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Webinar: Police Worn Body Cameras—How to Handle Data and Public Input Under the New Law

Aug. 30, 1-2 p.m.

Developing a Culture of Safety: 16 Life Safety Initiatives

Sept. 20—Albertville

Sept. 28—Perham

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League Policy-Development Process in Full Swing



City officials from all over the state have been meeting at the League to develop the 2017 City Policies.

The League's four policy committees last week wrapped up the second of three meetings, where they worked on new and revised legislative positions. The policy committees are made up of more than 150 city officials from across the state.

The positions the committees develop will ultimately be published in the LMC 2017 *City Policies* document and used by League staff at the Capitol. They represent the only comprehensive statewide advocacy agenda for all Minnesota cities.

Members hear from local leaders and policy experts

During the August meetings, members of the four LMC policy committees (Improving Service Delivery, Improving Local Economies, Improving Fiscal Futures, and Human Resources & Data Practices) heard from a variety of guests, including:

- Jeff Potts, chief of police, City of Bloomington, on policing issues.
- Quinn O'Reilly, LMC research attorney, on drones.
- Matthew Staehling, city administrator and city attorney, City of St. Cloud on conceal and carry litigation in St. Cloud.
- Sen. Scott Dibble (DFL-Minneapolis), Senate Transportation & Public Safety Committee chair, on the future of transportation funding and the role of cities.
- Steven Overom, city attorney, City of Hermantown, on an airport zoning issue.
- Pam Whitmore, LMC research attorney, on small cell wireless facilities.
- Cynthia Bauerly, Minnesota Department of Revenue (DOR) commissioner, and Paul Cumings, DOR tax policy manager, on sales tax, property tax, and other tax issues of interest to cities.
- Doug Anderson, executive director, Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), and Shana Jones, PERA policy director, on pension issues.
- Sandi Blaeser, attorney, Madden Galanter Hansen, LLP, and public employer representative on Public Employment Relations Board (PERB).
- Stacie Christensen, director, Information Policy Analysis Division, on law enforcement technologies and data practices issues.

Check out pictures from the August meetings ([Link to: https://storify.com/MinnesotaCities/august-lmc-policy-committee-meetings-meeting-2](https://storify.com/MinnesotaCities/august-lmc-policy-committee-meetings-meeting-2))

The committees are also discussing potential policies related to residential care facilities, local government aid, property taxes and utilities, taxation of municipal bond interest, and city franchise authority. New policies on transportation grant management, and safe school levy funding may be considered at the third and final

committee meetings in September.

Next steps and opportunities to give your feedback

Committee members will meet again the week of Sept. 19 to further consider and approve draft policies. The draft policies will then be shared with all city members during the member comment period. The *Draft 2017 City Policies* will be available on the League's website Oct. 3-28. All city officials and staff are encouraged to review and comment on the policies at that time.

The League's Board of Directors will review and discuss the policies at its meeting on Oct. 20. The Board will then review the member comments and vote to approve and adopt the *2017 City Policies* at its Nov. 10 meeting.

The League thanks the more than 150 members of the four policy committees for their participation in the policy committee process this year!

More about city policies and policy committees

- **Read about policy committees in The City Spot blog** (*Link to: <http://minnesotacities.blogspot.com/2016/08/spotted-stronger-together-with-lmc.html>*)
- **View the 2016 City Policies (pdf)** (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/2016citypolicies.pdf>*)
- **Learn more about the League's policy-development process** (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/policy-dev.jsp>*)
- **Get details about the four policy committees and access the list of current members** (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/committee-signup.jsp>*)

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Demise of Special Session Means Delays for Important City Legislation



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(Published Aug 22, 2016)

If your city has been waiting for a special legislative session in hopes that it would bring state funding for a capital project or an increase in local government aid (LGA) to fund your 2017 city budget—well, the wait is over. And it appears your hopes will not come to pass in 2016.

An Aug. 18 meeting of Gov. Dayton, Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk (DFL-Cook), and House Speaker Kurt Daudt (R-Crown) ended with no agreement on an agenda for a special session, so the governor said he will not call legislators back to St. Paul to act on a bonding bill and an omnibus tax bill.

Bonding bill

The various versions of the 2016 bonding bill included state and local project funding ranging from \$1.1 billion to \$1.8 billion.

The Senate Capital Investment Committee passed a \$1.8 billion bonding bill, but it failed to receive the 60 percent vote necessary on the Senate floor. A \$1.1 billion version was approved on the House floor the final night of the session, but was not approved by the Senate.

Tax bill

The 2016 omnibus tax bill, which was vetoed by the governor due to a drafting error, included \$20 million in additional funding for LGA, property tax relief for small businesses and farmers, a repeal of an exemption for agricultural storage containment facilities, and a number of city-specific sales tax and tax increment provisions.

Legislature not likely to reconvene before 2017

Of course, circumstances can change and negotiations could reconvene at some later date. But with the fall election less than three months away and time running short for new laws to be implemented before the end of the year, it is unlikely that the Legislature will reconvene before Jan. 3, when the 90th biennial session of the Minnesota Legislature will convene for the 2017 session.

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PERA Board Discusses Experience Study and Plan Funding Status



Recent weak investment returns have negative impact on plans, but long-term trends are moving in a positive direction.
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Salaries have been increasing at a slower rate than expected for participants in the **Public Employees Retirement Association** (*Link to: <http://www.mnpera.org/>*) (PERA) Police and Fire (P&F) Plan, meaning retiree benefits may also be lower in the future. That is one finding in the initial results of an experience study being conducted for the P&F Plan. The PERA Board of Trustees received an update on the experience study at its August meeting.

Experience studies for defined benefit pension plans are generally updated every four to five years, and the studies look at assumptions about factors that impact the cost of the plan, such as participant/retiree mortality, salary growth, retirements, participant withdrawal rates, marital status, disability experience, and other factors.

The experience study findings will be finalized later this year, and the results will not be adopted as official plan assumptions until approved by the PERA Board of Trustees and subsequently by the **Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement** (*Link to: <http://www.lcpr.leg.mn/>*).

Preliminary findings

Following is a brief review of several of the P&F experience study factors included in the recent P&F experience study:

Salary increases. According to the experience study results, salary growth has been increasing at an annual rate of 4 percent, which is significantly lower than the previously assumed rate of 5.2 percent. Due to the fact that a retiree's benefit is based on the average of the highest five consecutive years of salary, slower growth in average salaries translates into lower average retiree benefits.

Retirements. There were more early retirements among P&F participants over the past four years than were projected, which was likely due, in part, to a legislative change in calculation of the early retirement reduction. The study suggests that with this recent increase in early retirement rates, there will likely be fewer early retirements from the plan in the future.

Disability rates. The experience study found that the actual disability incidence has been lower than previously predicted, but this may be due in part to data reporting issues. PERA staff have noted an upward trend in disability incidence and, as a result, the experience study consultant and PERA staff will continue to study

disability rates.

Post-retirement life expectancy/mortality. Similar to the findings for the PERA general plan that were released last year, the P&F plan participants are living longer, with females living 2.4 more years and males living 2 more years that previously predicted. Longer average life expectancy means that pension benefits on average will be paid out over a longer period of time, which increases the projected liability of the P&F plan.

FY 2016 investment return well under target

Also at its August meeting, the PERA Board received initial information on the investment returns on PERA plan assets for fiscal year (FY) 2016, which ended on June 30, 2016. The assets for each of the PERA plans (General Plan, P&F Plan, and Correctional Plan) are contained in the State Board of Investment’s (SBI) Combined Fund.

The annual return for the Combined Fund for the period ending June 30, 2016, was initially reported as -0.1 percent. This is an unaudited result, but according to PERA, this figure is unlikely to change when the investment analysis is finalized by SBI. The annual assumed return for the PERA defined benefit plans is 8 percent.

Pension benefits paid to participants are generally funded through employee contributions, employer contributions, and investment returns. Although investment returns below the assumed return can generally result in pressure to increase employee and employer contributions to make up any shortfall, annual investment returns can swing widely from year to year, and one year’s performance does not necessarily require an immediate change in contribution rates. According to the SBI 2015 annual report (and as shown in the table below), the return on the combined funds over the past five years has varied from a low of 2.4 percent to a high of 23.3 percent.

State Board of Investment-Combined Funds Annual Performance (2011-2015)

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Annual Rate of Return	4.4%	18.6%	14.2%	2.4%	23.3%

Low return not a surprise

The near zero return has been anticipated by PERA’s board since late in 2015. Last January, the PERA Board reviewed an analysis of the projected impact of a 0 percent return on the General Employees Retirement Plan before deciding whether to recommend legislative changes to the 2016 Legislature.

At that time, the analysis showed that even with the anticipated lower investment

returns for FY 2016, the PERA General Employees Retirement Plan was still projected to become fully funded. As a result, the PERA Board opted not to recommend any immediate legislative action for the 2016 session.

At that time, the PERA Board did not request the preparation of similar projections for the Police & Fire Retirement Plan or the Correctional Retirement Plan due to the fact that these two funds were in a relatively better funded position than the General Employees Retirement Plan. The poor return in fiscal year 2016, when considered in isolation, is unlikely to result in the need for immediate plan changes to ensure sustainability.

Initial impact on PERA plans

According to the initial information provided to the PERA Board this month, changes in plan assumptions coupled with weak investment returns for FY 2016 will increase the unfunded actuarial accrued liability in the PERA General Plan from \$5.7 billion to \$6.8 billion, which would be a reduction in the plan's funded ratio from 76 percent to 72 percent. As a percent of salary, the deficiency would increase from 1.3 percent to 2.7 percent.

For the PERA P&F Plan, the weak investment returns will increase the unfunded actuarial accrued liability from \$1.2 billion to \$1.4 billion, which would be a reduction in the funded ratio from 87 percent to 84 percent. As a percent of salary, the deficiency would increase from 0.7 percent to 0.9 percent. The experience study changes mentioned above, if adopted, would increase the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to \$1.6 billion, decrease the funded ratio to 82 percent, and increase the deficiency as a percent of salary to 1.6 percent.

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Gov. Dayton Convenes Council on Freight Rail



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During the first meeting of the newly established Governor's Council on Freight Rail on Aug. 15, Gov. Dayton outlined his objectives for the group. He said his goals include improving communication between railroad representatives and government officials, enhancing safety, and working collaboratively toward the state's economic development goals.

The council also heard a presentation from Brian Sweeny, state government affairs director for Burlington Northern Santa Fe, who gave an overview of Minnesota's railroad system. The meeting concluded with facilitated break-out groups.

About the council

Gov. Dayton created the council with a **July 15 executive order** (*Link to:*

https://mn.gov/governor/assets/2016_07_15_EO_16_06_tcm1055-249576.pdf). The council is charged with: (1) elevating coordination and partnership between the state and railroads; (2) actively promoting safety and reducing risks; and (3) ensuring efficient movement of goods to support the state's economy while minimizing the impacts of those operations on local communities.

The League was asked to appoint a city official to serve on the council. The Executive Committee of the League's Board of Directors appointed Wayzata Mayor Ken Wilcox to serve as the city representative, and Royalton Mayor Andrea Lauer to be an alternate. Other members of the council are state agency leaders, railroad industry representatives, labor representatives, and a county representative.

The meetings of the council are not public; however, League staff have been invited to observe the proceedings and will remain engaged in the work of the group.

Council leadership

Although Gov. Dayton himself is chairing the council, it is being staffed by State Rail Director Alene Tchourumoff, who was appointed by Gov. Dayton in April. The **state rail director position** (*Link to: <http://mn.gov/governor/newsroom/?id=1055-225907>*) was created by the governor to lead his administration's efforts to enhance railway safety, pursue needed infrastructure improvements, continue training and support for first responders, closely monitor rail movements, and work with communities and railroad companies to ensure the safe and efficient operation of rail systems across Minnesota. Minnesota Department of Transportation Commissioner Charlie Zelle is also involved in leading the group.

Future meetings

The Council will likely convene next in early December and, per the executive order, will meet at least two times per year and present an update on activities to the governor by Feb. 1, 2017, and each year thereafter.

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CITY CODE REVIEW TASK FORCE

MEETING NOTES

JULY 28, 2016

Task Force Members Present: Kirsten Anderson, Bonnie Bolash, Jerry Bolash, Tim Buck, Carolyn Maristany and Candace Oathout.

Also present: City Attorney Troy Gilchrist and City Manager Anne Norris.

Chair Maristany called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

June 23, 2016 Meeting Notes

Motion by Oathout, seconded by Anderson to accept the meeting notes of the June 23, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Review Comments – Chapter 8, Sections 815- 830 and Chapter 9, Sections 900 – 910.25

Section 815 – Simplify and clarify.

Section 815.01 – Move definitions as previously discussed.

Section 815.03 – Clarify.

Section 815.05, Subd. 3 – Simplify no overnight parking in parks.

Section 815.05, Subd. 5 – Simplify and clarify – what is “park activity”?

Section 815.05, Subd. 6 – Relocate to rest of refuse discussion/regulations in Chapter 6 or reference those provisions.

Section 815.05, Subd. 7 – Reformat to be less redundant. Combine with Section 815.13 if possible.

Section 815.05, Subd. 8 – Add “except in self-defense” to make it clear a person can defend himself or herself.

Section 815.05, Subd. 9 – Edit to clarify. Last sentence is redundant of the first.

Section 815.05, Subd. 11 – Update to reflect dog park(s).

Section 815.07 – Format as previously discussed regarding placing reference to responsible party up front. Second sentence is the same as Section 815.03.

Section 815.13 – Update references to liquor to follow state law.

Section 815.13, Subd. 8, iii – Verify if this provision is constitutional or clarify. Disturbances should not be tied so closely to just alcohol use.

Section 815.15 – Simplify this entire section and reduce repetition.

Section 815.15 d) j) – Typos – structure, streets.

Section 815.15 k) – Clarify using a chart to show requirements for permits.

Section 815.15, Subd. 2 – Delete or relocate intent as previously discussed.

Section 815.15, Subd. 3 – Relocate definitions as previously discussed. Should city sponsored events be called out separately here and in Subd. 6?

Section 815.15, Subd. 6 g) – Typo – proposed.

Section 815.15, Subd. 10 – Typo – the most.

Section 815.15, Subd. 11 – Typo – notwithstanding.

Section 815.15, Subd. 13b) – Update and clarify.

Section 815.15, Subd. 13f) – Update to reflect food trucks.

Section 815.15, Subd. 14 – Combine and simplify – avoid duplication and redundancies.

Section 815.15, Subd. 15 – Relocate/merge with other refuse/trash provisions.

Section 820 – Relocate definitions as previously discussed.

Section 820.03 c) – Clarify.

Section 820.15 – Update – there is not Subd. 6.

Section 825 – Clarify city responsibility to maintain sidewalks adjacent to state aid streets as well as along county roads.

Section 825.05 – Clarify consistent with Section 810.09 as discussed.

Section 830.01 – Delete or relocate purpose and intent as previously discussed.

Section 830.03 – Relocate Tree Board to where other commissions and boards are.

Section 830.11, Subd. 2 – Delete or relocate intent as previously discussed.

Section 830.11, Subd. 2 – Clarify tree replacement requirements.

Section 830.13, Subd. 1 – Delete or relocate intent as previously discussed.

Section 830.17 – Be sure penalties are consistent with previous discussions.

Section 900 – Update as needed.

Section 900.03 – Be sure responsible personnel are referenced up front consistent with previous discussions.

Section 900.05, Subd. 2 – Update and reference that the City conducts exercises on the plan twice a year.

Section 905 – Delete or relocate intent. Adopt State Fire Code by reference. Update any references to it.

Section 905.05 – Relocate definitions as previously discussed.

Section 905.07 – Clarify not addressing residential uses.

Section 905.07, Subd. 2 – Repeats Section 905.09. This subd. can be combined with subd. 3.

Section 905.15, Subd. 2 – Simplify – too wordy.

Section 905.17 - .23 – Relocate repealed sections as previously discussed.

Section 905.25, Subd. 25 – Clarify who inspects and determines heavy contamination.

Section 905.27 – Clarify reference.

Section 905.27, Subd. 2g) – Refer to State Code.

Section 905,27, Subd. 2h) – Update and clarify.

Section 905.27, Subd. 4 – Clarify.

Section 910 – Rename to Animal Control. Attempt to be more general in the references, rather than focusing on dogs.

Section 910.01 – Relocate definitions as previously discussed.

Section 910.01, Subd. 7b 1) & 2) – Delete unneeded references and update section regarding intent.

Section 910.01, Subd. 7 & 10 – Reformat to keep dangerous and potentially dangerous dog together.

Section 910.05, Subd. 4a) – Look at number permitted.

Section 910.05, Subd. 4 d) – Clarify (two 910.05, Subd. 4 – one for pigs and one for chickens.)

Section 910.05, Subd. 4 a) i) 5) – Update to be consistent with other sections.

Section 910.07, Subd. 4 – Move to where other discussion of animal control officer is and reformat section.

Section 910.09 – Correlate dog licenses with rabies vaccinations.

Section 910.09, Subd. 3 – Clarify so only when dog is outside.

Section 910.11, Subd. 1 – 3 – Simplify this section.

Section 910.11, Subd. 4 – Format.

Section 910.11, Subd. 5 – Typo – property.

Section 910.13 – Update to include invisible fencing.

Section 910.15, Subd. 2 – Move to other nuisance criteria – simplify.

Section 910.15, Subd. 4 – Typo in subdivision header.

Section 910.19 – Format – duplicates chicken verbiage.

Section 910.19, Subd. 1 – Simplify appurtenances.

Section 910.19, Subd. 5 – Update to be consistent with changes made to Section 605.

Section 910.25 – Update and clarify.

Assignments and Homework

The homework is to review Chapter X and as much of Chapter XI as possible. Comments are due Monday, August 15, 2016. The next meeting of the Task Force is **Tuesday, August 23**, 2016.

Adjournment

Chair Maristany adjourned the meeting of the City Code Review Task Force at 9 p.m.



Communication Highlights (August)

Email Signatures

To create some consistency and promote the city's branding and social media pages, the communications department standardized city staff email signatures. All staff members with an email address received a personalized email signature and instructions on how to embed it to their Outlook accounts. This initiative was completed Aug. 22.



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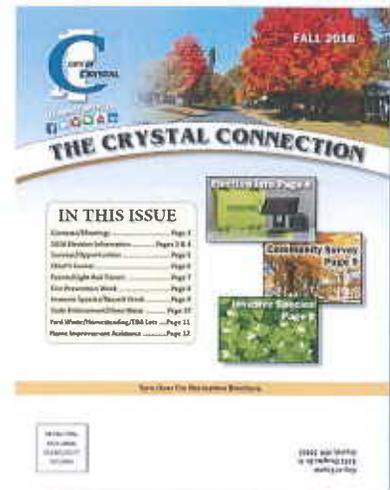
Channel 12 Rebranding Update

Channel 12/Northwest Community Television's rebranding continues. The channel is refining their logo, message and sub-brands with CEL Marketing, PR and Design. The station will present the plan and designs to their board in mid-September, with a rollout scheduled in October.

Fall City Newsletter

The fall Crystal Connection was delivered to residents and businesses on Monday, Aug. 22, along with the Recreation Catalog that appears on the flip side. The two documents were combined to save money on production and mailing.

The communications strategy for the second half of 2016 includes improving the newsletter's overall design and creating long-range marketing plans for recreation, the pool and the community center.



Becker Park Re-envisioning

The communications and recreation departments are working together to gather feedback and inform residents on the future of Becker Park.

A nine-question online survey and informative webpage are available at <http://www.crystalmn.gov/beckerpark.php>. Postcards are being circulated at businesses, city facilities and community events informing residents of ongoing plans

and directing them to the webpage and feedback survey.



August 19, 2016

Dayton: No Special Session in 2016

The 2016 legislative session adjourned with some chaos and several items left undone at Midnight on Sunday, May 22. Since roughly 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 23, the prospect of a special legislative session has been rumored and discussed by Gov. Mark Dayton and leaders from the respective legislative caucuses. All of that talk ended this week.

On Thursday afternoon, Gov. Dayton announced that an impasse has been reached, and he will not call a special session prior to the general election in November. The biggest sticking point is the Southwest Light Rail line, which would run from downtown Minneapolis to Eden Prairie, extending the current rail transit system in the Twin Cities at a cost some estimate would be close to \$2 billion. Gov. Dayton and many DFL leaders support the project, while Republican leadership is opposed.

The lack of a special session means that there will be no action on a tax bill, a transportation bill or a capital investment (bonding) bill prior to the 2017 session, which convenes in January. Expect to hear

plenty of blame levied by both sides of the political aisle as we get closer and closer to Election Day.

Minnesota Primary Results

The last big step before the General Election is out of the way, as Minnesotans went to the polls on Tuesday, August 9 to cast their ballots in the Primary election. Secretary of State Steve Simon stated turnout was particularly low, with only seven percent of eligible voters voting. Simon cited the absence of a statewide race this year and the August primary date as reasons for the low turnout. Out of a possible 3.7 million voters, only 280,000 made it to their polling location or submitted an absentee ballot.

A number of important state legislative races were decided last week. Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt (R-Crown) faced a primary challenge that could have provided a major shakeup at the House of Representatives had he lost. He was able to win with a comfortable margin, receiving 72 percent of the vote.

One of the most noteworthy contests was Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Minneapolis) facing Ilhan Omar, a community organizer in Minneapolis. First elected in 1972, Rep. Kahn is

They said it:

"I was elected in 1972, and it was an historic event. [The election of Ilhan Omar] is a new historic event. Obviously our district is the home of historic events."

— Rep. Phyllis Kahn, after losing her primary election

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ted for the longest-serving member in state House history. Omar won the primary, making history of her own as she is expected to become the first Somali-American legislator in the nation, running in a heavily Democrat-leaning district. Another surprise upset was Rep. Joe Mullery (DFL-Minneapolis), who lost his race to Fue Lee, a 24-year-old aide in the Secretary of State's office. Rep. Mullery was first elected in 1996 and will finish his tenth term this year. Similar to Ilhan Omar, Fue Lee is expected to win the general election in the Democrat-leaning district in Northeast Minneapolis.

Rep. Tom Hackbarth (R-Cedar), chair of the Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy committee, lost his primary election to Cal Bahr. Rep. Hackbarth will conclude his tenth term this year.

After losing the race for his party's endorsement, Sen. Sean Nienow (R-Cambridge) challenged Mark Koran in the primary election but was defeated by 27 percent. First elected in 2002, Sen. Nienow will finish his third non-consecutive term before stepping down at the end of the year.

The Secretary of State's website has the full breakdown of the Primary Election for the [House of Representatives](#) and the [State Senate](#).

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Grants

On August 8, Gov. Dayton announced that 74 school districts will receive \$25 million in order to expand access to voluntary pre-Kindergarten programs. All totaled, 3,300 children across the 74 districts will be able to attend free pre-K programs. Universal pre-K has been a top priority issue for Gov. Dayton since his re-election in 2014, and will likely be an issue going into his final two years as governor (Gov. Dayton has previously stated he will not seek re-election after the conclusion of his second term).

View a complete list of [each school district that received the pre-K grants](#).

Politicians at the Great Minnesota Get Together

The Minnesota State Fair will run from Thursday, August 25 through Monday, September 5, and it has traditionally served as a major campaign stop for politicians across the state. The Education Building will have booths for the House and Senate where legislators will be available to meet fair-goers. There will be a popular opinion poll conducted by the House and Senate Public Information Offices, where folks can vote on likely issues facing the legislature in 2017. In addition to the official state office booths, both major parties will have separate booths set up on the fairgrounds and will host prominent politicians throughout the duration of the fair.

Dayton Visits 87 Counties in 86 Days

Gov. Dayton has embarked on a tour of the state and plans to visit all 87 counties over 86 days. The tour began on August 1 and is scheduled to finish on October 25, exactly two weeks before the General Election on November 8.

August 24, 2016

Rate Watching and Disclosure Proposals Hot Topics

The release last week of the Federal Open Market Committee (“FOMC”) July meeting minutes revealed differences of opinion over whether it was time to raise short-term interest rates again. There seems to be no commitment on timing yet as consensus is still needed about the outlook for growth, jobs, and inflation.

In general, a review of the July minutes revealed FOMC members who feel the job market has neared full recovery thought a rate increase would be warranted soon. Those who felt a rate hike would not be warranted soon think inflation is still well below the Fed’s stated objective of 2% (presently at 0.8%).

Since the last FOMC meeting, economic data has been mixed. Jobs data for the month of July was positive, as 255,000 jobs were added. Professional and business services led the way with 70,000 new positions, while health care increased 43,000. Leisure and hospitality continued to be a big contributor to job growth, adding 45,000 positions. Previous months’ job totals were also revised upward (additional 13,000 jobs in May, 2016 and additional 5,000 in June). The unemployment rate held steady at 4.9 percent.

U.S. retail sales were unexpectedly flat in July, after retail sales increased 4.2 percent during the second quarter in 2016. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was unchanged in July on a seasonally adjusted basis, as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Over the last 12 months, the “all items” index rose 0.8 percent before seasonal adjustment.

In a speech at the Aspen Institute on Sunday, Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer signaled a 2016 rate hike is still under consideration since the U.S. economy is close to meeting the central bank’s goals and growth will likely gain steam (*The Bond Buyer, August 22, 2016*).

Many market observers are speculating an increase in the federal funds rate could occur yet this year, but it is less likely in the near term. The CME Group’s FedWatch tool, which indicates how likely investors and market analysts believe a rate hike will occur at the next meeting, showed only an 18 percent chance a rate hike would occur in September following the release of the FOMC minutes. The next FOMC meeting is September 20 – 21, 2016.

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Disclosure Recommendations by the NFMA

Recent recommendations by the National Federation of Municipal Analysts (“NFMA”) to improve disclosure in the municipal market have drawn some scrutiny. Established in 1983, the NFMA is an organization of nearly 1,400 members, primarily research and credit analysts who work in the municipal securities market. These individuals represent, among others, mutual funds, insurance companies, broker/dealers, bond insurers, rating agencies, and financial advisory firms.

In a recent [letter](#) to the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), NFMA provided several recommendations that focused on four areas: 1) improving the current state of disclosure filings to EMMA; 2) expanding the list of Material Events disclosures; 3) facilitating better disclosure through additional written guidance by the SEC; 4) addressing primary disclosure concerns (i.e. Official Statements); and, 5) providing new legislative authority as recommended in the [SEC’s 2012 Municipal Securities Market Report](#).

"We believe that the time has come for the SEC to implement the recommendations for improved disclosure made in its 2012 report and to seek broader legislative authority that will strengthen the SEC's oversight of the municipal securities market," William Oliver, NFMA's industry and media liaison, said in a press release.

The SEC and the MSRB (“Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board”) presently cannot directly regulate issuers of municipal securities because of passage in 1975 of the Tower Amendment to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. NFMA has stated they are not calling for a repeal of the Tower Amendment.

While there is agreement and general consensus among issuers and NFMA that disclosure has improved and enhancements and improvements should continue, additional oversight by the SEC might not be the answer. Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University, said he finds the SEC "to be virtually unaccountable" and its "ability to relate to state and local leaders to be almost non-existent." (*The Bond Buyer, August 19, 2016*).

As many of our clients know, continuing disclosure has and continues to be an area of increased focus for investors and regulators. Issuers who contract with Ehlers as a dissemination agent receive questionnaires asking for information about reportable events and changes in financial condition to report this information on [EMMA](#). Every time an offering document is prepared, prospective underwriters must verify an issuer’s compliance with continuing disclosure requirements over the past 5 years, and Ehlers also completes a review of continuing disclosure practices prior to going into the market.



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Settlement terms for issuers who participated in the Municipal Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative (“MCDC”) launched by the SEC are still forthcoming, which could prompt more recommendations or changes. Issuers should expect continued calls for improvement to all forms of disclosure and should review the list of reportable events identified in bond closing documents and continuing disclosure certificates to make sure events are reported timely. Contact your Ehlers Municipal Advisor or your bond counsel if you have questions.

Changes in Municipal Bond Yields

Municipal bond yields were literally unchanged when comparing yields on July 29, 2016 to August 19, 2016.

Trends in Municipal Bond Yields July 29, 2016 to August 19, 2016

	July 29, 2016	August 19, 2016	Change
AAA Yields*			
5 Years	0.84%	0.84%	0.00%
10 Years	1.40%	1.40%	0.00%
20 Years	2.00%	2.00%	0.00%
30 Years	2.12%	2.12%	0.00%
Bond Buyer 20 Bond Index**	2.85%	2.84%	-0.01%

Source:

* Thomson Reuters Municipal Market Data

** *The Bond Buyer*. Average yield on a portfolio of municipal bonds maturing in 20 years, with an average rating of AA/Aa2.

Demand continues to be strong for rated and non-rated bonds. Competitive sales on the attached summary of selected bond sales have an average of 5 bidders per sale. Long-term municipal bond issuance reached \$223.75 billion in the first half of 2016 and the muni-bond market is on pace to reach \$400 billion in volume for the second straight year.

According to *The Bond Buyer* (August 22, 2016), refundings have accounted for \$92.51 billion in volume (41%) so far in 2016, compared with \$101.81 billion of refundings in the first half of 2015. New money deals have increased year-over-year to \$87.09 billion from \$76.64 billion in the first half of 2015.

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Investment Trends – Ehlers Investment Partners

Investors to Pay Close Attention to Up-Coming Events

Due to the fact that The CME Group's FedWatch tool predicts an 18 percent chance of a rate hike in September, investors will be paying close attention to a number of events in the coming weeks in order to get a better read on the potential for any future FOMC action. First, Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen will be speaking Friday at the Fed's annual retreat in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. While there have been reports that Yellen's speech will be more long-term focused, others hope that this speech will serve as an indication of when rates may be increased. The second event that investors will be analyzing is the release of the August jobs data on September 2, 2016. After employment gains of 292,000 in June, and 255,000 in July, another strong month of employment gains could bolster the argument made by some FOMC members at the July meeting a rate increase could be warranted soon. To continue the conversation on interest rates, reach out to an Investment Advisor at Ehlers Investment Partners.

Trends in Investment Returns

August 24, 2016

	1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago	Today
1 Yr Certificate of Deposit	0.5000%	0.6750%	0.7500%
3 Yr Certificate of Deposit	1.5000%	1.0500%	1.1750%
5 Yr US Agency Note	1.8000%	1.5000%	1.4500%
Money Market Funds	0.10%-.25%	0.10%-.40%	0.10%-.45%

Source :Bloomberg

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Crystal, Minnesota 55422-1696

Crystal Planning Commission Agenda

Monday, September 12, 2016

7 p.m.

Crystal City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Monday, August 8, 2016 meeting minutes

3. Public Hearings*
 - a. Variance request from Matthew Detloff for a detached garage at 5565 Welcome Avenue (Application Number 2016-08)
 - b. Variance request from Greg Staples for an attached garage addition at 5440 Twin Lake Terrace (Application Number 2016-09)
 - c. Subdivision request for Bottineau Gardens preliminary plat (Application Number 2016-10)

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business - None

6. General Information
 - a. City Council actions on previous Planning Commission items: Revisions to the City's Floodplain Overlay District (City Code Section 515.61)
 - b. Update from Council Liaison
 - c. Update on City Code Review Task Force
 - d. Staff preview of likely agenda items for Monday, October 10, 2016 meeting

7. Open Forum

8. Adjournment

** Items for which supporting materials will be included in the meeting packet.*

CITY OF CRYSTAL

PROPOSED VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR A
GARAGE AT 5565 WELCOME AVENUE NORTH

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
CRYSTAL CITY HALL (4141 DOUGLAS DR N)

The Crystal Planning Commission will consider a variance application from Matthew Detloff to construct a new 896 sq. ft. detached garage in the front yard at 5565 Welcome Avenue North. The new garage would be an expansion or replacement of an existing 327 sq. ft. detached garage in the front yard.

Two variances are being requested:

1. Accessory buildings (detached garages) cannot be located in the front yard. The existing garage does not meet this requirement but is lawfully nonconforming ("grandfathered in"). Because the proposed garage would be larger than the existing garage, a variance is required **to allow an accessory building in the front yard.**
2. The minimum front setback is 30 feet from the front lot line. The existing garage is set back only 24 feet but is lawfully nonconforming ("grandfathered in"). Because the proposed garage would be larger than the existing garage, a variance is required **to reduce the minimum front setback for the garage to 24 feet.**

The public is invited to view the proposal at Crystal City Hall during normal business hours or on the city website at www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/land_use_applications.php. The Planning Commission staff report will be available for viewing after September 2nd at the same weblink.

To discuss the proposal or submit written comments for the record, please contact John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr. N., Crystal, MN 55422, john.sutter@crystalmn.gov or 763-531-1130.

To speak directly to the Planning Commission, please attend the public hearing on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall.

LEGAL NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Crystal will meet on September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North, in said City, to consider a variance application for Matthew Detloff to construct a detached garage at 5565 Welcome Avenue North that is closer to the street than the existing home and built to a distance of 24 feet rather than the required 30 feet. After holding the public hearing, the Commission is expected to make a recommendation to the City Council for their meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Persons desiring to be heard are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Persons unable to attend may submit written comments prior to the date of the hearing to: John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422. Auxiliary aids for handicap persons are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Clerk at 763-531-1145 to make arrangements. Deaf and Hard of Hearing callers should contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 V/TTY or call 711 to be connected to a TTY.

CITY OF CRYSTAL

PROPOSED VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR A
GARAGE ADDITION AT 5440 TWIN LAKE TERRACE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
CRYSTAL CITY HALL (4141 DOUGLAS DR N)

The Crystal Planning Commission will consider a variance application from Greg Staples to construct a 450 sq. ft. attached garage addition in front of the existing house and garage at 5440 Twin Lake Terrace.

Two variances are being requested:

1. The minimum side setback is 5 feet from the side lot line but the existing building is only 4.5 feet from the north side property line. Because the proposed garage addition would expand a nonconforming building, a variance is required to **reduce the side setback for the existing building to 4.5 feet**. The garage addition would still have to comply with the standard 5 foot setback and easement requirements.
2. The minimum front setback is 30 feet from the front lot line. Because the proposed garage addition would be located 12 feet from the front lot line, a variance is required to **reduce the minimum front setback for the garage addition to 12 feet**.

The public is invited to view the proposal at Crystal City Hall during normal business hours or on the city website at www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/land_use_applications.php. The Planning Commission staff report will be available for viewing after September 2nd at the same weblink.

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LEGAL NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Crystal will meet on September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North, in said City, to consider a variance application for Greg Staples to construct a garage addition to a nonconforming garage at 5440 Twin Lake Terrace to a distance of 12 feet to the front property line rather than the required 30 feet. After holding the public hearing, the Commission is expected to make a recommendation to the City Council for their meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Persons desiring to be heard are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Persons unable to attend may submit written comments prior to the date of the hearing to: John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422. Auxiliary aids for handicap persons are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Clerk at 763-531-1145 to make arrangements. Deaf and Hard of Hearing callers should contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 V/TTY or call 711 to be connected to a TTY.

CITY OF CRYSTAL
PROPOSED PRELIMINARY PLAT AND EASEMENT VACATION APPLICATIONS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Crystal Planning Commission will consider a preliminary plat application from Hennepin County for the Bottineau Gardens subdivision for the three existing lots at 5205 – 49th Avenue North and 4816 and 4834 Lakeland Avenue North. In addition, the City Council will consider a request to vacate an existing sewer easement that is located within this subdivision.

General summary of the proposal:

- Hennepin County is proposing to replat the three existing lots so that they are re-oriented to be accessed from either 49th or Lakeside Avenues North rather than Lakeland Avenue North.
- The project would result in two lots addressed as 5201 and 5209 - 49th Avenue North, and one lot addressed as 5140 Lakeside Avenue North. If the subdivision is approved by the City Council, Hennepin County will sell the lots for construction of three single-family homes.
- As part of the subdivision of these parcels, the City Council will consider vacating an existing City-owned sewer easement in proposed Lot 2 (5201 – 49th Avenue North). Due to the dedication of new drainage and utility easements in the Bottineau Gardens subdivision, the easement is no longer needed.

The public is invited to view the proposal at Crystal City Hall during normal business hours or on the city website at www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/land_use_applications.php. The Planning Commission staff report for the preliminary plat will be available for viewing after September 2nd at the same weblink. The City Council staff report for the vacation will be available for viewing after September 16th at www.crystalmn.gov/city_government/council_meetings_and_agendas.php

To discuss the proposal or submit written comments for the record, please contact John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr. N., Crystal, MN 55422, john.sutter@crystalmn.gov or 763-531-1130.

To speak directly to the Planning Commission on the preliminary plat, please attend the public hearing on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall. **To speak directly to the City Council on the easement vacation**, please attend the public hearing on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the same time and location.

LEGAL NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Crystal will meet on September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North, in said City, to consider a preliminary plat application for Hennepin County to replat the properties at 5205- 49th Avenue North and 4816 and 4834 Lakeland Avenue North. After holding the public hearing, the Commission is expected to make a recommendation to the City Council for their meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. At that meeting, the City Council will also consider a request to vacate a sewer easement for this plat. Persons desiring to be heard are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearings. Persons unable to attend may submit written comments prior to the date of the hearings to: John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422. Auxiliary aids for handicap persons are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Clerk at 763-531-1145 to make arrangements. Deaf and Hard of Hearing callers should contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 V/TTY or call 711 to be connected to a TTY.

Crystal

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CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA REPORT

CASE ACTIVITY: Previous 7 Days prior to

August 24, 2016 - 12:00:00 AM

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CY16-020086	60- LAKELAND AV N	MISC WARRANT ARREST			08/19/2016 03:48
CY16-019887	55- WEST BROADWAY	ORD-DISORDERLY CONDUCT			08/17/2016 00:08
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ADULT ACADEMIC
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Crystal Learning Center

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Crystal, MN 55428

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Immediately after the ribbon cutting, we will have an Open House until 6 pm.**

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Regional Railroad Authority approves \$149 million for light rail line

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The Blue Line Extension of light rail transit project took another step forward Aug. 9 when Hennepin County approved its share of the project's \$1.5 billion cost.

The Hennepin County Board, acting in its capacity as the Regional Railroad Authority, voted to fund 10 percent share of capital costs for the Blue Line Extension project. The amount cannot exceed \$149.6 million.

"It's a great development for the project," said Hennepin County Commissioner Mike Opat. "All systems are go at this point."

The railroad authority also agreed to allocate \$10.3 million to the project's next engineering phase.

In all, the light rail project is expected to cost \$1.54 billion, and the county is the first organization to formalize its contribution to the total cost. The Counties Transit Improvement Board is slated to pay for 31 percent of the project's cost, and could vote to approve the board's share later this summer. Another 49 percent of the project is expected to be paid for with federal grant money.

The remaining 10 percent is up to the State Legislature, which failed this spring to agree on a transportation deal, and the 10 percent funding for either the Southwest light rail line or the Blue Line Extension. The prospect of a special legislative session has been discussed, but DFL and Republican leaders have not agreed to the terms for a special session.

Opat has been a vocal supporter of the Blue Line project, arguing that the line shouldn't be lumped together with the Southwest line, which has been the subject of lawsuits and the legislature's prolonged standoff.

"It bothers me when this project is cast in the same light as Southwest because we don't have the same problems that Southwest has," Opat said.

The Blue Line Extension will planned to run from Target Field in Minneapolis, along Highway 55 in Minneapolis and along the existing Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail corridor through Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, and Crystal, before turning onto West Broadway through Brooklyn Park. The Southwest line would connect downtown Minneapolis to Eden Prairie via stops in St. Louis Park, Hopkins and Minnetonka.

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