

## LINO LAKES CHARTER

### LINO LAKES VOTERS WILL DECIDE THEIR OWN BALLOT QUESTION

from City web site

Lino Lakes adopted a City Charter in 1983 — which provides the city with a very unique way of approving public improvements such as road reconstruction projects. Currently when a portion of a city roadway needs a total reconstruction the city must develop a plan, present the plan to the community and then place the proposal on the ballot at the next election. The project only moves forward if the majority of those who vote in the election vote “yes.” Since the charter was adopted only one road referendum has been approved. This has led city staff and the city council to look at amending the charter.

The amendment proposes four changes to the City Charter:

1. Providing additional opportunity for residents to discuss the size, scope and cost of the project with the City Council before a decision is made to proceed with the project.
2. Preserving the neighborhood’s right to petition against the improvements and stop the project.
3. Creating a “reverse referendum” process that gives citizens the opportunity to request that the proposed project be put on the ballot for a citywide vote.
4. Eliminating the city’s three charter exempt zones, making this new process applicable to all properties in the city.

Mayor Jeff Reinert is a proponent of the amendment and believes that if approved this will give residents a more effective voice in the projects that will directly affect their neighborhood. This is not the first time the city has proposed an amendment to the charter. Previous amendments have failed but Mayor Reinert thinks the city will support a change if it makes sense. “In a city survey 65% of residents said they would support a change to the charter...last time we did not propose the change they were looking for...I think we have a much better amendment this time” said Reinert.

Lino Lakes is the only city in Minnesota that has this road construction process in place, and approximately 20% of the city roads in Lino Lakes are in need to reconstruction. These roadways have deteriorated past the point where maintenance can be effective. “We can not let our infrastructure crumble” said Reinert.

Of greatest concern to many voters is how this amendment will affect their rights and their pocketbook. “This amendment will not take away any rights...and this amendment will not raise your taxes” said Community Development Director Mike Grochala.

Mayor Reinert concluded “this is a great improvement...and keeps the integrity of the charter.” For more information on the charter amendment Lino Lakes residents are encouraged to contact city staff or the members of the city council:

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**Below is Chapter 8 of the Lino Lakes Charter as it currently reads:**

#### CHAPTER VIII. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Section 8.01. Power to Make Improvements and Levy Assessments.  
The City may make any type of public improvements not forbidden by law and levy special assessments to pay all or any part of the cost of such improvements as are of a local character. The total assessments for any local improvement may not exceed the cost of the improvement, including all costs and expenses connected therewith, with interest. No assessment shall exceed the benefits to the property.

Section 8.02. Effective Charter Provisions, Except as Provided in Section 8.07. Local improvements (the term "local improvement" shall mean a public improvement financed partly or wholly from special assessments) shall be carried out exclusively under the provisions of this Charter. (Amended 11/23/93, Ordinance No. 93-19)

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## NEWS FROM ANOKA COUNTY

### COUNTY BUILDINGS AWARDED NATIONAL ENERGY STAR CERTIFICATION



The Anoka County Government Center in Anoka and the Human Service Center in Blaine have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Energy Star certification, which signifies the buildings perform in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meet strict performance levels set by the EPA.

Anoka County is one of just two counties in Minnesota to earn the Energy Star certification this year.

Achieving the Energy Star certification caps Anoka County's long-held commitment to cutting energy costs and addressing necessary upgrades to its aging infrastructure. Beginning in 2002, the county collaborated with Energy Services Group (ESG) by Honeywell to develop a comprehensive plan to identify energy and operational savings in all county facilities. (ESG is part of Honeywell's Building Solutions business unit, which is based in Golden Valley. The business is a global leader in technology and services that helps organizations reduce energy consumption and costs, having delivered billions in savings to date.) In the last 10 years, Anoka County saved a total of \$6.17 million by implementing projects to boost building efficiency and upgrade operations; savings topped more than \$1 million last year alone.

“The Energy Star certification demonstrates that Anoka County is



Anoka County Board members and county employees celebrate Energy Star certification of two county buildings

proactively working to save energy resources, along with county tax dollars,” said Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look, chair of the county Finance and Capital Improvement Committee. “Even by making small changes, such as turning back the thermostat a few degrees and turning off the lobby lights on sunny days, we’re achieving significant, ongoing savings in energy costs.”

Commercial buildings that achieve the Energy Star certification use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and release 35 percent less carbon dioxide, according to the EPA. In Anoka County, carbon dioxide emissions have been cut by 3,200 tons each year, the equivalent of taking more than 600 cars off the road. Electricity use has been reduced by more than 3,900-megawatt hours each year, enough energy to power 350 homes.

“Anoka County exceeded the minimum 75 point threshold for earning the Energy Star certification by a significant margin, receiving a score of 95 out of 100,” said Scott Schroeder, general manager for ESG by Honeywell. “Even more commendable, Anoka County has maintained that high industry standard for the last 10 years.”

To achieve these significant energy savings and to meet the stringent Energy Star requirements, Anoka County implemented energy efficiency upgrades in seven phases. All the work was funded by the savings the improvements generated so county administrators didn't have to extend budgets or request additional taxpayer dollars.

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Section 8.03. Local Improvement Ordinances and Regulations. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after this Charter goes into effect and before local improvements can be acted upon, the Council shall enact suitable ordinance(s) governing local improvements and special assessments. The ordinance(s) shall provide a complete working code covering the determination of assessments and assessment districts, public hearings, appeals from a collection of assessments, penalties for delinquency in making payments, financing of said assessments, and the certifying of unpaid assessments for collection by the proper County officer. Said ordinance(s) shall also provide for installment payments and notices to be given thereof, appellate procedure, reassessment, if necessary, and all other matters appropriate to the subject of local improvements and assessments. After the adoption of such ordinance(s) providing for local improvements, all procedures in compliance therewith shall conform to the regulations as set forth in such ordinance(s) and as otherwise contained in this Charter.

Section 8.04. Special Assessment Procedure. (Amended)

Subdivision 1. All improvements to be paid for by special assessments against the benefitted property shall be instituted by either, (1) a petition of at least twenty-five percent (25%) in number of the benefitted property owners (A benefitted property owner can only sign once regardless of the number of benefitted parcels owned and a benefitted parcel can only have one signature.) together with a resolution adopted by an affirmative vote of the majority of all of the Council, or, (2) a resolution adopted by a four-fifths affirmative vote of all of the Council. The Council resolution shall state the nature and scope of proposed improvement including the number of benefitted property owners, and shall provide means to obtain a cost estimate which shall set forth the cost of the improvement both in unit price and in total thereof. Upon receipt of such estimate, the Council shall by resolution set a date for a public hearing on the proposed improvement setting forth therein the time, place and purpose of such hearing. Such resolution shall be published twice, at least one week apart, in the official newspaper of the City no less than two (2) weeks prior to Lino Lakes City Charter the date of said hearing, and in addition thereto, a copy of such resolution including estimate unit prices and estimated total price thereof shall be mailed to each benefitted property owner at his/her last known address at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of said hearing. Failure to give mailed notice, or any defects in the notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings. At such hearing the City shall receive any written and oral statements, and hear any petitioners for or against the proposed improvement. At such hearing the City Council shall present a special assessment formula and an analysis of the assessment income expected to offset the proposed improvement cost. A period of sixty (60) days shall elapse after the public hearing before any further action shall be taken by the Council, on the proposed improvement. If within such sixty (60) day period, in a petitioning process independent of the initiating process, a petition against such improvement be filed with the Council, signed by a majority of the owners proposed to be assessed for such improvement, or when the improvement has been petitioned for, signed by a number of the owners proposed to be assessed for such improvement, at least equal to the number of those who petitioned for the improvement, the Council shall not make such improvement at the expense of the property benefitted, unless, in the meantime there be filed with the Council a petition asking that the improvement be made, signed by property owners proposed to be assessed for such improvement at least equal in number to those who signed the petition against the improvement; in which event the Council may disregard the petition against the improvement. Any person whose name appears on a petition to the Council for a local improvement, may withdraw his/her name by statement in writing filed with the Council before such petition is presented to the Council.

Subdivision 2. Regardless of the provisions of Subdivision 1 of this section, when less than one hundred (100%) percent of the estimated cost of the proposed improvement is to be paid for by special assessments, connection charges, or any outside funding sources other than the City general fund, the Council shall within one hundred twenty (120) days after the conclusion of the public hearing, submit the proposed local improvement and its assessment formula to the voters of the City. If no election is scheduled during such one hundred twenty (120) day period, the Council shall schedule a special election by which said improvement and its associated assessment formula can be submitted to the City's voters. If a majority of those voting on said improvement and associated assessment formula are opposed, the Council shall not proceed with the local improvement as proposed. (Amended)

Subdivision 3. When a proposed improvement is allowed under the foregoing subdivision, and the public record of the proposed improvement contains all of the evidence on which the Council shall base their decision, the Council may by resolution, at any time between sixty (60) days and one (1) year after the conclusion of the public hearing, proceed on the improvement. If after bids are received on the project the proposed contract exceeds the estimated cost of the engineer stated at the public hearing held under Subdivision 1 by more than ten (10%) percent, the City Council may not award the contract for the proposed improvement, but may rebid the project for one (1) time only. (Amended)

Subdivision 4. When a proposed improvement is disallowed under the foregoing subdivisions, the Council shall not vote on the same improvement within a period of one (1) year after the public hearing on said improvement.

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As part of the initiative, the county:

- Retrofitted lighting to use newer, more energy efficient technology;
- Upgraded the energy management system;
- Installed energy efficient motors with variable speed drives to cut energy use and increase comfort;
- Replaced the central heating and cooling plants;
- Converted to a dual duct ventilation system to better maintain a consistent temperature;
- Installed back-up generators;
- Made repairs to the temperature control system to boost energy efficiency and enhance comfort;
- Replaced insulation; and
- Conserved water by retrofitting plumbing and adding sensors in bathrooms.

In addition, Facilities Management officials asked county employees for energy saving ideas. Among the employee suggestions implemented:

- Adjusting the thermostat to 68 degrees in the winter and 74 degrees in the summer: \$120,000 ongoing annual savings;
- Turning off overhead lights on sunny days to "harvest daylight": \$50,000 ongoing annual savings;
- Removing one-third of the fluorescent bulbs in overhead light fixtures: \$40,000 ongoing annual savings;
- Scheduling lighting and heating and air conditioning systems to turn on later in the morning and off earlier in the evening: \$110,000 ongoing annual savings;
- Setting up computer monitors to switch into energy saving mode after 10 minutes of inactivity and shutting down computers and printers at the end of the work day: \$30,000 ongoing annual savings; and
- Implementing a computer maintenance management system to allow for preventive maintenance and life cycle replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems and all other equipment: 2-4 percent continued annual reduction in utility costs over the next five years.

**Anoka County Launches Online Child Care Locator**

Anoka County announced the official launch Oct. 22 of the Anoka County Licensed Child Care Locator. The application is accessible online via the county's Child Care Licensing webpage at [www.anokacounty.us/childcare](http://www.anokacounty.us/childcare).

"As a parent, I know how important it is to find someone you can trust to care for your children," said Anoka County Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah. "We are proud to support parents in their search to find just the right fit for their family."

Parents who've already tried the Anoka County Child Care Locator via [www.anokacounty.us/childcare](http://www.anokacounty.us/childcare) say it "is the best I've found so far to find local child care" and "I really found it helpful to see where I live compared to day care providers." The locator was designed to help parents find a licensed child care provider in the neighborhood that's convenient for them. Users can search by address, map location, license class, or city.

The information comes directly from Anoka County's Child Care Licensing files and is applied to the County's geographic information system technology. The direct link is <http://gis.anokacountymn.gov/childcare/>

Clicking on the provider icon generates a pop-up window that allows users to see the child care provider's name, address, license type, date the license was first granted, and phone number. The pop-up window also allows users to view the current status of the provider's license via a web link that connects the user to the Minnesota Department of Human Services child care licensing website.

"Once a parent has found a potential provider, we encourage them to contact us to learn more about the provider's current status with us," said Evelyn Nelson of Anoka County Child Care Licensing. "This is a great new tool designed to help us work together with parents to help them find the best care possible."

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**Section 8.05. Assessments for Services.** The Council may provide by ordinance that the cost of City services to streets, sidewalks, or other public or private property may be assessed against property benefitted and may be collected in the same manner as special assessments. Such costs shall not be deemed to be "special assessments" for the purposes set forth in Section 8.03 of this chapter.

**Section 8.06.** When under the provisions of section 8.04, Subdivision 1, an improvement is petitioned for by one hundred (100%) percent of the benefitted property owners, such property owners may after the mailing of notice of a public hearing, petition to waive fifty (50) of the sixty (60) days waiting period. After such petition, the City Council may immediately order the proposed project. (Amended)

**Section 8.07. Local Improvement; Special Provisions.**

Subdivision 1. Except as provided in Subdivision 3, in the geographic areas of the City described in Subdivision 2, the construction of local improvements, the levy of special assessment for the financing of those improvements must be conducted in accordance with procedures specified in state law.

Subdivision 2. Subdivision 1 applies to land within three (3) geographic areas, each not exceeding 430 acres, legally described as follows:

**AREA NO. 1 - Trunk Highway #49 (Hodgson Road) and County State Aid Highway #23 Intersection (Lake Drive)**

- All Government Lot 1, Section 30, T31, R22, PIN. 30-31-22-210001
- That part of Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17, Auditor's Subdivision No. 151 lying south and east of State Trunk Highway #49 (Hodgson Road) right-of-way

**AREA NO. 2 - Interstate I35E and County Road 242 (Main Street) Interchange**

- Northeast one quarter (1/4) of Section 24
- That part of the southeast one quarter (1/4) of Section 24 lying north of Cedar Street
- East one half (1/2) of the southwest one quarter (1/4) of Section 24
- East one half (1/2) of the northwest one quarter (1/4) of Section 24

**AREA NO. 3 Interstate I35W and Trunk Highway #49 (Lake Drive) Interchange**

- North one half (1/2) of the southwest one quarter (1/4) of Section 18
- That part of the south one half (1/2) of the southwest one quarter (1/4) of Section 18 lying north of the Interstate I35W right-of-way
- That part of the southwest one quarter (1/4) of Section 17 lying west of Trunk Highway #49 (Lake Drive) right-of-way
- All of the northwest one quarter (1/4) of Section 17 with the exception of that part of the southeast one quarter (1/4) of said northwest one quarter (1/4) of Section 17 as follows: beginning at a point at the intersection of the south line of said southeast one quarter (1/4) of the northwest one quarter (1/4) with the east right-of-way line of Trunk Highway #49; thence northeasterly along said right-of-way line 938.14 feet (+ or -); thence southeasterly 672.39 (+ or -) feet to east line of said southeast one quarter (1/4) of the northwest one quarter (1/4); thence south along said east line 588.5 (+ or -) feet to the south line of said southeast one quarter (1/4) of the northwest one quarter (1/4); thence westerly along said south line 1021.59 feet (+ or -) to the point of beginning.
- The north 720 feet of that part of the southwest one quarter (1/4) of the northeast one quarter (1/4) of Section 17 lying west of the Anoka County Park property
- That part of the north one half (1/2) of the northeast one quarter (1/4) of Section 17 lying west of the Anoka County Park property.
- That part of the north one half (1/2) of the northeast one quarter (1/4) of Section 17 lying west of the Anoka County Park property
- The south one half (1/2) of southeast one quarter (1/4) of the southeast one quarter (1/4) of Section 8
- The southeast one quarter (1/4) of the southeast one quarter (1/4) of the southwest one quarter (1/4) of Section 8
- The east 330 feet (+ or -) of the northeast one quarter (1/4) of the southeast one quarter (1/4) of the southwest one quarter (1/4) of Section 8

Subdivision 3. When construction of local improvements, the levy of special assessments for the financing of those improvements specially benefit a parcel of real property, in an area described in subdivision 2, on which a single family, owner occupied residential unit existed on September 30, 1993, the owner/occupant of such residential unit may file a petition with the City Clerk objecting to the special assessment to be levied against his/her parcel. Such petition shall be filed with the City at or before the first public hearing to be held on the project. After the filing of such petition the City may not specially assess such owner's property for the improvements constructed unless the owner, at his/her option, in the future elects to connect to or use the improvements constructed by the City. Any notice of hearing mailed to such single family, owner occupied units shall include notice of the property owner's right to object to the assessments as granted in this paragraph. This exception terminates on the first day that an owner occupied residential unit no longer exists on the parcel of real property. (Section 8.07 Added November 22, 1993, Ordinance No. 93 - 19)

**PAST LINO LAKES CHARTER QUESTIONS**

There have been four referendums regarding road construction and maintenance — in 1997, 2003, 2005 and 2007. Only the first was successful. In the general election of 2008 there was a ballot question to amend the charter. The question was this:

“PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT INITIATED BY VOTER PETITION. Should Chapter 8 of the City of Lino Lakes charter be amended to authorize the financing of public improvements with special assessments using the procedures of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429 instead of current City Charter procedures that include a city-wide referendum for most improvements?” It was defeated by a vote of 6529 (64%) to 3658 in favor (36%).

In the general election of 2007, this question was on the ballot: “FINANCING OF STREET PROJECT AND LEVYING OF TAXES. Should the City of Lino Lakes be authorized to undertake the 2009 street reconstruction project, and to pay approximately 51.5% of the cost from special assessments levied according to city policies and 48.5% of the cost from the city general fund including revenues from a levy on all taxable property in the city?” 69% voted No. — ACR

The Lino Lakes City Council approved an ordinance to amend the city charter August 13, 2012 by a 4-0 vote, with Councilor Stoesz absent. Here is the text of that ordinance:

**CITY OF LINO LAKES  
ORDINANCE No. 05-12**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE  
LINO LAKES CITY CHARTER, REGARDING PUBLIC  
IMPROVEMENTS AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The City Council of the City of Lino Lakes does ordain:

**Section 1.** That chapter 8, Section 8.01, 8.02, 8.03, 8.04, 8.05 of the Lino Lakes City Charter be and are hereby repealed:

~~Section 8.01. Power to Make Improvements and Levy Assessments. The City may make any type of public improvements not forbidden by law and levy special assessments to pay all or any part of the cost of such improvements as are of a local character. The total assessments for any local improvement may not exceed the cost of the improvement, including all costs and expenses connected therewith, with interest. No assessment shall exceed the benefits to the property.~~

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~~Section 8.04. Special Assessment Procedure~~

~~Subdivision 1. All improvements to be paid for by special assessments against the benefitted property shall be instituted by either, (1) a petition of at least twenty-five percent (25%) in number of the benefitted property owners (A benefitted property owner can only sign once regardless of the number of benefitted parcels owned and a benefitted parcel can only have one signature.) together with a resolution adopted by an affirmative vote of the majority of all of the Council, or, (2) a resolution adopted by a four-fifths affirmative vote of all of the Council. The Council resolution shall state the nature and scope of proposed improvement including the number of benefitted property owners, and shall provide means to obtain a cost estimate which shall set forth the cost of the improvement both in unit price and in total thereof. Upon receipt of such estimate, the Council shall by resolution set a date for a public hearing on the proposed improvement setting forth therein the time, place and purpose of such hearing. Such resolution shall be published twice, at least one week apart, in the official newspaper of the City no less than two (2) weeks prior to the date of said hearing, and in addition thereto, a copy of such resolution including estimate unit prices and estimated total price thereof shall be mailed to each benefitted property owner at his/her last known address at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of said hearing. Failure to give mailed notice, or any defects in the notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings. At such hearing the City shall receive any written and oral statements, and hear any petitioners for or against the proposed improvement. At such hearing the City Council shall present a special assessment formula and an analysis of the assessment income expected to offset the proposed improvement cost. A period of sixty (60) days shall elapse after the public hearing before any further action shall be taken by the Council, on the proposed improvement. If within such sixty (60) day period, in a petitioning process independent of the initiating process, a petition against such improvement be filed with the Council, signed by a majority of the owners proposed to be assessed for such improvement, or when the improvement has been petitioned for, signed by a number of the owners proposed to be assessed for such improvement, at least equal to the number of those who petitioned for the improvement, the Council shall not make such improvement at the expense of the property benefitted, unless, in the meantime there be filed with the Council a petition asking that the improvement be made, signed by property owners proposed to be assessed for such improvement at least equal in number to those who signed the petition against the improvement; in which event the Council may disregard the petition against the improvement. Any person whose name appears on a petition to the Council for a local improvement, may withdraw his/her name by statement in writing filed with the Council before such petition is presented to the Council.~~

~~Subdivision 2. Regardless of the provisions of Subdivision 1 of this section, when less than one hundred (100%) percent of the estimated cost of the proposed improvement is to be paid for by special assessments, connection charges, or any outside funding sources other than the City general fund, the Council shall within one hundred twenty (120) days after the conclusion of the public hearing, submit the proposed local improvement and its assessment formula to the voters of the City. If no election is scheduled during such one hundred twenty (120) day period, the Council shall schedule a special election by which said improvement and its associated assessment formula can be submitted to the City's voters. If a majority of those voting on said improvement and associated assessment formula are opposed, the Council shall not proceed with the local improvement as proposed.~~

~~Subdivision 3. When a proposed improvement is allowed under the foregoing subdivision, and the public record of the proposed improvement contains all of the evidence on which the Council shall base their decision, the Council may by resolution, at any time between sixty (60) days and one (1) year after the conclusion of the public hearing, proceed on the improvement. If after bids are received on the project the proposed contract exceeds the estimated cost of the engineer stated at the public hearing held under Subdivision 1 by more than ten (10%) percent, the City Council may not award the contract for the proposed improvement, but may rebid the project for one (1) time only. Subdivision 4. When a proposed improvement is disallowed under the foregoing subdivisions, the Council shall not vote on the same improvement within a period of one (1) year after the public hearing on said improvement. Section 8.05.~~

~~Assessments for Services. The Council may provide by ordinance that the cost of City services to streets, sidewalks, or other public or private property may be assessed against property benefitted and may be collected in the same manner as special assessments. Such costs shall not be deemed to be "special assessments" for the purposes set forth in Section 8.03 of this chapter. Section 8.06. When under the provisions of section 8.04, Subdivision 1, an improvement is petitioned for by one hundred (100%) percent of the benefitted property owners, such property owners may after the mailing of notice of a public hearing, petition to waive fifty (50) of the sixty (60) days waiting period. After such petition, the City Council may immediately order the proposed project. (Amended)~~

**Section 2.** That Chapter 8 of the Lino Lakes City Charter be amended by adding thereto a new Section 8.01 to read as follows:

**Section 8.01. Local Improvements Defined; Charter Provisions Effective.**

**Subdivision 1.** For the purposes of this Chapter, the term "local improvements" means any public improvements financed in whole or in part from special assessments.

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Subdivision 2. For the purposes of any objection or petition under this Chapter, (a) each parcel is considered to have one owner, and only one person or entity may sign an objection or petition on behalf of any additional owners of that parcel; and (b) if the same person or entity owns more than one parcel affected by a local improvement, that person or entity may sign an objection or petition only once; and (c) for the purpose of identifying recipients of any notice under this Chapter, owners are determined in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.031, subdivision 1.

Subdivision 3. The City may undertake any local improvements not forbidden by law and levy special assessments to pay all or any part of the cost of such local improvements. The principal amount of special assessments for any local improvements shall not exceed the cost of the local improvement, including all design, financing and related costs, and shall not exceed the benefit to the property determined in accordance with state law.

Subdivision 4. Local improvements shall be carried out exclusively under the provisions of this Charter, except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 8.02.

**Section 3.** That Chapter 8 of the Lino Lakes City Charter be amended by adding thereto a new Section 8.02 to read as follows:

**Section 8.02. Local Improvement Procedure.**

Subdivision 1. Local improvements shall be carried out in accordance with state law, except as provided in this Section.

Subdivision 2. If more than 50 percent of the owners of the real property abutting on the streets named in the mailed notice of the improvement hearing under Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.031, subdivision 1 sign written objections regarding the local improvements, and file such objections with the city clerk prior to the improvement hearing or present such objections to the presiding officer at the hearing, then after the hearing the council shall schedule a special meeting to be held at least 45 days after the date of the hearing. At least 10 days prior to the date of the special meeting, the city shall publish notice of the special meeting and mail notice of the special meeting to all owners who received the initial notice under Section 429.031, subdivision 1. Such published and mailed notice shall include all the information provided in the initial mailed notice, along with a statement as to the number and percentage of affected owners who filed objections at or before the hearing. At the special meeting, the council shall hear additional testimony on behalf of any objecting property owners, and may consider further written or oral testimony from appropriate city officials and other witnesses, as to the nature of the local improvements, the advisability of proceeding with such local improvements, the proposed financing for such local improvements, any proposed amendments to the plans or financing for such local improvements, and the methodology used to calculate individual special assessments for such local improvements.

Subdivision 3. A resolution ordering the local improvements (as such local improvements may have been amended in response to the hearing or special meeting under Section 8.02, Subdivision 2) may be adopted at any time within six months after the date of the special meeting by vote of a majority of all members of the council when the local improvement has been petitioned for by not less than 35 percent of the owners of the real property abutting on the streets named in the petition as the location of the local improvement; and when there has been no such petition, the resolution may be adopted only by vote of four-fifths of all members of the council. The effective date of a resolution ordering the local improvement must be at least 30 days after adoption. Within five days after adoption of the resolution, a summary of the resolution must be mailed to the affected owners. If more than 50 percent of the affected owners sign written objections regarding the resolution, and file such objections with the city clerk prior to the effective date of the resolution, the resolution does not become effective and the local improvement is not ordered. Any objections filed under Section 8.02, Subdivision 2 will not constitute objections under this Subdivision 3. If the required number of owners do not file a timely objection under this subdivision, the local improvement may proceed after the effective date of the resolution, except as otherwise provided in Subdivisions 5 and 6.

Subdivision 4. If timely objections are not filed by the required number of property owners under Subdivision 2 of this Section, Subdivisions 2 and 3 of this Section do not thereafter apply to the subject local improvements, and all subsequent procedures for approval of and levying of special assessments for those local improvements shall be in accordance with state law, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision and Subdivisions 5 and 6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.031, subdivision 1, clause (f), a resolution ordering the local improvement may be adopted at any time within six months after the date of the hearing by vote of a majority of all members of the council when the local improvement has been petitioned for by not less than 35 percent of the owners of the real property abutting on the streets named in the petition as the location of the local improvement; and when there has been no such petition, the resolution may be adopted only by vote of four-fifths of all members of the council.

Subdivision 5. If any portion of the cost of a local improvement is to be paid from ad valorem taxes, the ordering of the local improvement shall be suspended for 30 days after the effective date of the resolution ordering the local improvement under subdivision 3 (if no timely objection was filed by the required number of owners) or under subdivision 4. If a petition requesting a vote on the local improvement signed by registered voters equal to at least 12 percent of the votes cast in the last general municipal election is filed with the City Clerk by the end of that 30-day period, then the City may proceed with the local improvement, and may issue general obligation bonds to finance the local improvement, only after obtaining approval of a majority of the voters voting on the question at a general or special election. The ballot shall generally describe the proposed local improvement, the estimated principal amount of bonds to be issued to finance the local improvement, and the estimated percentage of total debt service on the bonds expected to be paid from ad valorem taxes.

Subdivision 6. If the voters do not approve a local improvement and issuance of bonds therefore at an election required by subdivision 5, the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58, subd. 1a shall apply.

Subdivision 5. When a proposed improvement is disallowed under the foregoing subdivisions, the Council shall not vote on the same improvement within a period of one (1) year after the public hearing on said improvement, unless it is determined by the Council that a sooner vote is necessary to preserve public peace, health, morals, safety or welfare.

**Section 4.** That Chapter 8, Section 8.07, of the Lino Lakes City Charter is hereby repealed:

*Editor's note:* From this point on, Section 8.07 is deleted. To see that language, go to page B-1 where we print this section as it stands currently. The ordinance concludes with the mayor's signature and recording of the council vote.

Below is an excerpt from Lino Lakes's sample ballot for the Nov. 6 election, which shows the charter question language:

**CITY QUESTION**

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To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.

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**CITY QUESTION 1  
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

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Shall Chapter 8 of the City of Lino Lakes charter be amended as described below?

Chapter 8 is amended to provide that the City may undertake public improvements financed in whole or in part with special assessments generally using the procedures in state law, except that: (a) if more than 50% of the property owners abutting the named streets file a timely objection, the City must hold a second meeting to take additional testimony; (b) if the Council orders the improvement after the second meeting, more than 50% of the affected owners may stop the improvement by filing objections within 30 days after the City Council action; and (c) if the cost of any improvement is to be paid in part from ad valorem taxes, the improvement is subject to city-wide referendum if a timely petition is filed by registered voters equal to at least 12 percent of the votes cast in the last general municipal election. The amendment also eliminates three special zones where State law special assessment rules apply; instead Chapter 8 as amended applies throughout the City.

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YES  
 NO

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**Mon. Nov. 5**  
Public Works Cmte  
9 am, Rm 772, ACGC  
**Tues. Nov. 6**  
Parks & Rec Cmte, 9 am,  
Visitor Center, Coon  
Rapids Dam Reg. Park  
**Thurs. Nov. 8**  
Anoka County-Blaine Airport  
NW Building Area Joint  
Powers Bd, 9 am, Rm 772  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Mgmt Cmte, 8:30 am, Rm 772  
Anoka County Board, 9:30 am,  
Rm 772, ACGC

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**THURS., NOV. 8, 2012**  
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1685 Crosstown Blvd NW  
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Ph: 763-755-5100  
www.ci.andover.mn.us

**Thurs. Nov. 1 & 15**  
Parks Comm., 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 7**  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 14**  
Open Space Advisory Comm., 7 pm

**ANOKA**  
Anoka City Hall  
2015 1st Ave. N.  
Anoka, MN 55303-2270  
Ph: 763-576-2700  
www.ci.anoka.mn.us

**Mon. Nov. 5 & 19**  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 7**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Heritage Preserv. Comm., 5 pm  
HRA, 5 pm

**Wed. Nov. 14**  
Waste Reduction & Recycling  
Bd., 5 pm

**BETHEL**  
Bethel City Hall  
23820 Dewey St. / PO Box 64  
Bethel, MN 55005  
Ph: 763-434-4366  
www.bethelmn.govoffice2.com  
**1st & 3rd Thursdays**  
City Council — 7 pm

**BLAINE**  
Blaine City Hall  
10801 Town Square Dr NE  
Blaine, MN 55449  
Ph: 763-784-6700  
www.ci.blaine.mn.us

**Tues. Nov. 1 & 15**  
City Council “workshop”,  
6:30 pm  
City Council meeting, 7:30 pm  
**Thurs. Nov. 8**  
City Council “workshop”,  
6:30 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Blaine Historical Soc., 6:30 pm  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**NOTE: Meetings listed**  
**on this page are subject**  
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**CENTERVILLE**

Centerville City Hall  
1880 Main St  
Centerville, MN 55038  
Ph: 651-429-3232  
centervilllemn.com

**Wed. Nov. 7**  
Parks & Rec. Comm., 6:30 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Planning Comm., 6:30 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 14**  
City Council, 6:30 pm

**CIRCLE PINES**

Centerville City Hall  
1880 Main St  
Centerville, MN 55038  
Ph: 651-429-3232  
centervilllemn.com

**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Park Board, 6 pm  
**Mon. Nov. 19**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 21**  
Utilities Comm., 4:30 pm  
**Thurs. Nov. 27**  
City Council., 7 pm

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS**

Columbia Heights City Hall  
590 40th Ave NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421  
Ph: 763-706-3600  
ci.columbia-heights.mn.us

**Mon. Nov. 5**  
Traffic Comm., 5:30 pm  
EDA, 6:30 pm  
City Council “workshop”, 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 6**  
Planning & Zon. Comm., 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 7**  
Library Bd., 6:30 pm, Library  
**Tues. Nov. 13 & Mon. Nov. 26**  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 28**  
Park & Rec. Comm., 5:30 pm,  
Murzyn Hall

**COLUMBUS**

Columbus City Hall  
16319 Kettle River Blvd.  
Columbus, MN 55025  
Ph: 651-464-3120  
www.ci.columbus.mn.us

**Wed. Nov. 7**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 14**  
EDA/EDAB, 6 pm  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 6**  
Planning & Zon. Comm., 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 7**  
Library Bd., 6:30 pm, Library  
**Mon. Nov. 26**  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 28**  
Park & Rec. Comm., 5:30 pm,  
Murzyn Hall

**COON RAPIDS**

Coon Rapids City Hall  
11155 Robinson Dr.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433  
Ph: 763-755-2880  
www.coonrapidsmn.gov

**Tues. Oct. 30**  
City Council “work session”,  
6:30 pm, Pre-pay gas  
**Thurs. Nov. 1**  
Board of Adjustment &  
Appeals, 6:30 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 7**  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
City Council “work session”,  
6:30 pm, Sustainability report  
**Thurs. Nov. 15**  
Sustainability Comm., 6:30 pm  
Planning Comm., 6:30 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 20**  
Arts Comm., 5:45 pm

**EAST BETHEL**

East Bethel City Hall  
2241 221st Avenue NE  
East Bethel, MN 55011  
Ph: 763-367-7840  
eastbethel.govoffice.com

**Wed. Nov. 7 & 21**  
City Council, 7:30 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Road Comm., 6:30 pm

**Wed. Nov. 14**  
Park Comm., 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 27**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm  
**Wed. Nov. 28**  
EDA, 6:30 pm

**FRIDLEY**

Fridley City Hall  
6431 University Ave NE  
Fridley, MN 55432  
Ph: 763-571-3450  
www.ci.fridley.mn.us

**Mon. Oct. 29**  
Charter Comm., 7 pm  
**Thurs. Nov. 1**  
HRA, 7 pm  
**Mon. Nov. 5**  
Parks & Rec. Comm., 7 pm  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Environmental Quality and  
Energy Commission, 7 pm

**HAM LAKE**

Ham Lake City Hall  
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Ham Lake, MN 55304  
Ph: 763-434-9555  
www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us  
Hours: M-Th 7 AM - 4:30 PM  
Fri: 7 AM-12 NOON

**Mon. Nov. 5 & 19**  
City Council, 6 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Planning Comm., 6 pm

**HILLTOP**

Hilltop City Hall  
4555 Jackson St. NE  
Hilltop, MN 55421  
Ph: 763-571-2023  
Call city hall for information

**LEXINGTON**

Lexington City Hall  
9180 Lexington Av  
Lexington, MN 55014  
Ph: 763-784-2792  
www.ci.lexington.mn.us

**Thurs. Nov. 1**  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Mon. Nov. 5**  
Park Board, 6:30 pm

**LINO LAKES**

Lino Lakes City Hall  
600 Town Center Pkwy  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014  
Ph: 651-982-2400  
www.ci.lino-lakes.mn.us

**Thurs. Nov. 1**  
EDAC, 8 am  
**Mon. Nov. 5**  
City Council “work session”,  
5:30 pm  
Park Board, 6:30 pm  
**Thurs. Nov. 8**  
Charter Comm., 6:30 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
City Council, 6:30 pm

**LINWOOD TWSHP**

Linwood Town Hall  
22817 Typo Creek Dr. NE  
Linwood, MN 55079  
Ph: 651-462-2812  
linwoodtownship.org

**Mon. Nov. 5**  
School Forest Cmte., 5 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 6**  
Road & Bridge Cmte., 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
Town Board, 6 pm  
**Mon. Nov. 19**  
Senior Advisory Bd., 9 am

**NOWTHEN**

Nowthen City Hall  
8188 199th Ave NW  
Nowthen, MN 55330  
Ph: 763-441-1347  
nowthenmn.govoffice2.com  
Call city hall for information

**OAK GROVE**

Oak Grove City Hall  
19900 Nightingale St. NW  
Oak Grove, MN 55011  
Ph: 763-404-7000  
oakgrove.govoffice.com

**2nd and last Monday of month**  
City Council, 7 pm (EDA  
follows council mtg on last Monday)  
**3rd Wednesday**  
Parks Comm., 7 pm  
**3rd Thursday**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**RAMSEY**

Ramsey Municipal Center  
7550 Sunwood Dr. NW  
Ramsey, MN 55303  
Ph: 763-427-1410  
www.ci.ramsey.mn.us

**Mon. Nov. 5**  
EPB, 6:30 pm  
**Thurs. Nov. 8**  
EDA, 7:30 am  
Parks & Rec. Comm., 6:30 pm  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
City Council “work session”,  
5:30 pm; mtg 7 pm,  
followed by HRA  
**Thurs. Nov. 15**  
Mayor’s Town Hall mtg, 7 pm

**ST. FRANCIS**

St. Francis City Hall  
23340 Cree St. NW  
St. Francis, MN 55070  
Ph: 763-753-2630  
stfrancismn.org  
M-Th 7am-5:30pm (Closed Fri)  
Mtgs held at ISD #15 offices  
4115 Ambassador Blvd NW

**1st and 3rd Mondays**  
City Council, 6 pm  
**3rd Wednesday**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**SPRING LAKE PARK**

Spring Lake Park City Hall  
1301 81st Ave NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432  
Ph: 763-784-6491  
slpmn.org

**Mon. Nov. 5 & 19**  
City Council, 7 pm  
**Mon. Nov. 26**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm  
Ed. Note: There are often City  
Council “work sessions” which  
may not be listed on schedules;  
call city hall for information

**ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

1318 McKay Dr NE #300  
Ham Lake, MN 55304  
Ph.: (763) 434-2030  
anokaswcd.org  
**Mon. Nov. 19 & Dec. 17**  
Board of Supervisors, 5 pm

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**ANOKA-HENNEPIN ISD #11**

11299 Hanson Blvd NW  
Coon Rapids MN 55433  
Ph.: (763) 506-1000  
anoka.k12.mn.us

**Tues. Nov. 13**  
School Board “work session”,  
6 pm, Educ Service Ctr,  
2727 N Ferry St., Anoka  
**Mon. Nov. 26**  
School Bd mtg, Sandburg Educ  
Ctr, 1902 2nd Ave, Anoka,  
6:30 pm

**CENTENNIAL ISD #12**

4707 North Rd  
Circle Pines, MN 55014  
Ph.: (763) 792-6000  
isd12.org

**Mon. Nov. 5**  
School Board “work session”,  
5:30 pm, followed by closed  
meeting  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
School Bd — canvass election,  
7:30 am  
**Mon. Nov. 19**  
School Board, 6:30 pm

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ISD #13**

1440 49th Ave NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421  
Ph.: (763) 528-4436  
columbia.mn.schoolwebpages.com  
**Tues. Nov. 13**  
School Board, 7 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 20**  
School Bd “work session”, 5:30 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 27**  
School Board, 7 pm

**ELK RIVER AREA ISD #728**

815 Hwy 10  
Elk River, MN 55330  
Ph.: (763) 241-3400  
elkriver.k12.mn.us

**Mon. Oct. 29 & Nov. 5**  
School Board “work session”,  
6 pm, ISD office 815 Hwy 10  
**Wed. Nov. 14**  
School Bd canvass election  
mtg, 6 pm, ISD Office

**FOREST LAKE AREA ISD #831**

6100 N 210th St  
Forest Lake, MN 55025  
Ph.: (651) 982-8100  
forestlake.k12.mn.us

**Thurs. Nov. 1**  
School Board, 7 pm; “listening  
session”, 6 pm  
**Thurs. Nov. 8**  
School Board Mtg & Cmtes.,  
6 pm  
**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
School Bd Mtg & TNT (Truth  
in Taxation) Hearing, 7 pm

**FRIDLEY ISD #14**

6000 W Moore Lake Dr  
Fridley, MN 55432  
Ph.: (763) 502-5000  
fridley.k12.mn.us

School Bd. meetings held at Fridley  
City Hall, 6431 University Ave NE  
“Work Session” 5:30 pm; Public  
Comment 7 pm; Meeting 7:30 pm  
**Thurs. Nov. 20**  
School Board  
**Tues. Dec. 18**  
School Bd Mtg & TNT (Truth  
in Taxation) Hearing

**ST. FRANCIS ISD #15**

4115 Ambassador Blvd  
St. Francis, MN 55070  
Ph.: (763) 753-7040  
stfrancis.k12.mn.us

School Bd. meetings at 7 pm  
Public comment at 6:30 pm  
**Mon. Nov. 12 & Nov. 26**

**SPRING LAKE PARK ISD #16**

1415 81st Ave NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432  
Ph.: (763) 786-5570  
splkpark.k12.mn.us/

**Tues. Oct. 30**  
School Bd “work session” 6 pm  
**Tues. Nov. 13 & Tues. Dec. 18**  
School Board, 6:45 pm

**WHITE BEAR LAKE ISD #624**

4855 Bloom Ave  
White Bear Lake, MN  
55110-5418  
Ph.: (651) 407-7501  
whitebear.k12.mn.us

**Mon. Nov. 12**  
School Board, 7 pm  
**Mon. Nov. 26**  
School Bd “work session” 5:30 pm

**916 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2540 Cty Rd F, White Bear Lake  
Board meetings at Bellaire School,  
District Office Board Room  
Ph.: (651) 415-5562  
nemetromn.k12.mn.us

**Wed. Nov. 7, 6 pm**  
**Tues. Dec. 4, 6 pm**

**WATERSHED DISTRICTS and other meetings**

**COON CREEK WATERSHED DIST.**

12301 Central Ave NE,  
Suite 100, Blaine  
Ph.: (763) 755-0975  
www.cooncreekwd.org  
all or portions of Fridley, SLP,  
Blaine, Coon Rapids, Andover,  
Ham Lake, Columbus  
**2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm,**  
Bunker Activity Center, 550  
Bunker Lake Blvd NW,  
Andover (763) 757-3920

**LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MGMT. ORG.**

(LRRWMO)  
2015 1st Ave., Anoka  
Ph.: (763) 767-5131  
www.anokanaturalresources.com/  
lrrwmo/index.htm  
all or portions of Ramsey, Anoka,  
Coon Rapids, Andover  
**3rd Thursday, 8:30 am,**  
Anoka City Hall

**RICE CREEK WATERSHED DIST.**

4325 Pheasant Ridge Dr,  
Suite 611, Blaine  
Ph.: (763) 398-3070  
www.ricecreek.org  
all or portions of Blaine, Centerville,  
Fridley, Col. Hts., SLP, Circle Pines,  
Lexington, Columbus, Lino Lakes, and  
parts of Ramsey & Washington counties  
**2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9 am,**  
Shoreview City Hall

**SUNRISE RIVER WATERSHED MGMT. ORG.**

(SRWMO)  
East Bethel City Hall  
2241 221st Ave, East Bethel  
Ph.: (763) 434-9569  
www.anokanaturalresources.com/  
srwmo/index.htm  
Comprises all or portion of East  
Bethel, Linwood Township,  
Columbus, Ham Lake  
**Thurs. Nov. 1, 6:30 pm,**  
East Bethel City Hall

**UPPER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MGMT. ORG.**

(URRWO)  
P.O. Box 15, Bethel MN 55005  
Ph.: (763) 434-8331  
www.anokanaturalresources.com/  
urrwmo/index.htm  
Comprises all or portion of Bethel,  
Oak Grove, St. Francis, Nowthen,  
East Bethel

**Wed. Nov. 7, 7 pm,** Sandhill  
Ctr., 23820 Dewey St NW,  
Bethel

**Wed. Jan. 9,** same as above

**QCTV Cable Commission**

Ramsey, Andover, Champlin, Anoka  
**Thurs. Nov. 15, 5 pm,** Anoka  
City Hall

**North Metro TV Cable Commission**

Blaine, Centerville, Spring Lake Park,  
Lino Lakes, Lexington, Ham Lake,  
Circle Pines

**Wed. Nov. 7,** Executive Cmte.,  
6 pm, North Metro TV studios,  
12520 Polk St NE, Blaine

**Wed. Nov. 21,** Cable Commsn.,  
6 pm, Spring Lake Park City  
Hall

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**Wed., Nov. 14, 6:30 pm**

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**Thurs., Nov. 29, 6:30 pm**

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us at info.ipad@state.mn.us  
or 651.296.6733.

**11/6/2012  
NOTICE OF RCWD BOARD  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers has scheduled a subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Rice Creek Watershed District offices, 4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE #611, Blaine, Minnesota. The subcommittee will review accountant, attorney, and engineer professional service proposals submitted. No Board action will be taken.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
ST. FRANCIS, MN  
ANOKA COUNTY  
  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
ST. FRANCIS, MN  
ANOKA COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on November 5, 2012 the St. Francis City Council will meet at 4115 Ambassador Blvd. NW St. Francis, MN, to pass upon the proposed 2012 Miscellaneous Assessments for abatement of code violations, securing and monitoring fees for vacant property, mowing of weeds and any other unpaid fees. The properties to be assessed are all within the corporate limits of the city of St. Francis, Anoka County, Minnesota. Minnesota Statutes provides no appeal may be taken as to the amount of any assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the City Clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. If you would like to contest your assessment, please put it in writing and address it to the City Clerk, 23340 Cree Street NW, St. Francis MN 55070. The amount to be specially assessed against your particular lot, piece, or parcel of land has been sent to you in writing. Written or oral objections will be considered at the hearing. You may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor, pay the entire assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the St. Francis City Clerk. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid on or before November 5, 2012. If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the date given, the rate of interest that will apply is 10% per year.  
Barbara I. Held  
City Clerk

**CITY OF BLAINE 10/17/2012 –  
Senior Advisory Council  
Vacancies**

The terms of eleven Senior Advisory Council appointees will expire on January 31, 2013. Persons interested in having direct input into senior citizen programs are encouraged to consider serving on the advisory council. The appointments are for a term of two (2) years.

Appointments will be made by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council in January 2013.

Applications are available at City Hall, are downloadable on the city webpage or can be mailed or faxed by calling (763) 785-6122.

Please complete and submit an application by December 21, 2012 to:

City Clerk's Office  
City of Blaine  
10801 Town Square Drive NE  
Blaine MN 55449

**CITY OF BLAINE 10/17/2012 –  
Planning Commission  
Vacancies**

Commission vacancies are filled by Mayor appointment, confirmed by a majority of the entire City Council. At least two (2) members must reside in each Council election ward for the term of their appointment for Planning Commission.

Four appointments will be made for a term of two (2) years. One vacancy will exist in each council ward and one vacancy is for the Chair position which is an at-large position.

The Planning Commission, consisting of seven members appointed for two-year terms, reviews and advises the City Council on long-range community planning goals and policies, immediate planning issues, and specific development proposals. Monthly meetings are

scheduled the second Tuesday of each month.

Requirements include being a resident of Blaine and having a community interest.

Appointments will be made by the Mayor in February 2013. Please call the Clerk's office at (763) 785-6124 for additional information. Interested citizens should complete an application or send a brief biographical sketch by December 3, 2012, to:

Jane M. Cross, CMC, City Clerk  
City of Blaine  
10801 Town Square Drive  
Blaine, MN 55449

**CITY OF BLAINE 10/17/2012 –  
Natural Resources  
Conservation Board Vacancy**

The City of Blaine Natural Resource Conservation Board currently has one vacancy in Council District One. The City is seeking to fill this position as soon as possible. Requirements include being a resident of Blaine and having a community interest.

The Natural Resource Conservation Board is an advisory board appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The purpose of this Board is to advise the City Council and City Manager on the acquisition and management of public open space and trails within the City of Blaine. The Board makes recommendations to the City Council; however, the City Council makes all final decisions on these matters.

The Natural Resource Conservation Board consists of seven members, two representing each council district and a chair appointed at large. Appointments are made for a two-year term. Appointments will be made by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Natural Resource Conservation Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please call Jim Hafner at 763-785-6188 for additional information.

Interested citizens must complete an Application for Appointment which is available online at [www.ci.blaine.mn.us](http://www.ci.blaine.mn.us) (search under Public Notices/ Press Releases) or by calling (763) 785-6188. Applications must be received by Friday, November 30, 2012, and can be dropped off at city hall, emailed to [jhafner@ci.blaine.mn.us](mailto:jhafner@ci.blaine.mn.us) or mailed to:

Jim Hafner  
City of Blaine  
10801 Town Square Drive NE  
Blaine, MN 55449

**CITY OF BLAINE 10/17/2012 –  
Park Advisory Board Vacancies**

Commission vacancies are filled by Mayor appointment, confirmed by a majority of the entire City Council. At least two (2) members must reside in each Council election ward for the term of their appointment for Park Board.

Three appointments will be made for a term of two (2) years. One vacancy will exist in each Ward 1, Ward 2, and Ward 3.

The Park Advisory Board consists of seven members appointed for two-year terms. The Board recommends policy to the City Council and the City Manager pertaining to the park and recreation function. Monthly meetings are scheduled the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Requirements include being a resident of Blaine and having a community interest.

Appointments will be made by the Mayor in February 2013. Please call the Clerk's office at (763) 785-6124 for additional information. Interested citizens should complete an application or send a brief biographical sketch by December 3, 2012, to:

Jane M. Cross, CMC, City Clerk  
City of Blaine  
10801 Town Square Drive  
Blaine, MN 55449

**ORDINANCE NO. 421  
CITY OF ANDOVER  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO ADD DEFINITIONS OF CONTINUOUS AND NON-CONTINUOUS HOURS OF OPERATION THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDOVER DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: CITY CODE TITLE 12: ZONING REGULATIONS CHAPTER 2: RULES

AND DEFINITIONS SECTION 12-2-2: DEFINITIONS "Continuous Operation" describes a business that is open to the public for some portion of each hour of the 24-hours in a day. It also includes a business that is open to the public for more than 5 hours of the overnight period beginning at 11 pm and ending at 7 am. "Non-Continuous Operation" describes a business that closes to the public for at least five hours duration between the hours of 11 pm and 7 am each day of the week. CHAPTER 12: PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL AND PROHIBITED USES Twenty four (24) hour continuous operation of permitted uses Footnote #10 is hereby added to the above as follows: See 12-2-2 for definitions of "Continuous Operation and Non-continuous Operation". All other Titles, Chapters and Sections of the City Code shall remain as written and adopted by the Andover City Council. Adopted by the City Council of the City of Andover on this 2nd day of October, 2012. CITY OF ANDOVER ATTEST: Michael R. Gamache, Mayor Michelle Hartner, Deputy City Clerk

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
CITY OF FRIDLEY  
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR  
GENERAL ELECTION**

The Official Public Accuracy Test for the City of Fridley will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fridley Municipal Center, lower level, Meeting Rooms 1 and 2, located at 6431 University Avenue Northeast, Fridley, MN 55432. The purpose of the test is to ascertain that the election equipment will correctly mark and count the votes cast for the Election to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Debra A. Skogen, City Clerk  
City of Fridley

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
CITY OF OAK GROVE  
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR  
GENERAL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a General and City Election will be held in all of the election precincts of the City of Oak Grove at:

- Precinct 1  
Oak Grove City Hall  
19900 Nightingale Street NW
  - Precinct 2  
Abundant Life Church  
3840 197th Avenue NW
  - Precinct 3  
Public Works Garage  
815 Viking Boulevard NW
  - Precinct 4  
Senior Center  
19900 Nightingale Street NW
- On Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at which time the polls will be open from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to the hour of 8:00 p.m. of the same day, for the purpose of electing the following in the City election: Two (2) Council Members for four year terms each: Kevin Robinson, Renee Reece-Murray, Sean Sullivan, Weston Rolf, Scott Lawrence Sherry F. Fiskewold, City Clerk  
City of Oak Grove

**SECRETARY OF STATE EXPLAINS VOTER  
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ON ELECTION DAY**

Secretary of State Mark Ritchie reminds Minnesotans who are not registered to vote at their current address that they can still register at their polling place on Election Day, November 6, 2012.

"Voters should use the online Voter Registration Lookup at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org) to see if their registration is current," said Secretary Ritchie. "Voters who are already registered to vote at their address do not need to bring additional documentation with them to their polling place. However, eligible voters who plan to register on Election Day must provide proof of residence. Voters should decide now which documents they will need on Election Day to register at the polls."

State law requires an eligible voter to be registered at their current address before they are allowed to vote. Voters need to re-register if they change their names, do not vote for four years, or when they move, even if it is between apartments in the same building.

Minnesota allows for voter registration on Election Day as long as proper proof of residence is provided. Accepted proofs of residence include:

- A valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID card, or drivers permit with current address or yellow receipt for any of these.
- A photo ID that does not have your current address along with a document that does have your current address.
  - Eligible photo IDs: Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID card, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID card, Minnesota college/university student ID card, or tribal ID with your signature issued by a tribe recognized by the

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

— Eligible documents with current address: current student fee statement, an original utility bill Due 30 days before or after the election, or a rent statement that shows utility expenses. Eligible utility bills: gas, electric, solid waste, water, sewer, phone, cell phone, television or internet service provider. Bills may be paper or electronic.

- A student ID card that includes your photo (valid if your college/university provided a student housing list to election officials).
- A tribal ID card containing your name, current address,

signature and photo (tribe must be recognized by the BIA).

• A "Notice of Late Registration" you receive from your county auditor or city clerk.

• The sworn oath of another registered voter in the precinct or of an employee of a residential facility.

"I encourage voters to go online to check their voter registration status before Election Day so that they know if they need to bring additional information with them to their polling location on November 6," said Secretary Ritchie. "Candidate, ballot question and polling location information is also available on [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org)."

## MEET THE CANDIDATES...

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce and St. Francis Area Women of Today invite you to the **Meet the Candidates Forum** for St. Francis city council and mayoral candidates.

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. at the ISD #15 Central Services Center, 4115 Ambassador Blvd., St. Francis.

A moderator will ask questions submitted by the audience. This event is a great opportunity to help residents of St. Francis become informed voters as Election Day approaches.

**CITY OF FRIDLEY  
NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT  
NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS,  
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

<b>MAYOR (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	
<input type="radio"/>	Scott Lund
<input type="radio"/>	(Write in, if any)
<b>COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE (VOTE FOR ONE)</b>	
<input type="radio"/>	Bob Barnette
<input type="radio"/>	Rick Wolfe
<input type="radio"/>	(Write in, if any)

**CITY OF FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in Fridley, Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at the polling locations listed below for the purpose of voting for candidates of the offices specified below. The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 AM and will remain open until closing at 8:00 PM.

**FRIDLEY OFFICES**

- Mayor
- City Council Member at Large

The voting places are as follows:

Precinct Name	Voting Location
Fridley W-1 P-1	Grace Evangelical Free Church, 755 73rd Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-1 P-2	Hayes Elementary School - West Gym, 615 Mississippi St NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-1 P-3	Fridley Municipal Center, 6431 University Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-1 P-4	Fridley Community Center, 6085 7th St NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-2 P-1	Woodcrest Elementary School, 880 Osborne Rd NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-2 P-2	Michael Servetus Unitarian Church, 6565 Oakley Drive NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-2 P-3	St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Highway 65 NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-2 P-4	North Park Elementary School, 5575 Fillmore St NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-3 P-1	Springbrook Nature Center, 100 85th Avenue NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-3 P-2	Redeemer Lutheran Church, 61 Mississippi Way NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-3 P-3	Stevenson Elementary School, 6080 E River Rd NE, Fridley, MN 55432
Fridley W-3 P-4	Fridley Covenant Church, 6390 University Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432

Debra A. Skogen, City Clerk

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Ramsey Station Ribbon Cutting  
Inaugural First Ride at Ramsey Station**

**Thursday, Nov. 8 – 1:00 p.m.**

Plan on a train ride from Ramsey to Elk River and back. Regular commuter service begins mid-November. More details will follow.