor Hilde adjourned the Council meeting at 11:45 P.M.


James G. Willis
City Manager