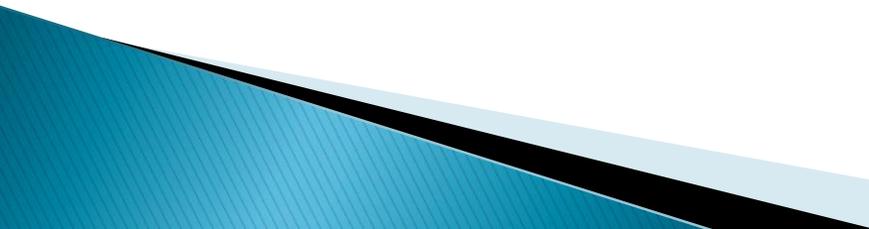


# CRYSTAL STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Jim Adams  
March 18, 2015



# COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- ▶ Customer Service
  - ▶ Redevelopment
  - ▶ Transportation
  - ▶ Reinvestment in Infrastructure
  - ▶ Responsive, effective Public Safety
  - ▶ Opportunities for public input
  - ▶ Celebrating community – The Crystal Ball
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# CUSTOMER SERVICE

- ▶ City Council priorities :
  - Citizen Connection Initiative
  - Customer Service:
    - Prompt response to inquiries, complaints
    - Tracking complaints
  - Consistent Message
  - Review of ordinances for streamlining and updating

# REDEVELOPMENT – THE CAVANAGH

- ▶ 130 units of rental housing for 55+
- ▶ Opening summer of 2015 – now leasing!



# REDEVELOPMENT

## – CRYSTAL GALLERY MALL UPDATES



- ▶ Now open – 3 new tenants in a new building – Starbucks, Noodles & Company, Great Clips
- ▶ Updating appearance
- ▶ Improved parking lot/access
- ▶ Improved landscaping/image
- ▶ All improvements complete by end of 2015

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# REDEVELOPMENT – CRYSTAL PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Completion – August 2015

Total Project – \$13,500,000 – cash

# TRANSPORTATION

- ▶ Proposed BNSF – CP railroad connection
  - Concerns about public safety
  - Concerns about quality of life for adjacent residential properties
- ▶ Widespread opposition – neighboring cities, state and federal officials



# TRANSPORTATION

## – BLUE LINE EXTENSION

- ▶ Station area planning for Bass Lake Road – process will start summer 2015
- ▶ Blue Line Extension Business and Community Advisory Committees – Crystal will recommend 2 candidates for each committee to provide input

# REINVESTMENT

## Phase 14 Street Reconstruction

- ▶ North Lions Park neighborhood
- ▶ Includes driveway and sewer work (at resident's expense)
- ▶ Streets and storm sewers reconstructed



# REINVESTMENT

## Joint Water Commission



- ▶ Emergency Water Supply – 3 wells plus New Hope existing well
- ▶ Connecting wells to reservoirs
- ▶ Replacing 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue watermain from Minneapolis to Crystal reservoir

# REINVESTMENT

## Phase 8 Alley Reconstruction

- ▶ 2015 project – 4 alleys in Welcome Park neighborhood
- ▶ Residents have option of redoing driveways at their expense



# REINVESTMENT

## Park Equipment – Bassett Creek Park



- ▶ Through grants from Hennepin County Youth grant and playground equipment company, replacing and redoing all playground equipment

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Police

- ▶ Partnering with New Hope and Robbinsdale to offer Citizens Police Academy
- ▶ Night to Unite – August 4
  - Block parties
  - Open house at Crystal Police Station – growing in attendance every year
- ▶ 34,362 Calls for Service – 2014

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## West Metro Fire-Rescue District

- ▶ Provides service to Crystal and New Hope
- ▶ Responded to 702 calls for service in Crystal in 2014
- ▶ Reorganized department in 2014 to:
  - Provide cohesive response throughout district
  - Staff as many responders during 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. time (busiest time) as budget allows
- ▶ Recruited 12 new firefighters in 2014

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

- ▶ Monthly Citizen Input Time (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 6 p.m., Jan – May, Sept – Nov)
  - ▶ Open Forum – every Council meeting
  - ▶ Advisory commissions and task forces
  - ▶ Facebook
  - ▶ Website
  - ▶ Contacting Mayor, Council and staff directly at [www.crystalmn.gov](http://www.crystalmn.gov)
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# Working together to serve Crystal



# Stay Connected:



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# Thank you!

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