

FRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL HIRES NEW CITY MANAGER

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

Walter “Wally” Wysopal will be soon be installed as Fridley’s city manager. A city council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m. at city hall will finalize his contract.

He takes the place of Dr. William Burns, who retired at the end of last year after serving as city manager since 1988.

Wysopal has been the city manager of North St. Paul for the last 15 years, and before that was the Assistant City Manager in St. Louis Park.

North St. Paul follows the statutory “Plan B” form of government, which makes the city manager likened to a “CEO” (Chief Executive Officer). The city council hires the city manager and puts much of its vested authority into the city manager’s hands, making the position strong and the council weak. St. Louis Park is a chartered city, like Fridley.

It took a second round of interviews on April 15 for the city council to reach a unanimous decision to offer the job to Wysopal, a Fridley resident for the last two years and prior to that, he and his family resided in St. Anthony.

The second round was between two candidates, after the other seven had been eliminated. Michael Ericson, former city administrator of Hugo and currently a development consultant for the City of Maplewood, and Wysopal were each asked ten prepared questions.

When asked as to what they predicted their challenges would be immediately after taking the job, Ericson said that filling the shoes of the previous city manager would be quite a task, and that he had to “earn my stripes. Mike Ericson is easy to work with and work for.” Wysopal was more specific and said that the three internal candidates not selected, Bolin, Nelson and Hickok (see *Anoka County Record*, April 11, 2013) need to know they are seen as valuable employees and that he will rely heavily on department heads for their expertise and invite their input.

Another question asked how would the candidates bring consensus between divided factions, particularly those that may be in city hall.

Ericson said “we will work together — no one makes a decision himself.” He also wanted to offer mentoring and support to Fridley’s city commissions.

Other questions centered around the city manager’s duties as the executive director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), the use of eminent domain and the city manager’s role in developing budgets.

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Dozens in MN teachers union paid more than education commissioner

By Tom Steward | Watchdog Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. — It’s the Minnesota Mantra: “More education funding” for K-12 schools and personnel, the biggest line item in the state budget.

“For many years we’ve been in a cut mode,” Sen. Chuck Wiger, DFL-Maplewood, said this week as House Speaker Paul Thissen, DFL-Minneapolis, promised to “make 2013 the education session.”



Education Minnesota Photo

TOP EARNERS:
President Tom Dooher (left) is paid **\$192,632**;
Vice President Paul Mueller (center), **\$160,296**; and
Treasurer Denise Specht (right), **\$149,181**

Education Minnesota, the state teachers union, trumpets the same talking points on its website for parents and supporters to use to influence legislators and the media. “Our schools have endured a decade of underfunding and exploding mandates,” the Education Minnesota website states. “... Please help us reverse this trend by supporting a 5 percent increase in per-pupil spending ...”

Education Minnesota’s PAC also spent more than \$1.8 million on political candidates during 2012 and more than \$1 million lobbying at the Minnesota Legislature. Yet even as educators, legislators and activists have warned in recent years that state budgets are not keeping up with the needs in Minnesota’s K-12 classrooms, the number of state teachers union representatives joining the ranks of the 100k Club in salary and compensation has more than kept up, continuing to escalate unabatedly.

A Watchdog Minnesota analysis of union reports required by the U.S. Department of Labor finds the number of Education Minnesota staff members receiving more than \$100,000 in annual pay and disbursements has increased by nearly 50 percent in the past five years. Education Minnesota did not provide a response to a Watchdog Minnesota inquiry.

The union’s 2012 Form L-2 lists 61 staffers statewide who receive six-figure salaries, up from 43 Education Minnesota representatives earning \$100,000 plus in 2008. The highest paid Education Minnesota official, President Tom Dooher, received a total of \$192,632 in 2012, followed by Executive Director Karl Aaro at \$191,737, General Counsel Anne Krisnik at \$179,591, Director of Field Services Gary Westorff at \$168,383 and Vice President Paul Mueller at \$160,296, according to the federal filing.

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COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL RESCINDS PRE-PAY GAS ORDINANCE

The Coon Rapids City Council voted 5-2 April 16th to rescind the ordinance requiring that gasoline could be sold only on a pre-pay basis.

The city ordinance went into effect last August, and had been put forth by the city’s police chief Brad Wise. He contended that police manpower and resources were too often spent on “drive-offs”, incidents where motorists sped away from the gas pumps without paying.

Since then, the state statute that pertains to such drive-off thefts was changed by the legislature to require that gas station owners make an attempt to collect from the perpetrator, as a civil matter, before reporting the crime to police.

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Mar. 1, 2012

Rescinding the ordinance was discussed at a March 20 work session, with a first reading during the April 2 council meeting. The repeal takes effect May 4.

Councilor Paul Johnson offered some modifications to the ordinance, such as allowing the city’s gas stations to be exempt from the ordinance if they installed video surveillance cameras. Councilor Jerry Koch said there were some stations in the city that sold gas only on a pre-pay basis before the ordinance was introduced, and that any station could still choose to go that route now, but the city would no longer be mandating it by ordinance.

Voting for the repeal were Mayor Tim Howe and city councilors Jerry Koch, Ron Manning, Bruce Sanders and Steve Wells. Denise Klint and Paul Johnson voted to retain the ordinance.

Testimony at recent council meetings from station owners and the MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce made the case that gas sales had dipped because of the ordinance.

Packed House for Oak Grove History Presentation

On Saturday, April 13, 2013, the Anoka County Historical Society held a one hour program on the history of Oak Grove at the Rum River North Shelter in St. Francis. Oak Grove is one of the original townships in Anoka County, established in 1857.

Over 50 people listened to a slide show presentation on the people and places in Oak Grove’s history. Attendees also learned about local resident Clara Wickstorm, who won the contest to name Anoka’s Green Haven Golf Course back in the 1930’s, and was in one of the earliest graduation classes with women at the University of Minnesota. It is believed that there was no contest prize, but instead was simply thanked for her contribution which earned her a place in local history. At the end, local residents shared their own stories of the past events including first hand accounts of tornados that went through the area from decades past.

Attendees were also encouraged to visit the new Civil War exhibit at the Anoka County Historical Society which opens next month, May 30, 2013. The exhibit is titled “All for the Union: Anoka County Faces the Civil War”. The historical society is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The next presentation of the Anoka County Historical Society is titled “Rum Runners and Temperance Tantrums” and will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 2 p.m.-3 p.m. at the Northtown Library, 711 County Road 10 NE, Blaine. Bootleggers and rum runners thrived in Anoka County and Minnesota even before prohibition went nationwide in 1920. The presentation will look at the battle over booze, illegal and otherwise, that divided communities.



Expanded Distribution for Anoka County Record

The *Anoka County Record* has expanded its distribution for 2013. Copies of the Record continue to be available free of charge at the Anoka County Courthouse and the Blaine Human Services Center.

Copies of the *Record* are now available free of charge at Ham Lake City Hall, Oak Grove City Hall, East Bethel City Hall, Nowthen City Hall, Linwood Township Hall, and the Columbia Heights Library.

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(Editor’s note: The *Record* is also looking for a distribution point in the 41xx block of Coon Rapids Boulevard in Coon Rapids. Please contact us if you live or work in this area.)

Disarray, Disjointedness in Budget Process

You would think control of the House, Senate and the governor's office would have Democrats sailing through the budget process in St. Paul, but their approach has been anything but cohesive.

In fact, there seems to be more disarray, more disjointedness in their budget process than other years when there was split power in St. Paul. House Democrats do not agree with Senate Democrats and the Democrat governor disagrees with both.

The governor proposed raising taxes on everything from haircuts to clothing, only to abandon those plans after receiving heavy statewide criticism. Now, Senate Democrats put those taxes back on the table when they unveiled their own budget plan. Meantime, the House wants to raise taxes on alcohol, a proposal the Senate has not announced.

Here is where Democrats do agree: They are working to raise taxes on hardworking Minnesotans in order to fund more wasteful government spending. The only questions are over which taxes they want to increase, by how much, and how high to increase state spending.

House Democrats provided details of their plan to raise our taxes by \$2.6 billion this week, along with hundreds of millions in fee increases. That is somewhere around \$3 billion pulled from citizens to erase a projected shortfall that is \$627 million and shrinking by the day. The rest is for more government spending.

Democrats spent all last fall talking about taxing the "rich" to solidify our budget, but many new taxes they propose would hit hard-working taxpayers of all income levels. They want to raise cigarette taxes (by 133 percent) alcohol taxes (103 percent), while eliminating the charitable contribution deduction.

Our economy is growing. We can balance the budget and have increased revenue by cutting out the wasteful spending Democrats are proposing. The Pioneer Press recently published an editorial saying the state should, "take what's coming, say that's enough, and then focus on productivity." I agree and so do the hardworking taxpayers who are contacting me.

This year, April 18 was the day when our nation's workers have collectively earned enough money to pay this year's tax bill. In other words, hardworking Americans will spend 108 days on the clock for federal, state and local governments this year.

Minnesotans will spend one week longer than that national average working to pay for government spending. We will not reach Tax Freedom Day until April 23.

Only six states take longer to pay for government spending than Minnesota. We are just one day quicker than sixth-place California. Imagine how low we would rank if Dayton and Democrats in the Legislature raise our taxes by billions more!



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Why some Anoka County legislative updates will never appear in the Record

Since its inception, the *Anoka County Record* has prided itself for publishing more commentaries from state legislators than any other Anoka County newspaper. Legislators have taken note of this as they often times provide us advanced releases or special commentaries for our readers.

With the publication of our legislative commentaries, two questions have been raised by several of our readers. First, why don't we publish many commentaries from DFL legislators? Second, why don't we publish commentaries from specific legislators?

To answer the first question, it is true that we do not publish many commentaries from DFL legislators, but the reason has nothing to do with this newspaper's editorial leanings. We value all opinions. The fact is that the majority of the Anoka County legislative delegation at the capitol is predominantly GOP. If we publish a representative sample, most will represent the views of the dominant political party in the county. Also we generally do not publish commentaries from legislators who do not represent a portion of Anoka County. We have to draw the line somewhere and we think that is a reasonable place to do so.

The answer to the second question will bring some humor to readers. One DFL legislator in Anoka County consistently sends us *video* legislative updates. We are a print newspaper. Enough said. Another factor is that we generally have more commentaries than space to publish them. We select those that have more substance, and are more timely. Some legislators consistently send us quality material, while others send out relatively little. We also seek to bring information to readers beyond what is published in general news articles and select those commentaries which better achieve this objective.

If you want to read more from your favorite Anoka County legislator, call them up and tell them to send their commentaries to the *Anoka County Record*. And please tell them not to send us a video.

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THE E-STADIUM

Last year in May after ten years of acrimony and debate over the public funding of a new Vikings stadium the State Legislature passed a financing package, one which calls for the State paying \$348 million of the \$960 million in estimated total construction costs. It was a long and arduous process for Vikings owner Zygi Wilf who had seen numerous funding proposals twist in the wind and eventually fail to gain legislative approval. But 2012 proved to be different with two persistent bill authors, Senator Julie Rosen (R-Fairmont) and former Representative Morrie Lanning (R-Moorhead). Through numerous committees and several different funding mechanisms, they finally came up with a bill that garnered enough support to win the necessary votes to pass the stadium funding package.

Because of strong public opposition to the use of State General Fund revenue, the financing for the State's \$348 million portion of the \$960 construction cost was to be paid for with revenues from a new form of gambling - referred to as E-pull tabs or electronic pull tabs. The concept was that if E-pull tabs were permitted in bars and VFW locations across the state there would be an overwhelming response to the game and millions of dollars would flow into the state treasury. The calculation was that this new gambling device would soon be in over two thousand locations and generate more than \$30 million in new revenue every year, enough over 30 years to pay the State's share of the cost. However, ten months after legislators voted for this mirage of a funding source, the E-funding source for the new billion dollar Viking stadium has

E-vaporated. Instead of 2,500 locations with E-pull tabs there are only two hundred, and instead of estimates of over \$30 million in new revenue there is less than \$2 million flowing into the state coffers.

Despite the fact that estimates for revenue have fallen woefully short of expectations, no one at the State Capitol seems the least bit concerned. In the last three months, State lawmakers have proposed to increase state spending by over three billion dollars fueled by more than two billion dollars in new taxes. But no one has stepped forward to suggest how the Legislature is going to pay for last year's E-normous expenditure to build a new stadium. The DFL majority

OPINION



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has proposed lots of new spending throughout the state budget, yet not one dollar has been budgeted or even proposed to cover the \$30 million stadium funding gap. Legislators don't seem to have the slightest concern for how the State will make the payments to cover the costs of the new Viking's stadium, which many of them voted to fund. Legislators seem to have turned a deaf ear to the fact that stadium construction plans are moving forward with ground breaking scheduled for next fall. The authors of the stadium funding bill along with Governor Dayton have conveniently avoided discussing the shortfall in E-pull tab revenues. They also don't bring up the fact that any shortfall

to pay for the new billion dollar stadium will come directly from the State's General Fund. That's right, payments for the new Zygi Dome will come from General tax revenue - not the E-lusive E-pull tabs, as many legislators were led to believe.

Everyone with an IQ above room temperature knew last year this sham of a funding source would never produce the revenue needed to pay for Zygi's billion dollar playground. That's why the funding legislation contained a provision termed "Appropriation Bonds." These are bonds that will have the backing of the State's general tax revenue, i.e. the state's income and sales tax revenue. Therefore, when the E-pull tab revenue comes up short, as is currently the case, the money needed to pay off the bonds will come from the State's General Fund. No overdraft notice, no shortage of funds for the billionaire's Taj Mahal stadium, just another I.O.U. to the state taxpayers. Whether duped or dumb, the funding source that legislators promised they wouldn't use to build a new stadium, General Fund dollars, is indeed the ultimate source of the funding.

This should serve as an E-emergency for a new Vikings stadium bill. This new legislation should rightfully have Mr. Wilf paying for more of the stadium costs. It should also serve as a warning for much needed third party E-valuation when legislation involves taxpayer money funding private business. Just because legislators dreamed that E-pull tabs would fund the project, doesn't make it a reality. Before lawmakers spend billions more this Legislative Session, they should first determine how they will fund their past obligations.

Fees, Surcharges, and Taxes, Oh My!

In the past couple of weeks the Democrats in the legislature have been passing their budget bills. As we expected, they did a lot of new government spending, and now they will have to find a way to pay for it. These bills lack reform, grow wasteful government bureaucracy, and are full of surcharges and fees for all Minnesotans. What is the difference between a surcharge or a fee and a tax? Not much to the person paying it, but it matters to government budgets, and it should matter to you. Surcharges and fees mostly go to "special revenue funds," not the general fund, and are harder to track. If taxpayer money is put into special revenue funds, it is supposed to be spent for a specific purpose, but we all know that once money is sent to St. Paul, it moves around pretty easily.



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Some examples of surcharges and fees for "special revenue" in spending bills:

- Wheelage Tax for Metro Counties: currently \$5 per vehicle and Democrats propose to increase it to \$20 per vehicle
- Drivers License Fee: Filing fee goes from \$5 to \$8
- Nursing home bed surcharge: Nursing homes assessed an extra \$10 per bed, per day
- HMO surcharge: Paid by individuals and small businesses who use HMOs for health care coverage.
- A new 3.5% tax on insurance products purchased through new Health Insurance Exchange

It is tough to pin down a total on the new "special revenue" funds until the bills are in final form, but preliminary numbers approach \$600 million.

This revenue increase is on top of the nearly \$2 billion that is in the tax bill!

Minnesota taxpayers, surcharge payers, and fee payers cannot afford this budget. Until we cut the waste in government, we need to stop the spending.

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Councilor Bob Barnette brought up the contaminated areas of Fridley and asked how the city manager should deal with them. Ericson said he had been researching the Superfund sites and pointed to Columbia Heights' housing development near city hall as an example of development of a contaminated site. He said that Columbia Heights city manager Walter Fehst "is a close friend of mine."

Barnette also brought up the citizen groups which organize when issues such as the contamination arise, to which Ericson said "it's good to have them involved." Wysopal said both North St. Paul and St. Louis Park have had contaminated sites. He emphasized "the need to communicate the message that things are safe. We've got to do everything to make people feel they are getting the unvarnished truth." Wysopal advocated holding public meetings even if no one shows up. Mayor Scott Lund said during Ericson's interview that residents never showed up to the annual meeting for the water report and suddenly "people got this 'awakening' — those contaminated sites have been contained for years" and then social media began to buzz with activity and the issue "went viral".

Councilor Dolores Varichak said the recent controversy about the Superfund sites has been "blown out of proportion". Varichak said she was surprised by Erin Brockovich's voluminous accordion file of information that she brought to a town hall meeting organized by a citizens group concerned about cancer rates in Fridley. (See Anoka County Record coverage in the July 5, 2012 and August 16, 2012 editions). Lund said "she was well organized" and the Health Fair that city manager Burns organized after the Brockovich town hall meeting was poorly attended by citizens. Varichak said they have no idea how many people watched the television programs that Burns produced on the cancer issue. On that, Wysopal it was a good idea on Burns' part, adding that city hall "can't be all defense, there needs to be offense and communicate the positives." Wysopal said city administration should bring up issues first, rather than reacting. He questioned whether city officials have been talking enough to groups and made general comments that city hall should step up its communications to residents.

Wysopal, who had recently been courted by Burnsville for its open city manager position (eventually given to an internal finalist), said to the Fridley City Council that he "had a hard time understanding what Burnsville wanted from a city manager" and thought Fridley officials were giving him better, defined direction.

Wysopal said he was impressed by the civic and philanthropic groups in the Fridley area, mentioning the Fridley Women of Today specifically, and said he was looking forward to finding a role to play in these groups as city manager.

Councilor Ann Bolkcom had been concerned during the first set of interviews that Wysopal may spend too much time on outside activities since he had mentioned that he teaches online courses in labor relations. In the second interview, Wysopal said he had dropped some of those courses and wouldn't want these activities to prevent him from being considered for the job. He added however that at some point he would like to do some teaching, "as it keeps me sharp."

Wysopal asked the council if they had any qualms about his residency in the city, "some cities don't like it."

Mayor Lund said he saw no negatives about it at all, and Barnette said he thinks its desirable.

The inference is that a city manager may take more brickbats from residents if he is also a resident of the city, which makes him more visible and available to city residents.

The council deliberated for a short time, with Bolkcom stating, "the second interview helped me." Bolkcom and Varichak said they wanted second interviews when Ericson and Wysopal were chosen as the top two candidates after the first set of interviews. Wysopal was chosen unanimously.

The April 6 interviews

The national search firm of Slavin and Associates, based in Georgia, was hired last November to facilitate the recruiting process. 46 applicants were whittled down to a final nine for presentation to the city council. Three of the finalists were internal candidates, those already employed by the city. Those three were interviewed April 5, while the remaining six were interviewed Saturday the 6th. Only one candidate was from out of state and only one other candidate was from outside the metro area. (See the Anoka County Record's related coverage in the April 11, 2013 edition).

Interviewed first was Michael Ericson, former city administrator of Hugo and Watertown, MN, and former assistant city manager for Maplewood. Ericson is now working for Maplewood again in a consultant capacity, overseeing the controversial Gladstone redevelopment project. He is a resident of Maplewood.

Ericson began by saying "Bill Burns has done a nice job here. He's well respected in our profession." Ericson said he has worked for a state senator and a congressman, and grew up in Brooklyn Park.

When asked about how they saw the council-manager relationship, all candidates said "communication" was the most important component. Ericson advocates strategic planning and hiring outside facilitators for city council "retreat" meetings. He also said, "I'm apolitical."

Councilor Jim Saefke told Ericson that the council has been trained to filter all communications to the city manager for proper and efficient distribution. The council members made occasional general comments that they are used to, and prefer to leave matters in the hands of the city manager.

Mayor Scott Lund brought up organized garbage collection to Ericson since it was a recent controversial issue in Maplewood. Despite strong opposition from angry residents, the city council voted to mandate that only one garbage hauler be allowed to operate in the city, under government contract.

Lund complained that Fridley's environmental commission studied the garbage issue for a year and a half but didn't make a decision: "Go figure! We were just talking about garbage."

Second to interview was Brian Heck, whose most recent permanent position was as city administrator of Shorewood from 2008 to 2012. Prior to that he was city administrator in Lauderdale and Pine County Coordinator. Recently he had two short-term stands as

the interim city administrator of Thief River Falls and Wells, MN.

Heck described a rocky separation from Shorewood — while a minority of two city councilors "had no issues with me", the mayor and two recently-elected city councilors "were dissatisfied with the direction in which we were going, and we agreed to separate."

Heck gave an example of a controversy in Shorewood that made news headlines when public access to a lake was the focus of a war between city hall, a homeowners association and the Minnesota DNR. Some factions wanted to deny access to the lake by putting up a gate with the purpose of preventing the spread of zebra mussels to other lakes. The core of the issue was that the homeowners association wanted to take over a public lake as their own private domain.

Some candidates specifically said they are not micro-managers, but all generally gave the same answer when asked about their management styles: they shared a common philosophy of maintaining a "hands off" approach to employees and department heads.

Heck said he attends a monthly meeting to swap information with other city managers and this has been helpful. When asked about his experience with unions, Heck told a story about a bad employee in the Pine County Sheriff's Department that even the union wanted to oust.

Councilor Barnette asked all candidates about their personal views on prevailing wage.

"Anoka County has taken out its prevailing wage [resolution], which has created some problems . . ." was how Barnette began his questioning of Heck. The candidate said he had no opinion on it one way or the other.

Heck said he is a big supporter of sharing services. All of the cities he has worked for have been small, where contracting out for services is necessary.

Heck asked what is the top priority of the council. Bolkcom said it would be repairing derelict apartment buildings.

All candidates were asked if there was anything in their past that the media got hold of, would it cause embarrassment to the city council? Heck said, "not that I can think of. I'm a pretty clean guy." As to what trait he feels he needs to improve on or modify, Heck thought he is not empathetic and too direct and blunt. Ericson answered the "embarrassment" question this way, "absolutely not. I'm a very honest and ethical person. I will look you in the eye...I will never compromise the ethics of the profession." Ericson said he follows the ICMA (a national city managers organization) Code of Ethics.

The third candidate, James C. Payne, resides in a Albuquerque, New Mexico suburb where he had a brief stint as city manager from 2007 to 2008. Prior city administrator jobs were in Waukesha and Franklin, Wis., and LeMars, IA.

Payne used a lot of hand gestures while talking to the city councilors but rarely made eye contact; Ericson also relied on gestures and was the only candidate to call each councilor by their first name as he answered their questions. This impressed councilor Varichak.

All candidates were asked how strongly would they stand by their recommendations to the city council.

All conveyed they were cognizant of the fact that the city council is the final decision maker. Payne's answer however was more succinct and in plain language: "I work for you — you're my boss. It's my job to carry out your orders." To the question about the council-manager relationship, Payne said "communication is an absolute must. I excel at that and I'm good at it." He also made a point that he communicates with the entire council, "I don't want to be seen as working with favorites."

Many of the candidates mentioned they participate in the media outreach of the administration. Most had done television and radio shows and were involved in the writing of city newsletters. Payne said no one read the paper in LeMars, Iowa and he started a city newsletter that became a must read for 85% of recipients. Other general comments made during the interviews gave the same endorsement to city newsletters — they are the most read and best way to communicate to citizens.

Each candidate was asked if he needed self-improvement in any areas. Payne didn't think so. "I don't have any deficiencies. I read a lot and keep up on things; I'm always continuing my education."

The fourth candidate was Patrick Wussow, administrator of Aitkin County and formerly the city administrator of Big Lake and Tonka Bay. He said he missed city govern-

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More than half of the Education Minnesota union members in the \$100,000 Club, a total of 38, earn more than Minnesota Commissioner of Education Brenda Cassellius, who receives an annual salary of \$112,126. At \$100,000 plus, Education Minnesota members on average earn more than doubled the \$53,680 average annual salary for dues-paying teachers with five union recipients tripling their members' average wage. (The average Minnesota teacher's salary rose \$17 in 2010, according to an op-ed Dooher wrote in opposing a proposed teacher pay freeze.)

At the same time, Education Minnesota continues to cite its members' needs in advocating for hundreds of millions of dollars more in education funding and tax hikes in the current legislative session.

"There's room in this budget framework to make the thoughtful and lasting investments in education that will help Minnesota create the nation's best workforce," Dooher said in a news release. "The state's rank-and-file educators are ready and willing to help lawmakers shape a budget that's best for our students."

Education Minnesota's legislative priorities, including early education and all-day kindergarten, are well on the way to receiving \$300-500 million in new funding this session. And ten more union representatives appear poised to join Education Minnesota's 100k Club, already earning more than \$90,000 in 2012.

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4/29/2013	9:00 AM		02-FA-12-846	Dissolution with Child	In the Marriage of Thomas Robert Duell vs Derenda Lee Duell	Johnson, Lawrence R. ,
4/29/2013	9:00 AM		02-FX-05-006987	Family Other	WILLIAM D STRINGER vs. RACHEL STARR SHACKELTON LRJ	Johnson, Lawrence R. ,
5/3/2013	1:30 PM		02-FA-11-2493	Dissolution with Child	In the Marriage of Mark E. Pumper and Jennifer M. Pumper	Pendleton, Alan ,
5/9/2013	9:00 AM		02-FA-11-1280	Dissolution with Child	In the Marriage of Heather E Mann vs Derek M Mann	Fredrickson, Tammi A.
5/10/2013	9:00 AM		02-FA-11-1280	Dissolution with Child	In the Marriage of Heather E Mann vs Derek M Mann	Fredrickson, Tammi A.
Date	Time	Location	Case Number	Type	Case Name	Judicial Officer
4/22/2013	8:30 AM		02-CV-12-799	Civil Other/Misc.	Garry Holmberg, Linda Holmberg vs Lakeshore Management, Inc., PFS MHC. LLC, PFS Exchange, LLC, Unipro Manufacturing Housing Communities Income Fund II dba The Park of The Four Seasons and The Park of the Four Seasons	Fountain Lindberg, Bethany A. ,
4/22/2013	9:00 AM		02-CV-13-1735	Eviction (UD)	Dennis Gravdal vs Abass Adeniyi	Logering, Nancy J.
4/22/2013	9:00 AM		02-CV-13-1763	Eviction (UD)	Alan D Berg vs Laurel S Wiley, Alison L Wiley, John Doe, Jane Roe, Alexis Holmquist	Logering, Nancy J.
4/24/2013	8:30 AM		02-CV-12-799	Civil Other/Misc.	Garry Holmberg, Linda Holmberg vs Lakeshore Management, Inc., PFS MHC. LLC, PFS Exchange, LLC, Unipro Manufacturing Housing Communities Income Fund II dba The Park of The Four Seasons and The Park of the Four Seasons	Fountain Lindberg, Bethany A. ,
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5/1/2013	9:00 AM		02-CV-13-1530	Eviction (UD)	Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-W3 vs Margaret E Lubbers, Stephan M Lubbers, John Doe, Mary Roe, ABC Corporation	Pendleton, Alan ,
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4/22/2013	8:30 AM	W402	02-CR-12-8813	Crim/Traf Mandatory	State of Minnesota vs CHARLES JOHNSON	Street, Dyanna L. ,



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FRIDLEY HIRES NEW CITY MANAGER *Cont. from page 3*

ment because it has more interaction with the public.

He was asked about his union negotiating skills. Wussow said he has 240 employees working for Aitkin County and there are seven unions represented. It took 20 years for the county to get all but two unions on the same wage scale and benefits.

Wussow's facts and figures and examples of the day to day routine in his county gave his presentation more immediacy than some of the others who are not currently working a comparable job. He quoted the mayor of Tonka Bay, "the taxpayer dollar is the easiest dollar to spend."

Next to be interviewed was Matt Fulton, who had been the city manager of Coon Rapids (2006-2012) and New Brighton (1993-2006). Fulton was recently a finalist for the open manager positions in Hastings and Eagan but didn't get either job. In the meantime he has been doing consulting work for Daly City, California.

Fulton explained his departure from Fridley's neighbor last July. He said it stemmed from a proposal to build a community center that was not received well by the city council. He also noted that a handful of citizens were against the project. Fulton said he was enthusiastic about the project, as this is a good time to do such construction when interest rates are very low. He described the experience as "learning the hard way" that the city council was not interested in the project, and "I became a nuisance instead of an advocate. We got misaligned."

Fulton praised the finance directors he has worked with while a city manager and said he always thinks about alternative ways of dealing with issues. He mentioned a trip that he and officials of ICMA made to the Czech Republic and found they grapple with the same kinds of problems.

As an area in which he felt he needed improvement, Fulton confessed that as he gets older he is becoming

less tolerant of complaints made by uncivil citizens, but added, "I've never had a complaint from a citizen who said I wasn't respectful."

Fulton also described other frictions with the Coon Rapids city council. He said they were unwilling to hold a "retreat" meeting (also known as "strategic planning sessions") and he could never schedule a time when they could all meet.

(A "retreat" meeting is usually held away from city hall, sometimes in a deluxe setting that may include an overnight stay. The topics discussed are often broad goal-setting measures and "team building" concepts to mold the city council into thinking as one, instead of five. Often a meeting facilitator will be hired.)

Mayor Lund said "we rely on the city manager, everything goes through him."

The council made numerous short comments sprinkled lightly throughout the interviews that they were not pleased when citizen surveys were discontinued. Lund said this decision was made in 2007 due to budget cuts. Councilor Ann Bolkcom said she was not satisfied with using an online survey and wasn't happy that the council never received summaries of those surveys. The council does however receive a weekly written report from the city manager.

Bolkcom asked Fulton how he finds time to be in other organizations such as the ICMA (International City-County Management Association). Fulton said he participates in outside organizations one at a time and that if any councilor felt he was not doing his job because of these other interests, he should be informed of that concern.

Fulton said Coon Rapids mayor Tim Howe did not approve of his involvement in ICMA. Fulton's duties as an officer would occasionally require travel that led to absences from his city manager job.

Lund brought up business retention as something that

needed attention. "I haven't been in a Fridley business in five years", he said, but noted that making business owners feel they were valued by the city was important. He made the inference that the new city manager ought to make an effort to introduce himself and "shake hands with business owners, and at least give that warm and fuzzy feeling, if nothing else." Lund made it clear the council wants a "proactive city manager." Bolkcom agreed with this but added a small footnote that the city's department heads are all long-time city employees.

Councilor Jim Saefke feels city staff are professionals and told Fulton "they don't need to be shaken up. We want a collaborative type of manager, not a sheriff."

When asked the "embarrassment" question, is there anything in his past that would cause embarrassment to the city, Fulton said "I don't think so."

During deliberations after the day's interviews were completed, Mayor Lund mentioned that he ranked Fulton higher than the other councilors, feeling that taking the job "would be an easy transition for him," but that "he carries baggage."

The sixth and last candidate of the day to interview was Walter T. Wysopal, who eventually became the council's pick. He has been the city manager of North St. Paul since 1998.

All candidates were asked about their reasons for seeking the job. Wysopal said it had been "a life-long dream" to be Fridley's city manager and that he wanted to leave North St. Paul when he was on top and had built a sturdy foundation under him. He said his staff at North St. Paul "is great and firing on all cylinders." He has full confidence they will be able to manage without him.

When he took the North St. Paul position the council told him they didn't want him to live in the city (he was living in St. Anthony at the time) because the previous city manager had been the police chief and was a resident. They said he didn't do certain things because he lived there.

Inadvertently, Wysopal gave an example of how Plan B government is designed to restrict the elected officials and put authority into the city manager's corner. He said that he once had to have a chat with a city councilor who was talking to the city's police department too much. (Under the statutory Plan B form of government, communications from the elected officials are confined to the city manager only. Many managers enforce this vigorously — the city council is not allowed to communicate with staff.)

Wysopal distributed some handouts which included city newsletters for the business audience and city employees. During deliberations afterward, some councilors made note that Wysopal was the only candidate who presented materials to them.

When asked about presenting staff recommendations to the council, Wysopal gave an example of a proposal that had solid backing of staff yet the city council would not approve it due to an outcry by affected residents.

He and staff were stunned by the resistance residents had against the "Living Streets" initiative, which has been promoted in many cities in the country, and comes with federal taxpayer funding and grants. Wysopal said a \$1 million grant had been secured for the project which promotes the narrowing of streets, adding "bump-outs", sidewalks, rain gardens and generally making streets more pedestrian-friendly and less so for vehicles. The residents of the targeted project area were able to dissuade the city council from approving the makeover. Wysopal said staff was irritated by this and that he had to "lift their spirits" after the defeat.

Councilor Bob Barnette brought up organized garbage collection again, as North St. Paul has had it for many years. Wysopal said it was an initiative of then mayor Bill Sandberg. Wysopal warned "you will face the biggest council meeting of your lives", in reference to the controversial nature of and resident resistance to the concept. "I'm not saying it's something for Fridley to do."

North St. Paul runs its own electric utility, and wanted to start another utility — internet service. Wysopal lamented, "we should not have done Polarnet; it destroyed our trust with the public." City officials had promoted exploiting the existing fiber optic lines that run through the city to create a public utility for internet service that could have served city businesses and residents. It was hoped that the higher-speed service would boost the faltering business economy of the city. Comcast cried foul against the city government's competition efforts and a Special Election was held Feb. 24, 2009 where the \$18.5 million bonding proposal was defeated by a 2 to 1 margin with a 40% voter turnout.

Wysopal told the council members his management style doesn't use the latest fads. He has taught college courses on labor relations for a number of years, has friends who are union bosses and has 25 years of experience negotiating union contracts.

Always looking for ways to improve efficiencies, there have many been times when North St. Paul has had to take hard evaluations of its services. As budgets became tight and Local Government Aid, funding coming from taxpayers statewide, has been reduced in recent years, the city found itself considering eliminating its 18-officer police department and contracting with the sheriff.

NEW CITY MANAGER *continued on page 6*

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR**ANOKA COUNTY**

Anoka County Govt. Center
2100 3rd Ave.
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Mon. Apr. 29

Anoka County RSVP Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 3:45pm, Fridley VFW, Osborne & Univ.

Wed. May 1

Joint Law Enforcement Council, 2 pm, Anoka Police Dept., Public Safety Center, 275 Harrison St., Anoka

Thurs. May 2

Workforce Council Meeting, 7:30 am, Blaine Human Service Ctr., 89th Ave NE

Mon. May 6

Public Works Cmte., 11 am, Rm 772, ACGC

Tues. May 7

Parks & Rec. Cmte., 9 am, Visitor Ctr, Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Preserve
HRA, 10:30 am

Wed. May 8

Waste Mgmt & Energy Cmte., 8:15 am, Rm 772, ACGC

Tues. May 14

Management Cmte., 8:30 am, Rm 772, ACGC
Anoka County Board, 9:30 am, Rm 705, ACGC

FRIDLEY

Fridley City Hall
6431 University Ave NE
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Thurs. Apr. 25

EPA Comm. Adv. Group, Fridley Comm. Ctr., 6085 7th St. NE., 6 pm

Mon. Apr. 29

Special City Council Conference Mtg., 4:30 pm, Meeting Rm 1 (lower level) discussion of Active Transportation Plan
Thurs. May 2

Special Joint City Council/HRA Conference Mtg., 6 pm, Meeting Rm 1 (lower level) discussion of survey; HRA meeting 7 pm

Mon. May 6

Special Joint City Council/Parks Comm. Conference Mtg., 6 pm, Meeting Rm 1 (lower level) discussion of survey
Charter Comm., 7 pm
Parks Comm., 7 pm
City Council, 7 pm

HAM LAKE

Ham Lake City Hall
15544 Central Ave NE
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. May 6

City Council, 6 pm

Mon. May 13

Planning Comm., 6 pm

LINWOOD TWP

Linwood Town Hall
22817 Typo Creek Dr. NE
Linwood, MN 55079
Ph: 651-462-2812
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Mon. May 6

School Forest Cmte, 5 pm
Family Fun Day Cmte., 6 pm

Tues. May 7

Road & Bridge Cmte., 7 pm

Mon. May 13

Senior Advisory Bd, 9:15 am

Tues. May 14

Town Board, 6 pm

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove City Hall
19900 Nightingale St. NW
Oak Grove, MN 55011
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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

7550 Sunwood Dr. NW
Ramsey, MN 55303
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Thurs. April 25

Joint meeting w/Anoka, Andover, Coon Rapids city councils and LRRWMO, 5:30 pm, Greenhaven

Tues. April 30

Joint mtg w/Anoka City Council, Ramsey City Hall, 5:30 pm

Thurs. May 2

Planning Comm., 7 pm

Mon. May 6

EPB, 6:30 pm

Tues. May 7

EDA, 7:30 am

Parks Comm., Elmhurst Park, 16303

Quicksilver St NW, 6:30 pm, will move to city hall if poor weather

Tues. May 14

City Council "work session", 5:30 pm, reg. mtg., 7 pm

CENTENNIAL ISD #12

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

Mon. May 6 & June 3

School Bd "work session", 5:30 pm

Mon. May 20 & June 17

School Bd "regular" mtg, 6:30 pm

SPRING LAKE PARK ISD #16

1415 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
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Fri. Apr. 26

School Bd "retreat", 11:30 am, Teamworks Intl., 7037 20th Av S, Centerville

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE HAM LAKE CITY CHARTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON Monday, May 20, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue NE at 6:15 p.m. to consider the following proposed amendment to the Ham Lake City Charter:

The City Charter is hereby amended by repealing the current Section 7.04 and 7.05, and replacing it with the new Section 7.04 and 7.05, to read as follows:

SECTION 7.04 Submission of the Budget

Annually the City Administrator and/or Finance Director shall submit to the Council a recommended budget in accordance with a budget calendar to be established by ordinance or, in the absence of ordinance, by the first regular meeting in August. The budget shall provide a complete financial plan for all City funds and activities for the ensuing fiscal year and, except as required by law or charter, shall be in such form as the City Administrator and/or Finance Director deems desirable or the Council may require. It shall include a summary and show in detail all estimated income and all proposed expenditures, including debt service and comparative figures for the current fiscal year, actual and estimated, and the preceding fiscal year. In addition to showing proposed expenditures for current operations, it shall show proposed capital expenditures to be made during the year and the proposed method of financing each such capital expenditure. For each utility operated by the City, the budget shall show anticipated net surplus or deficit and the proposed method of its disposition; and subsidiary budgets for each such utility giving income and expenditure information shall be included or attached as appendices. The total proposed operating budget to be provided from the property tax shall not exceed the amounts authorized by law and this chapter. Consistent with these provisions, the budget shall contain such information and be in the form prescribed by ordinance and by law.

SECTION 7.05 Capital Improvement Program

The City Administrator and/or Finance Director shall prepare and submit to the Council a recommended five year capital improvement program no later than the first regular Council meeting in August. The capital improvement program shall include a list of all capital improvements proposed to be undertaken during the next five fiscal years, with appropriate supporting information as to the necessity for such improvements; cost estimates, method of financing and recommended time schedules for each such improvement; and the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities to be constructed or acquired. This information shall be revised and extended each year for capital improvements still pending or in process. The Council shall hold a public hearing on the capital improvement program and adopt it with or without amendment during the regular budget hearing as required by law. No capital improvement or expenditure shall be made inconsistent with the program adopted pursuant to this section.

Both proposals for and opponents against such amendment shall be heard.

Dated April 25, 2013

(Published April 25, 2013, Anoka County Record)

Sharon F. Ayshford, City Clerk

CITY OF HAM LAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA

The City of Ham Lake obtained a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), which addresses areas to reduce or eliminate pollutants from storm water runoff. An important component of Ham Lake's permit is public education and outreach. Citizens are invited to participate in an annual public meeting and to report concerns or illicit discharges to City staff. This meeting allows citizens an opportunity to give written or oral input on the program. The City must consider these suggestions and make appropriate adjustments to the program when submitting its annual report to the MPCA.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. June 3, 2013 at the Ham Lake City Council meeting. The public is encouraged to submit written comments/concern on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan by June 7, 2013 to City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue NE, Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304. A copy of the SWPPP will be available for review at City Hall or from the City web site - www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us. For more information, contact the City at (763) 434-9555. (Published April 25, 2013, Anoka County Record)

CITY OF HAM LAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a public hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of considering the application of Scott Davis for a Large Assembly License for Eight51, Inc. dba Mud Factor to hold a 5K (3.1 mile) Family Adventure Obstacle Run on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 17761-17999 Central Avenue NE, a parcel of certain land situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota and which is described as follows to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 32, Range 23, Anoka County, Minnesota, EXCEPT that part taken for State Trunk Highway 65;

AND

EXCEPT that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 5, Township 32, Range 23, Anoka County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; then South 89 degrees 52 minutes 12 seconds East along the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 266.70 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway No. 65 of the actual place of beginning described herein; thence North 3 degrees 14 minutes 39 seconds East along said easterly right-of-way line of State Trunk Highway No. 65 a distance of 62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 370 feet; thence South 3 degrees 14 minutes 39 seconds West a distance of 62 feet to said south line; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 12 seconds West along said south line to the actual place of beginning.

Together with an easement for road and utility purposes over the above described property and the right in the future to dedicate the above described property to the City of Ham Lake as a public road.

Now platted as 177th Avenue NE in the plat of Crosstown Shopping Center.

AND

The Northwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 32, Range 23, Anoka County, Minnesota, EXCEPT the East 264 feet of the South 825 feet of said Northwest Quarter of Section 4.

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: April 25, 2013

Dawnette M. Shimek

Zoning Official/Building Clerk

City of Ham Lake

(Published April 25, 2013, Anoka County Record)

CITY OF OAK GROVE COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oak Grove Planning Commission's Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following public hearings in the order that they appear:

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a Variance for Joseph and Linnea Grey, 21313 Old Lake George Blvd, to expand a non-conforming structure on the following legally described property: Lot 2, The Gibson Strip and that part of Govt Lot 1 in Section 8 further described by PID 08-33-24-44-0016.

All written and oral comments will be heard.

The hearings of this request are not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason, has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact City Hall at 404-7006 no later than Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold

City Clerk

Posted April 23 - May 16, 2013

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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Paul N. Olson, 15350 Ghia St NE, Ham Lake MN 55304

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

FILED: April 1, 2013, #664657000021

/s/ Paul N. Olson

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The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

Mystie Labs

2. Principal Place of Business:

1519 Sherman Lake Road, Lino Lakes MN 55038

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Christopher Allen McLaughlin, 1519 Sherman Lake Road, Lino Lakes MN 55038

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

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/s/ Christopher Allen McLaughlin

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1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

Spirit 'N Me

2. Principal Place of Business:

3054 93rd Avenue NE, Blaine MN 55449

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Teri Ann Guse, 3054 93rd Avenue NE, Blaine MN 55449

4. This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: 661323100022, originally filed on 3/16/2013, under the name: Divine T.A.G. Team

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/s/ Teri A. Guse, President

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ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on April 9, 2013. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2013-43 County Ditch #17 Jurisdiction, #2013-44 Rum River Regional Trail Plan, #2013-45 Parks Accepting Gifts, and #2013-46 Tax Forfeit Land Conveyance, #2013-47 County Fund Raising Efforts. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: www.anoka-county.us

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Wysopal said the Ramsey County sheriff's office was asked to submit a proposal to North St. Paul for service. He said "the sheriff came in and bragged, and the city council said 'we aren't going there'" and decided to keep their own police.

Another cut that had to be made was the 20-year old community center which houses a tiny county branch library within its walls. The community center was recently leased to the ISD 622 school district which is paying rent to the city, creating more of a positive cash flow than a drain to city hall.

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