

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008
ISD #15 DISTRICT OFFICE
4115 Ambassador Blvd. NW


6:00PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adopt Agenda
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. City Council Minutes – February 4, 2007
 - b. Approve the Re-appointment of Jeff Sandoval to the Park Commission for a Three year term.
 - c. Accept the Letter of Resignation from Part time Liquor Store Clerk Beau Hixson
 - d. Payment of Claims
5. Petitions, Requests, Applications
 - a.
6. Ordinances & Resolution
 - a. Res. 2008-12: Approving the Premise Gambling Permit for the St. Francis Lions @ Rum River Inn
 - b. Res. 2008-13: Approving the Premise Gambling Permit for the St. Francis Lions @ Billy's Bar & Grill
 - c. Res. 2008-14: Approving the Premise Gambling Permit for the St. Francis Lions @ Patriot Lanes & Lounge
7. Meeting Open to the Public
8. Reports of Consultants & Staff Members
 - a. Engineer:
 - b. Attorney: 1) Closed Meeting to discuss the Consideration of the Purchase of Real Property. The Real Property that is of subject of the closed meeting is described at 22950 Woodbine St. (32-34-24-34-0018). The Closed Session is Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D05, Subd.(c)(3) and 13.44 Subd. 3(a).
2) Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations
 - c. Staff:
 - Fire Dept:
 - Water/Wastewater: Presentation of the Water Treatment Plant Progress
 - Presentation on the new GIS Mapping System Available to the City
 - Streets/Parks:
 - Liquor Store:
 - Police:
 - City Administrator Report: 1) Planning Commission will be reviewing the Zoning Adjustments needed for our Comprehensive Plan Update.
 - 2) Planning Commission will be reviewing/updating the following Ordinances: Windmill, Rental Housing, Landscaping, Fencing, and the Animal/Fowl Ordinance
 - 3) Conditional Use Permits: NAC will be starting to review existing CUP's
9. Reports from Council Members
10. Report from Mayor: Local Government Aid Documentation
 - Setting a Date for a Police Station Tour
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

Calendar of Events

February 18 th :	City Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
February 19 th :	Tuesday, City Council Meeting 6:00 pm at District Office
February 20 th :	Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm at District Office
February 21 st :	Comp Plan Meeting Update 6:15 pm at Community Center
March 3 rd :	City Council Meeting 6:00 pm at District Office

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Matthew L. Hylan,
City Administrator 

RE: Agenda Memorandum – February 19, 2008 Meeting

Agenda Items:

4. Consent Agenda:

5. Petitions, Requests, Applications:

6. Ordinances & Resolutions:

- a. Resolution 2008-12: Enclosed is the Gambling Renewal for the St. Francis Lions Club at the Rum River Inn. A motion is in order to approve this Resolution.
- b. Resolution 2008-13: Enclosed is the Gambling Renewal for the St. Francis Lions Club at Billy's Neighborhood Bar & Grill. A motion is in order to approve this Resolution.
- c. Resolution 2008-14: Enclosed is the Gambling Renewal for the St. Francis Lions Club at Patriot Lanes and Lounge. A motion is in order to approve this Resolution.

8. Reports:

- a. **Engineer:**
- b. **City Attorney:**
- c. **Staff:**

Fire Dept:

Water/Wastewater: Water Treatment Plant: Mr. Eric Peterson will be giving a short presentation of the progress to date of the Water Treatment Facility.

GIS Mapping System: Staff has been working with Bolton & Menk to investigate the possibility of furthering GIS in the City. Mr. Eric Peterson is quite knowledgeable in this area and will be discussing future options of GIS and the City.

Street/Parks:

Liquor Store:

Police:

City Administrator: Zoning Updates: At a recent staff meeting, we have been discussing the need for significant update to our Zoning Code in order to be compliant with the Comprehensive Plan will be adopting in the future. Nate Sparks, City Planner (NAC), will be preparing a list of topics which will need to be amended. This list will be presented to the City Planning Commission and City Council for direction.

Planning Commission Updates: Nate Sparks will also be preparing a memorandum on several planning commission items for future agendas. These items will include: Windmills in the City, Rental Housing regulation, Landscaping requirements, Fencing regulations and also our Animal/Fowl Ordinance. This will be a significant amount of work, but necessary to address as we continue to grow.

Conditional Use Permits: Nate Sparks will also be reviewing all of our CUP's we have in town. By Ordinance, we are required to review these permits annually. Unfortunately, this apparently has not been taking place over the years. You may receive comments on this review, but I think this is necessary.

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 4, 2008

1. **Call to Order:** The regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Dressen at 6:00 pm at the ISD #15 District Offices.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Randy Dressen, Council members LeRoy Schaffer, Steve Kane, Ray Jones and Tim Brown. Also present was Assistant City Engineer Jared Voge (Bolten & Menk, Inc.), Attorney Scott Lepak (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), Police Chief Jeff Harapat, Finance Director Gayle Bauman, City Administrator Matt Hysten and City Clerk Barb Held
3. **Adopt Agenda:** MOTION BY BROWN SECOND KANE TO ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 4, 2008 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. Motion carried 5-0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** MOTION BY BROWN SECOND JONES TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 4, 2008, CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA A-F:
 - a. Approve the City Council Minutes – January 22, 2008.
 - b. Receive and File the Planning commission Minutes – October 17, 2007.
 - c. Approve the Gambling Exempt Permit for the Fightin Toms of Cedar Creek Chapter NWTF for 03-07-08 at the St. Francis American Legion and waive the 30 waiting period.
 - d. Accept the Letter of Resignation from Part time Liquor Store Clerk Becki Rappel.
 - e. Approve the Water Treatment Plant Pay Request #5 to Staab Construction for \$329,363.00.
 - f. Approve the Payment of Claims for \$ 212,081.64.Schaffer asked about the Fightin Toms and who are they. Dressen said they are the local chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation and this is an annual event they sponsor.
Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Petitions, Requests, Applications:**
 - a. **Sheriff's Youth Program:** Jeanne Miller a representative from the Isanti County Sheriff's Youth Program gave a presentation on the services they provide for their youth as well as community assistance. The Sheriff's Youth Program provides two programs. One program is a Short-Term Intervention/Consequence Program and the other being a Life Skills Training Program. Some of the projects they have in St. Francis are mowing the Oak View Cemetery, mowing, raking and shoveling snow for a list of senior citizens. Schaffer asked if they need financial assistance. We can always use donations. We use our lawnmowers and all our equipment seven days a week and long hours. The Short-Term Intervention Program volunteers their hours. Our life skills programs are youth that are looking for paying jobs. Schaffer said maybe the Lions could donate \$500 and I donate \$200 and the City donates money toward this program.

b. Anderson/Deschenes Minor Subdivision: Larry Anderson and George Deschenes made a minor subdivision to adjust the lot line between their two properties located near Ambassador Blvd and Quicksilver Street. The Planning Commission reviewed the minor subdivision on January 16, 2008 and recommended approval. MOTION BY BROWN SECOND JONES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2008-10 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT FOR LARRY ANDERSON AND GEORGE DESCHENES AT 6345 AMBASSADOR BLVD. NW AND 239 QUICKSILVER STREET NW. Motion carried 5-0

c. St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce-Snowmobile Trail: Gary Zimmerman spoke on behalf of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the snowmobile signs that are located in St. Francis. Mr. Zimmerman said the Chamber of Commerce spent over \$11,800 on two new signs to welcome people into St. Francis, but in the fall of each year, the City puts up signs that say Stop Turn Around to the snowmobiles, very threatening. We realize there is an ordinance in effect but what do we have to do to change the signs or ordinance. Schaffer said he would go door to door to see what the residents want. Zimmerman said maybe we could do something with the signs first. Dressen said the signage and ordinance was modeled after what Elk River had. Zimmerman said the gas stations would like to see the snowmobiles come back. Zimmerman said this ordinance went into effect without a lot of people knowing about it. Dressen said this issue was brought up numerous times and said a lot of people were at the meetings in the beginning. One of the problems were the snowmobiles crossing the bridge Dressen noted. Schaffer said if you believe in it you have to go out and sell it. Zimmerman said the biggest issues now are the signs. Dressen said we will look at the wording of the signs. Jones said it all came about because people were ignoring people's property by running over bushes and trees. A few ruin it for many. Even with no snowmobile parking signs, Woodbury Park would have 10-20 snowmobiles parked in it. Jones said he has also heard that some residents cannot even get gas with our current ordinance.

Jay Carlson said he checked on the statistics regarding snowmobiling in Minnesota. Minnesota has the 2nd largest registrations of snowmobiles. Carlson also addressed the additional revenue the snowmobile's would bring into the City.

6. Ordinances & Resolution:

a. Resolution 2008-11: End of Year Transfers for 2007: MOTION BY KANE SECOND BROWN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2008-11 A RESOLUTION APPROVING END OF YEAR TRANSFERS FOR 2007. Motion carried 5-0

7. Meeting Open to the Public: None

8. Reports of Consultants & Staff Members:

a. Engineer: 230th/Ivywood Street Project: Voge said this project was placed on the agenda for discussion purposes. Dressen said in order to put it on the 2008 project list what direction does the Council need to go. Jones asked about the soiling borings. Voge stated the procedure for a project is to first to get authorization for a Feasibility Study. The feasibility study would then be brought to the city council and if the council wants to move forward, then you would authorize for the plans and specifications to be completed. The Plans and Specifications would be brought forward for approval and authorization for bids. At the time the bids come in, the City Council

would decide then if they will proceed moving forward with the project. Right now with this project, we are only at the stage of whether you want to complete a Feasibility Report or not. Another question was will this be an assessed projected or not. Kane stated that last year's project prices came in very favorable. Voge said there still is a shortage of work and bids should comeback favorable again. Dressen asked with some minimal maintenance can we get by another year. Voge said the feasibility study could be completed with that as an option. Dressen stated whether we do the project this year, we still need the feasibility study done. Hylen asked, once the feasibility study is done, are there time lines we need to follow if we do not proceed until next year. Voge said if the feasibility is completed now and the City goes through the 429 process, he believes the City would need to proceed within 12 months of the report. The reason being is in the 429 process there are public hearing guidelines you need to follow. MOTION BY JONES SECOND BROWN AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO COMPLETE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE 230TH LANE /IVYWOOD STREET PROJECT. Motion carried 5-0.

Water Treatment Plant: Voge gave an update on the project.

b. Attorney: Lepak is asking for some direction from City Council on the River Edge's project. The developer has been inactive; they have not signed the developer's contract and have not made a payment on the cost share agreement. The City Council agreed to aggressively pursue payment for the cost share agreement. Jones asked if we are getting interest on the payments. Lepak said we would ask for it.

Dressen stepped out at 6:39 pm. Kane took over the meeting until Dressen's return.

c. Staff: Fire Dept: City Contribution to the Fire Relief Assn. Discussion: Hylen gave a brief overview of the City Contribution to the Fire Relief Assn payment. Historically the City made an annual payment to the firefighter's pension fund in December equal to the State required contribution from two years prior. Over the past five years, the City's annual contribution has ranged from \$10,127 to \$29,741.

Dressen back at 6:42 pm.

Due to the fact, the fund had a surplus at the end of 2006, the City's minimum required payment for 2007 is \$0. The Council has the option to continue the past policy and contribute the full amount or do something different. Fire Chief Ken Pace said years back the City Council agreed to match what the State gave us. The fire department's goal is to raise the annual contribution for years of service. Pace said this amount was in the 2007 budget. Schaffer said when he went door to door he told people he would keep cost down. MOTION BY BROWN SECOND KANE TO PAY THE \$29,705 TO THE FIREFIGHTERS PENSION FUND. Motion carried 4-1. Schaffer voting nay.

Water/Wastewater: None

Streets/Parks: None

Liquor Store: None.

Police Dept: Sergeant Position: Hylen said last meeting we promoted our sergeant to chief. Hylen reported we would like to post the Sergeant Position internally first. If no one applies that is qualified, then we would advertise in the open market. The council asked if anyone was interested in the position. Hylen stated until you officially open it up we really do not know. MOTION BY BROWN SECOND KANE TO OPEN THE SERGEANT POSITION INTERNALLY FIRST, IF KNOW QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ADVERTISE IN THE OPEN MARKET. Motion carried 5-0. Schaffer asked who would interview the applicants and will there be any council members included? Hylen stated himself the Police Chief for sure and if the City Council wants to appoint a council representative that would be no problem. Schaffer said if any council members were included, he would suggest Kane because of his experience or Jones because of his years of service. Motion carried 5-0.

City Administrator Report: Caucus Locations: Hylen stated tomorrow, February 4th the Republican caucus will be held at the St. Francis Elementary School and the Democratic caucus is at the Middle School, both starting at 7:00 pm. The Green Party caucus will be held March 4th.

St. Francis Water Protection Tabletop Exercise Situation Manual: A company called Pre-Emergency Planning; LLC facilitated a general overview of an emergency response plan. The exercise was based on a scenario that there was a problem with our water supply and how would the City respond. This emergency operations plan gave cities a better understanding of each agencies capability and resources as well as their expectations of the support form other agencies. Dressen said it was refreshing to see all these agencies work together, it was real teamwork.

St. Francis Youth Hockey Assn: A letter was dropped off to the City after the packets went out. Hylen read the letter from the Bill Karas, president of the St. Francis Youth Hockey Association. They would like to help in developing and funding a community/recreation center in St. Francis in cooperation the City of St. Francis. The City Council would like to continue the dialogue with the SFYHA.

Anoka Hennepin Community College: Hylen handed out a brochure of a course that Anoka Hennepin Community College offers to elected officials.

Visioning Session: Just a reminder of the Visioning Session this Saturday, February 9th.

Misc.: Hylen reported he attended a seminar this past Friday and Saturday. One of the topics of interest was on white-collar crime.

Schaffer asked about the Anoka Hennepin Community College is the program worth \$695?

9. **Reports from Council Members:** Schaffer contacted two businesses.

Jones questioned the snowmobile bids and was it in the paper. Jones also questioned bidding them together. Harapat said they could not find the ad in the paper too. If for some reason, it was not published the closing would be extended.

Jones said we should plow the trail and parking lot in Community Park. There are people that want to use the park in the winter too.

Brown asked Schaffer for the phone numbers of the businesses he contacted. Schaffer said I gave you the numbers last time and would not give Brown the phone numbers.

10. **Report from Mayor:** Dressen reported he received a letter from the Mayor of the City of Fridley to revitalize Local Government Aid (LGA). There is a resolution enclosed that would support this effort. Dressen said this support would raise our LGA substantially. Dressen questioned are they going to take money away from roads and bridges. Copies of this will be forwarded to the council.

11. **Old Business:** Jones said keep sending letters to MnDOT to fix Hwy 47.

12. **New Business:** The City received a letter from a resident that lives near The Ponds Golf Course and about three blocks from the trail leading to the golf course. What are the options of riding their golf cart on the sidewalk for those three blocks. Lepak asked for time to review research that he did some years back and will bring forward his findings.

Brown said some years ago we had some residents come in to video tape the council meetings. Kane said do we have a group that would do it.

Dressen do we have the adequate means to have it staffed for the full year if we want to move ahead.

13. **Adjournment:** The Regular City Council meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
APPLICATION FOR COMMISSIONS

- Planning Commission Park Commission Upper Rum River
 Charter Commission

1. Name Jeff Sandoval Home Phone 763) 753-0783
Work Phone 763) 280-2834
2. Address 5116 238th Ave. NW
3. How long have you lived in the City? 8 yrs
4. Occupation Driver Employer Pro Drivers
5. Education (Please indicate highest grade completed or degree and course of study)

6. What skills do you have that you feel would benefit the City? involvement
with Parks and rec. Depts.
7. Why do you want to serve on this Commission? I feel I can
help shape our Park system
8. What experience do you have that you feel would be pertinent to this Commission?
One term already served
9. What other civic activities are you involved in? Lions
10. Do you participate in any activities that may be viewed as a Conflict of Interest in serving
on this Commission? NO
11. Have you attended a Commission meeting within the past year? yes If yes, please
indicate the reason for attending. Park member
12. Have you served on any City Commission or board in the past? yes If yes, please
indicate the Commission and the date of service. Park Commission
ended Dec. 2007

Signature Jeff Sandoval Date 1-7-08

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN**

RESOLUTION 2008-12

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
GAMBLING RENEWAL FOR THE
ST. FRANCIS LIONS CLUB AT THE
RUM RIVER INN**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 349.213, the City of St. Francis has in effect Section 6.33 of the St. Francis Code which regulates lawful gambling with the City:

WHEREAS, the Lions Club of St. Francis (the "Applicant") is an organization which conducts or proposes to conduct lawful gambling at the following described premises within the City of St. Francis, Anoka County, Minnesota:

Rum River Inn
3631 Bridge Street NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

AND WHEREAS, the Gambling Control Board has submitted a premises permit which the Applicant has requested to be issued or renewed:

AND WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Applicant has complied with all requirements of St. Francis Code, Section 6.33, and said premises complies with all requirements of the City Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all Applicants premises permit is hereby approved by a majority of the St. Francis City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS THIS 19th
DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008.

APPROVED:

R.J. Dressen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara I. Held, City Clerk

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN**

RESOLUTION 2008-13

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
GAMBLING RENEWAL FOR THE
ST. FRANCIS LIONS CLUB AT THE
BILLY NEIGHBORHOOD BAR & GRILL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 349.213, the City of St. Francis has in effect Section 6.33 of the St. Francis Code which regulates lawful gambling with the City:

WHEREAS, the Lions Club of St. Francis (the "Applicant") is an organization which conducts or proposes to conduct lawful gambling at the following described premises within the City of St. Francis, Anoka County, Minnesota:

Billy's Neighborhood Bar & Grill
23212 St. Francis Blvd. NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

AND WHEREAS, the Gambling Control Board has submitted a premise permit which the Applicant has requested to be issued or renewed:

AND WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Applicant has complied with all requirements of St. Francis Code, Section 6.33, and said premises complies with all requirements of the City Code.

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APPROVED:

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ATTEST:

Barbara I. Held, City Clerk

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN**

RESOLUTION 2008-14

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
GAMBLING RENEWAL FOR THE
ST. FRANCIS LIONS CLUB AT THE
PATRIOT LANES AND LOUNGE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 349.213, the City of St. Francis has in effect Section 6.33 of the St. Francis Code which regulates lawful gambling with the City:

WHEREAS, the Lions Club of St. Francis (the "Applicant") is an organization which conducts or proposes to conduct lawful gambling at the following described premises within the City of St. Francis, Anoka County, Minnesota:

Patriot Lanes and Lounge, Inc.
3085 Bridge Street NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

AND WHEREAS, the Gambling Control Board has submitted a premise permit which the Applicant has requested to be issued or renewed:

AND WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Applicant has complied with all requirements of St. Francis Code, Section 6.33, and said premises complies with all requirements of the City Code.

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January 23, 2008

Mayor Randy Dressen
City of St. Francis
23340 Cree Street N.W.
St. Francis, MN 55070

Dear Mayor Dressen:

As you might have heard by now, the City of Fridley has been working with its legislative delegation and others to draft a bill that would revise the LGA formula. In essence, the bill would replace the complicated, five-factor needs portion of the current formula with a new needs indicator that is based on expenditures.

The essential features of this legislative proposal are as follows:

1. It would base need on a rolling three-year average that includes operating expenditures and debt service expenditures listed in the three most recent expenditure reports published by the Office of the State Auditor.
2. It would place a 5% cap on the annual growth of this three-year average.
3. It provides that no Minnesota city would receive less than 90% of its 2007 LGA distribution.
4. It would apply to all Minnesota cities rather than continue two different formulas for cities under and over 2,500 in population.
5. It would cost the state an additional \$100 million and would come close to returning the total LGA allocation to 2003 levels.

The proposal replaces complexity with simplicity, it should eliminate volatility, and it adjusts the imbalance in the current LGA formula that leaves the Minneapolis/St. Paul suburban cities with only 4.8% of the total LGA distribution. Although it continues to juxtapose need and ability to pay, it also recognizes that the suburban portion of Minnesota's population comprises 41% of the total population and contributes 67% of the State's sales and income taxes.

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Our intent in proposing the legislation is to raise the visibility of the LGA issue and to attempt to build highly visible support for a suburban proposal. Although we hope to gain passage of LGA reform in 2008, we feel we will have succeeded if we are able to get a strong contingent of other suburban cities to support a common suburban LGA cause. To the extent that we are successful in building support for this cause, we will have greatly improved our joint bargaining position vis-à-vis the two core cities and the greater Minnesota cities in future LGA reform efforts.

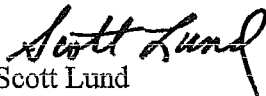
As we seek to gain your support for our LGA reform proposal, we recognize that there are also problems with the ability to pay side of the formula as well as potential problems with other state distribution programs, including those involving schools. While ideally we might deal with all of these problems in one comprehensive package, we also feel that our chances for reform diminish as the reform becomes more complex. We also firmly believe that nothing will ever get done if we continually take a wait until next year approach, and we strongly oppose any attempts to raise the LGA funding levels without removing the objectionable and unfair needs portion of the existing formula.

What are we asking from you? We're asking that you review the proposed legislation and the accompanying distribution tables with your city staff and council. As you do this, we also ask you to consider the increases in property taxes that the absence of a fair LGA distribution has cost and will continue to cost your residents. If you have suggestions for change, we hope you will pass them on to us along with your other comments on our proposal. If you would like to meet and discuss the proposal, I will be happy to meet with you and others from your city. Ultimately, we hope that you will approve the enclosed resolution and contact your legislative delegation in support of this common cause. If members of your delegation would like to be co-authors of the bill, that opportunity is available. Finally, we ask that you support the proposed change through participation at legislative hearings.

As we work with you, we will continue our communications with the LMC, Metro Cities, the Department of Revenue, Pat Dalton at House Research, the members of our legislative delegation, and key legislators on both the House and Senate Tax Committees. Additionally, we will attempt to find media opportunities to raise public awareness of the LGA issue.

Thanks for considering this proposal. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Scott Lund
Mayor

Enclosures
c w/enc: Matt Hylen, City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION THAT
WOULD REVISE MINNESOTA STATUTES RELATING TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID**

WHEREAS, the current formula for the distribution of Local Government Aid distributes less than 5% of the total to metropolitan area suburbs; and

WHEREAS, the current formula for the distribution of Local Government Aid provides for a per capita distribution that generates \$213 for the residents of Minneapolis and St. Paul, \$210 for the residents of Greater Minnesota cities, and \$10.90 for the suburban residents of the seven-county metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the population of these suburbs is 41% of the total population of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses of the suburban portions of the seven-county metropolitan area generate 67% of Minnesota's income and sales tax collections; and

WHEREAS, the current LGA distribution bears little resemblance to the growing costs of local government in Minnesota cities; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 amendments to these statutes established a definition of local government need that is based on a complex set of statistical calculations that must be recalculated annually for all Minnesota cities; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 amendments have created aid distribution numbers to cities that are certified late in each city's budget cycle and subject to considerable volatility; and

WHEREAS, the complexity created by the 2003 amendments has created law that is very difficult to understand and interpret; and

WHEREAS, many suburban cities in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area have been forced by the 2003 amendments to raise property taxes by more than 50% to accommodate lost LGA revenue; and

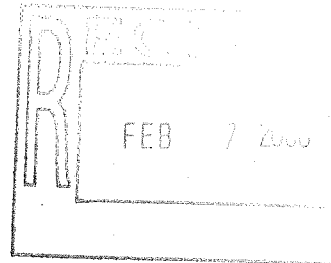
WHEREAS, property taxes are the most regressive form of taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of _____ requests that the Governor and the Legislature for the State of Minnesota approve legislation that changes the State's Local Government Aid distribution formula by substituting local government expenditures, subject to a 5% annual cap, for the five-part needs formula currently used for this distribution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of _____ requests that the Governor and the Legislature of the State of Minnesota provide funding for this revised distribution, subject to the condition that no Minnesota city receive less allocation than 90% of the amount certified to it for fiscal year 2007.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____,
MINNESOTA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.

I-70 Burns



STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE)
INCORPORATION OF BURNS TOWNSHIP)
PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414)

NOTICE OF
RECONVENED HEARING

The public hearing concerning this Petition will reconvene on **Thursday, February 28, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will reconvene in the Burns Township Hall, 19800 Nowthen Boulevard, N.W., Anoka, Minnesota, before Administrative Law Judge Raymond R. Krause.

This is a continuation of a hearing originally held on January 30, 2008. It is not necessary that a person have attended that hearing in order to participate in this hearing.

The only formal party to this proceeding is Burns Township; and the Attorney for Burns Township, Michael Couri. The Township has petitioned the State for authority to incorporate certain land.

On **Thursday, February 28, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Burns Town Hall, any person interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to present public comment and to submit written data, statements or arguments at this time.

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to the Rules of the Minnesota Municipal Board and the procedures set out in chapter 14 of Minnesota Statutes, the Rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minn. R. 1400.5100 – 1400.8500, and Minnesota Statutes § 414.09. A copy of the rules may be purchased from the Minnesota Bookstore, telephone: 651/297-3000, are available at www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us. Copies of the rules are also available at www.oah.state.mn.us.

Persons seeking more information about the hearing procedure should contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7900.

The property proposed for incorporation is as follows:

All of Sections 1 through 36, Township 33 North, Range 25 West,
Anoka County, Minnesota.

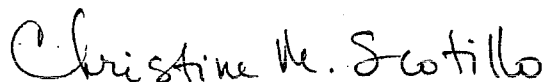
Following the close of the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a written final decision pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 414 and the January 2, 2008 referral memo from the Director of Municipal Boundary Adjustments.

Information concerning the proposed incorporation may be reviewed by contacting the Administrative Law Judge or Corrie LaDoucer, Township Clerk: 763-441-1347.

Any party who needs an accommodation for a disability in order to participate in this hearing process may request one. Examples of reasonable accommodations include wheelchair accessibility, an interpreter, or Braille or large-print materials. If any party requires an interpreter, the administrative law judge must be promptly notified. To arrange an accommodation, contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 600 N. Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620 St. Paul, Minnesota 55164 or may call (651) 361-7900 (voice) or (651) 361-7878 (TTY).

Dated this 4th day of February, 2008.

For the Chief Administrative Law Judge
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620



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Municipal Boundary Adjustments