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## Nowthen's First Meetings Highlight Differences on Organizational Issues

**Record Selected as Official Newspaper  
Rainville Appointed Liaison to Parks Commission  
Breyen Appointed Liaison to Roads Commission**

At Nowthen's January city council meetings of Thursday, January 5th and Tuesday, January 10th, organizational issues represented only a few lines on a twenty-five line agenda. These few lines though highlighted the fact that a new majority recently took office in the city. That new majority consists of Mayor Jeff Pilon, Councilmember Mary Rainville, and Councilmember Dan Breyen.

### City Policies and Procedures

The addition of Mr. Breyen to the council has led to discussions of how members and staff follow written city policies and procedures. Several times during the course of the January meetings, Mr. Breyen quoted sections from the city handbook, seeking feedback from other members and staff.

Mr. Breyen successfully secured council approval amending one city policy that addressed how agenda items come before the council. In his reasoning for bringing the issue forward, he stated, "I observed numerous times where agenda items were presented with little or no supporting documentation, nor a reference of who requested the item to be placed on the agenda. I noticed

this lack of information could require multiple meetings to resolve the subject."

Starting February, all proposed city council agenda items must be submitted on a form titled "Request for Council Action". This form requires that a clear description of the subject matter be provided along with the action being requested by the council. Supporting information would be attached to the form, along with the name of the requester.

Councilmember Paul Reighard spoke against the change indicating that this requirement would be burdensome to council, staff, and the general public.

Mr. Breyen also sought to require that all council meeting minutes be placed on the city's website. Currently this is only done for some meetings. After council discussion and objections from Mr. Reighard, Mr. Breyen withdrew his request. He may resubmit a revised proposal at a future council meeting.

### New Legal Newspaper Selected

*Anoka County Record* was selected as the city's official newspaper for the publication of public notices for 2017. The *Record* offers all new city and school district customers a year's worth of free publication of required notices.

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## Newly Elected Outsiders Take Charge in Cities and Counties

By Tom Steward - *Center of the American Experiment*

The unexpected turnover of government underway in Washington dominates the headlines. But in 2016, Minnesota voters also backed an unusually high number of candidates out to drain the swamp in local government.

Emotions may be running high for the inauguration in DC, yet no higher than for the inauguration that occurred Monday in the Twin Cities suburb of Victoria, population 9,000.



Mayor Tom Funk - City of Victoria

It's home to one of the bigger local electoral surprises in the state, an extreme example of the dynamics that led to the most incumbents being thrown out of office on the municipal level in years.

Loud cheers, whistles and applause greeted the swearing in of Mayor Tom Funk, a citizen watchdog who's a health care executive in his day job. Same with Tom Gregory, another citizen watchdog who outperformed three competitors at the polls for city council.

Neither Funk nor Gregory has any local government experience—and it showed. Funk needs to brush up on Robert's Rules of Order. But isn't that the point?

"I appreciate the residents of Victoria putting me into the office," said Funk, a citizen watchdog who won by 209 votes. "I'm going to do everything I can within my powers and ability to convince the council to implement the transparency, reforms and shift of fiscal policy to the residents, just like I promised them."

Funk was the lead plaintiff in what may be the biggest Minnesota Open Meeting Law case in state history. The city has spent \$400,000 in legal fees covered by insurance, while Funk and friends have invested thousands of hours poring over more than 30,000 pages of city documents.

A Carver County court found former Victoria Mayor Tom O'Connor and three Victoria City Councilors committed 38 intentional violations of the state's transparency statutes last

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## Delaware Based APG Consolidates Management of Anoka County Newspapers

**New General Manager for Anoka County Union-Herald & Blaine Spring Lake Park Life  
Anoka County Record Remains Minnesota Owned, Managed, and Independent**



Jeff Andres

Starting January 1, 2017, Jeff Andres has taken over as General Manager of the *Anoka County Union-Herald* and *Blaine Spring Lake Park Life* newspapers for Adams Publishing Group LLC of Delaware (APG). APG purchased the *Union-Herald* and *Life* newspapers along with the *Columbia Heights - Fridley Sun Focus* and the *Forest Lake Times* in August 2016.

Mr. Andres will continue as General Manager of the *Cambridge-Isanti County News* and *Forest Lake Times*, along with managing a

legal notice department in Isanti County, all positions he held prior to the newspaper's purchase. Notices placed in APG newspapers serving Anoka County are processed in Isanti County.

Former General Manager Tom Murray was moved to APG's operations in Owatonna, MN.

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## Legislator Updates on Health Insurance, Taxes, Roads, and Privacy

### Rep. Melissa Hortman (36B)

#### Health Insurance Premium Relief

Families in the individual health insurance market are facing steep premium increases. DFL legislators supported a plan on Thursday that had been previously agreed to by Governor Dayton, Republican House Speaker Kurt Daudt and the Senate to provide a 25 percent premium reduction for 125,000 Minnesotans right away.



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Unfortunately, Republicans appear to be using this crisis as an excuse to help their corporate allies – including sweeping changes such as allowing for-profit health insurance companies to operate in Minnesota in their legislation. This is delaying immediate relief for Minnesota families.

The public needs time to weigh-in on long-term changes or we could make the problem worse. We can have that conversation throughout the rest of the legislative session, but Minnesotans need relief now and there's no excuse not to deliver it.

#### Tax Conformity

The House got right to work in passing bipartisan federal tax conformity, which aligns Minnesota's tax code with federal changes. This will help Minnesotans who file their taxes early and help to maximize deductions. The bill includes tax cuts for education expenses, charitable contributions, and to working families, homeowners and businesses.

#### Highway 610 project

The much needed Highway 610 project is near completion. The new 2.5 mile roadway will fill in the gap between Elm Creek Blvd and I-94 in Maple Grove, allowing travel through the northern Twin Cities suburbs unimpeded between I-35W in Mounds View and I-94 in Maple Grove.

Hwy 610 has been built in segments over the past 30 years, and I was proud to support the legislation that funded the statewide Corridors of Commerce transportation initiative that finished the last leg of the project. As Highway 610 will help those of us in the northwest suburbs, the Corridors of Commerce legislation has made possible many road and bridge projects in communities throughout Minnesota.

### Rep. Mark Uglem (36A)

House Republicans have been hard at work already to deliver tax relief and to fix our broken health care system. On Thursday, the House unanimously passed the Tax Conformity bill that brings our laws into conformity with federal tax laws. Doing this so quickly not only saves Minnesotans headaches and hassle, but also delivers \$21.7 million in immediate tax relief.



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Also on Thursday we brought a bill to the floor to give direct health insurance premium relief to those who need it most. Democrats blocked immediate action on this bill which would have delivered \$285 million in premium relief and \$15 million to guarantee continuity of care for those undergoing critical and life-saving treatment, all from budget reserves.

### Rep. Abigail Whelan (35A)

#### Exempting Social Security

This week, I signed onto legislation authored by Rep. Kathy Lohmer that will phase out the state income tax on Social Security benefits. This is an important issue for thousands of Minnesotans, and I hope we can incorporate this bill into a larger tax relief package this session.

Around one million Minnesotans receive Social Security, and under current law up to 85 percent of those benefits are subject to federal and state income tax, depending on income levels. By exempting these benefits from state income tax, we not only join a significant number of states that already do this, but we also provide meaningful tax relief to Minnesota seniors - many of whom live on a fixed income. This policy change would also encourage more people to stay in our state after retirement.

I will keep you updated on this bill, as well as other tax provisions that are moving through the House this session.

#### Real ID

The House began moving the Real ID compliance bill, House File 3, through committees this week.

The federal Real ID law was passed by Congress in 2005 in the middle of the night as an amendment onto a bill—not a very good way to make legislation.

While I understand the intent in part of making it more difficult for potential terrorists to obtain a fake ID card, there were enough concerns with the bill that numerous states rose up to oppose it, Minnesota included.

In Minnesota, 200 of 201 legislators voted to prohibit Real ID implementation in 2009. Legislatively from the federal government, not much has changed since this time. The federal government has pushed back its deadlines of enforcement numerous times, and we do not know exactly yet where the Trump administration will stand on this issue.

Still, Minnesota is currently in the minority of states not in compliance or on the path to compliance with this federal law, and if this does not change, Minnesotans would no longer be able to use a regular state-issued driver's license to board domestic flights after January 2018.

Whatever happens, please know an enhanced driver's license or passport would continue be an acceptable form of ID at airports and for federal facilities.



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In committee this week, I shared my concerns, in part stating that "Minnesota is faced with a terrible choice. If Minnesota does not comply, its residents will have to live the uncertainty of whether their driver's licenses will continue to be accepted as a valid travel document on commercial airlines. If we do comply, we are ceding a power that we have had since 1908 – that is, how we manage and process our driver's licenses – to the federal government, and we are not ceding it solely to other elected officials – but, even more concerning – we are ceding it to an unelected official – the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security who can at any time expand the use of the REAL ID."

While I do not support House File 3, I understand that many Minnesotans and legislators representing other districts do. For that reason, I voted to allow House File 3 to pass through committee hearings to move the bill forward and give everyone a chance to have their voice heard on a full House Floor vote.

I know this issue is something that will be debated more in the coming weeks, and as always, I welcome you to contact my office to share your thoughts on Real ID compliance or other matters.

### Rep. Peggy Scott (35B)

#### GPS Tracking

You might remember from last week's update, we held hearings in the Civil Law Committee to address the Department of Public Safety's (possibly unconstitutional) tracking of Minnesotans with an ignition interlock system. Obviously it's disconcerting that our state government would want or need to track our residents, and it's important for the public to know if their privacy is being violated. DPS never held meetings on this controversial program. If DPS wants to install location-tracking devices in cars, they first need a warrant, or should have brought this program to the Legislature for public hearing and discussion. Instead, their sly usurpation of power is causing concern in our state.

I introduced a bill yesterday, HF 179, to prohibit the state from using location tracking with the ignition interlock system. There's no logical reason the state would need to know the whereabouts of our citizens. On top of that, there's big concerns of how this data is stored and who could access it. We'll be hearing this bipartisan bill in the Civil Law Committee, and I welcome any public input on this important issue.

#### Hanson Blvd. Train Crossing

I'm co-authoring a bill, HF 207, to fund a rail grade crossing separation at Hanson Blvd. in Coon Rapids. With the rail crossing, this is a busy stretch of road and we have to make sure it's safe. This is another bipartisan initiative. If there's a bonding bill in this session or the next, I'll continue to advocate for this project's inclusion.



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## Newly Elected Take Charge

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March, leveling \$7,800 in fines. But it's not over yet.

The case remains before the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Funk hopes for a precedent-setting ruling that puts more teeth into the OML for city governments statewide.

The ongoing litigation contributed to several testy exchanges with two

sitting city council members involved in the civil case at the new mayor's first official meeting. Council member Jim Crowley threatened to walk out if Funk continued to refer to the case while still under appeal. Stay tuned on that.

"I have two hats. One is the mayor in which my focus needs to be what's best for the city and residents," Funk said. "Secondly, as the lead plaintiff, we're pushing this forward because this will change the law in Minnesota should we be successful on the appeal. The public good far outweighs in my opinion any negative connotations that come from it."



# ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

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*Always on the lookout for governmental waste, fraud, and abuse in Anoka County*

January 13th, 2017

**Factoid of the Week:** The University will pay \$8.5 million this year for football coaching. \$3.5 million to PJ Fleck to have him coach and \$5 million to Tracy Claeys to not coach.

## ANOKA COUNTY RECORD - POLITICS FREE

Strike a victory for common sense. And leave it to the Anoka County Board to do it.

This week, the county board once again selected the *Anoka County Record* as the official county newspaper for publishing legal notices.

This ought to be a fairly straight forward process.

The county solicits bids for the contract and the county takes the lowest responsive bid.

That simple process was complicated because of an unholy alliance between an avaricious newspaper and local liberals with a political agenda.

First, you must understand that the publication of legal notices in ink is nothing more than egregious rent-seeking by newspaper organizations.

You're probably asking yourself why legal notices can't simply be published in electronic format, which private entities have been doing for many years.

This is because the newspaper industry got themselves a law passed that requires these notices to be published in a newspaper whether the local unit of government wants it or not.

As readership has declined, newspapers have increasingly relied on these notices as a profit center and have successfully stymied efforts to make ink publication permissive.

But, of course, this law isn't about profits. It's about ensuring that every Minnesotan has equal opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to read of the latest bankruptcy filings or opportunity to bid on constructing that \$20 million-dollar county works project.

Please.

So along comes the *Anoka County Record*, offering to publish these notices at a fraction of what the old legacy newspaper in the area was charging to publish notices that no one reads anyway.

The partner in the unholy alliance is a group of local liberals who don't like the *Record* for a couple of reasons.

First, they like the old legacy newspaper because it offers coverage of the political stuff they like and it publishes the tripe they send in as LTEs.

Moreover, they don't like the *Record* because the Watchdog publishes our updates in the *Record* as a PAID advertiser, which is what they could do as well.

For the past two years, the *Record* has been chosen as the official legal newspaper despite this circus.

This week, the *Record* was chosen once again, but with a noticeable diminishment of the tomfoolery.

Commissioner Scott Schulte said it best when he simply noted that he was going to vote for the lowest bid - period.

The process of taking the lowest responsive bid is precisely what keeps out the politics of the process.

Every newspaper has some type of political leaning. *Star Tribune* sound familiar? *New York Times*, anyone?

Kudos to the county board (at least the conservative majority) for sticking to their guns and following the established process for winning the bid.

Kudos to them for not being intimidated into bending to a vocal, hyper-partisan minority.

## REALLY, IT'S NOT OKAY

Welcome, yet again, to the Bizzaro world of Democrats.

The saga of the Stadium Suites continued this week as taxpayers learned that friends and cronies of the Democrats who control the suites helped themselves to over \$32,000 in food and drink while enjoying concerts and football games.

Throw in free parking in premium spaces and you have yourself a full-blown scandal.

The response from Democrats has been nothing short of shocking, despite our jaded and cynical outlook regarding that party.

The Minnesota House of Representatives held hearings this week to listen to Sports Facilities Chair Michele Kelm-Helgen (a lifelong DFL operative) explain away the cavalcade of freebies and public trough piggery.

Perhaps the most egregious lack of judgement and common sense came in the form of handing out seats in the two taxpayer-financed suites to family and friends, who clearly had no business reason to be in the suites in the first place.

"I clearly heard and understand that people did not support having friends and family in suites," Kelm-Helgen said in response to criticism, adding: "We now have a new suite policy."

Say what?

Did it really take a firestorm of public criticism to show her it was a stupid move?

This is a person making six figures, presumably to exercise the good judgement required of any executive.

It flabbergasting to any reasonable person to read of real or feigned ignorance regarding the impropriety of inviting family, cronies, and bridge partners down to the luxury suites to catch a Vikings game and a premium feedbag of food and drink - all at taxpayer expense.

Poor judgement? It's criminal.

And we continue to hear of the value of the suites as a "marketing" tool.

Legislators would be smart to ask exactly which events are scheduled to held at the stadium that were cinched only because promoters were wined and dined in the suite.

It's just foolish to claim that one must party down in a taxpayer funded suite to see and experience the stadium.

Speaker Kurt Daudt said it best when he observed, "Give people a tour of the stadium. They don't need to be wined and dined."

We also learned through the legislative hearing that stadium officials, who are public officials, violated the state's Open Meeting Law.

The law requires that when a quorum of public officials is together, the public must be notified, unless there is an exception to that requirement spelled out in law.

There was no notice that these folks were all going

to hang out with cronies in the suite, so the law was broken.

No worries, however, as Kelm-Helgen assured the committee that no official business was conducted at the illegal meeting in the luxury suite.

If our ethics laws stand for anything, they stand for the proposition that we don't allow politicians and their appointees to police themselves.

Thank goodness the Legislative Auditor is investigating this boondoggle.

There is no doubt in our mind that legislators and the media have just scratched the surface on this scandal.

The only mitigating factor is that they all got caught early in the process, just months after the suites opened.

Shameless.

## GUESS THE 1%ER

A new feature of the Watchdog is "guess the 1%er," whereby we tell you about a wealthy elitist and you guess the identity of that socialite.

This week's cake eater has recently rented an 8,200-square foot, nine-bedroom mansion in Washington, DC where he is also building a high wall around the perimeter to keep out gawkers and riff raff.

The reason for this move, we are told, is so the family of four can remain in the area while one child finishes high school at the ultra-elite Sidwell Friends School, where tuition and fees exceed \$40,000 per year.

If you guessed Barack Hussein Obama and family, you would be correct.

The president who for eight years lead the parade of whiners regarding climate change, inequality, political correctness, and the excesses of capitalism will soon take up residence in a \$6 million mansion so his kid can finish her \$160,000 education and entertain her friends behind the high walls of the fortress, guarded by men carrying the same guns Barry doesn't want you to own.

This one news item explains Donald Trump. The American people have absolutely had enough of the lectures from liberals, who step out from behind their gated mansions and armored SUVs to tell how awful we are and how we need to do with less while they live like Soviet communist party bosses.

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Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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## Nowthen Council Organizes continued from page 1

Councilmember Paul Reighard led the charge against appointing the *Record*, stating that it was unknown what their price for publishing notices would be in 2018 and beyond. He also raised concerns about the city being charged a different rate than other cities. He also raised questions about newspaper print circulation.

In response to Mr. Reighard, the publisher of the *Record*, John Kysylyczyn, informed the council that the standard rate is \$33 per notice and that the same rate applies to all city customers. This standard rate is approximately 60% less than what the city had been paying the *Anoka County UnionHerald* for years. Mr. Kysylyczyn noted that it is the *UnionHerald* that actually charges different rates, having offered to publish county notices for half the price they offered Nowthen. He also noted that another APG of Delaware owned newspaper, the *Forest Lake Times*, charges a standard rate that is 25% less than their *UnionHerald* newspaper.

On the issue of circulation, the *UnionHerald* reported 30 subscribers in the entire city of Nowthen, which is on par with the *Record*. In addition to charging the city, the *UnionHerald* also charges for print and online subscriptions. The *Record* distributes free copies at City Hall and Bill's Superette in Nowthen. Online subscriptions of the *Record* are also free at [www.ReadACR.com](http://www.ReadACR.com).

In response to Mr. Reighard's concerns, Ms. Rainville noted that the request before the council was to appoint a legal newspaper for 2017, not for future years. She stated that in 2017, the *Record's* offer is for no cost to the city or residents, and that 2018 will be discussed next year. Minnesota law requires cities to appoint a legal newspaper at their first meeting in January, every year.

Mr. Breyen noted that neither newspaper covers the entire city with print copies, but that he is a subscriber to the *Record's* free online edition.

Councilmember Randy Bettinger opposed the appointment of the *Record* stating that residents would no longer be informed of important issues before the council.

In response to Mr. Bettinger's statement, Mr. Kysylyczyn informed the council that most major issues that have previously come before them, such as the concept of hiring a city administrator, never would have been published as a legal notice. He also noted that land use issues require notification to neighbors by first class mail, which is the primary notification method. The city has the option of publishing additional city newsletters with the savings.

Mayor Pilon noted that the *Record's* proposal would help the city's budget.

### Commission Liaison Appointments

The appoint of Mr. Breyen as council liaison to the Road and Bridge Commission and Ms. Rainville as council liaison to the city's Parks and Recreation Commission drew complaints from Mr. Reighard. Mr. Bettinger was the 2016 liaison on the Road and Bridge Commission and had served for several years. Mr. Reighard was the 2016 liaison on the

Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Reighard cited his experience and that of Mr. Bettinger as reasons why they should remain as liaisons to these commissions. He argued that the member with the most experience in a commission's subject area should be appointed as the liaison to that commission.

Mr. Breyen quoted the written city policy addressing the responsibilities of a council liaison to a city commission. He indicated that the primary responsibility was to relay information between the council and the commission. He said, "I can do that." City council liaisons have no role in running or managing citizen advisory commissions.

### Change in Meeting Start Times

The council decided that all regularly scheduled city council and committee meetings in 2017 will start no earlier than 7:00 PM. Previously Thursday council meetings started at 5:30 PM. Special and emergency meetings may have different start times.

Mr. Breyen stated that Nowthen was a bedroom community with few residents that work within the city. He stated that it is an inconvenience for residents who have issues before the council to get home from work and be on time for a meeting starting at 5:30 PM. He said, "Having a set 7pm start time for all mtgs will provide consistency for the residents and given them some extra time to get home, have dinner and still make it to the Thursday Council Meeting or any other council/committee meetings."

Mr. Reighard objected, stating that he believed a later start would result in meetings running later. He indicated that he was ready to leave meetings at 9:00 PM.

Mr. Breyen responded stating that if the council took steps to run meetings more efficiently, like requiring the use of the "Request for Action" form, they would not run as long or as late.

Mr. Bettinger stated that with all council meetings starting at 7:00 PM, maybe the council should consider holding two distinctly separate monthly meetings.

Currently the council reviews the same agenda at both meetings. At times this results in the same discussions and debates being held twice.

### Strategy Session

Mayor Pilon asked the council if they would be interested in holding a strategy session to discuss big picture issues, effective communications, and the role of council vs. staff. He suggested a meeting template offered by the League of Minnesota Cities. He noted that the county would allow them to use a meeting room with white board and electronics as had been done in the past at no charge to the city.

Mr. Bettinger said the meeting should be held at city hall. Mr. Reighard asked to see a proposed meeting agenda.

Mayor Pilon stated that he would gather more details for their next meeting and see if members have an interest.

### Burns Township Safe

In other council business, the old Burns Township safe continues to occupy council time. It is no longer in use, but some consider it to be an important part of history. The safe needs to be moved in order for the floors to be refinished in the city hall meeting room. Initially the plan was to give it to the Anoka County Historical Society. Now some want to keep it in the city. For the time being, it will be relocated to the basement by a local professional safe moving company at no cost to the city. -ACR



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**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2017-01

Description of Bid/RFP: Advertisement for Bids Coon Lake Park Onsite Wastewater System

Bid Opening: February 15, 2017

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).

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**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2017-02

Description of Bid/RFP: Advertisement for Bids Coon Lake Park Beach Facility

Bid Opening: February 15, 2017

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3. Nameholder(s): **Clark Automotive Clinic, Inc. 9985 Davenport St NE Blaine, MN 55449**

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/s/ Charles Clark

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2. Principal Place of Business:

**1201 West Buckingham Dr. Oak Creek, WI 53154**

3. Nameholder(s): **Patton Vernell Jr 1201 West Buckingham Dr. Oak Creek, WI 53154**

4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the

penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

FILED: 1/3/2017  
# 926000500020  
/s/ Patton Vernell Jr  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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**CITY OF ANOKA**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Notice is hereby given that the city council of the City of Anoka will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 2015-1st Avenue, Anoka, MN, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2017, to conduct the Improvement Hearing to consider ordering construction of the City's 2017 Brisbin Area Street Renewal Program Project. Immediately following the Improvement Hearing the City Council will conduct the Assessment Hearing to consider the special assessments.

The 2017 Brisbin Area Street Renewal Program Project consists of street and utility improvements to:

Adams Street - 10th Avenue to City East Limit

Brisbin Street - 9th Avenue to 10th Avenue

Washington Street - 9th Avenue to City East Limit

10th Avenue - 121st Avenue to Jefferson Street

If, as a result of the hearing, the city council orders the project to proceed, the council will then conduct a hearing to pass upon the proposed assessment for the 2017 Brisbin Area Street Renewal Program Project.

The first hearing to be held is an Improvement Hearing for a project proposed under the authority of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 429 for public improvements with special benefit to properties and with all or a portion of the costs assessed against properties for benefit.

The Assessment Hearing will be held to review and pass an assessment roll. This hearing will be held if the council orders the project and will immediately follow such action. The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office.

The total cost of the proposed project is \$2,180,000.00, with the total amount proposed to be assessed being \$450,363.80. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a signed, written objection is filed with the clerk prior to the hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. Upon such notice, the council may consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners, as it deems

advisable. Any owner who is not precluded by failure to object prior to or at the assessment hearing, or whose failure to so object is due to a reasonable cause, may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the mayor or clerk of the city within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten (10) days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

Minnesota Statutes Section 435.193 through 435.195 authorize a municipality to defer the payment of assessments against homestead property owned by persons 65 years of age and older, or who are retired because of permanent and total disability under circumstances where it would be a hardship for such person to make the assessment payments. When deferment of the special assessment has been granted and is terminated for any reason provided in that law, all amounts accumulated plus applicable interest become due. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of this law may, within 30 days of the confirmation of the assessment, apply to the city clerk for the prescribed form for such deferral of payment of this special assessment on said owner's property.

**CITY OF ANOKA**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Notice is hereby given that the city council of the City of Anoka will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 2015-1st Avenue, Anoka, MN, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2017, to conduct the Improvement Hearing to consider ordering construction of the City's 2017 Christian Hills Street Renewal Program Project. Immediately following the Improvement Hearing the City Council will conduct the Assessment Hearing to consider the special assessments.

The 2017 Christian Hills Street Renewal Program Project consists of street and utility improvements to:

Washington Street - 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue

Adams Street - 2nd Avenue to 4th Avenue

Madison Street - 2nd Avenue to 5th Avenue

Cross Street - 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue

3rd Avenue - Washington Street to Monroe Street

4th Avenue/Military Road - 5th Avenue to Monroe Street

If, as a result of the hearing, the city council orders the project to proceed, the council will then conduct a hearing to pass upon the proposed assessment for the 2017 Christian Hills Street Renewal Program Project.

The first hearing to be held is an Improvement Hearing for a project proposed under the

authority of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 429 for public improvements with special benefit to properties and with all or a portion of the costs assessed against properties for benefit.

The Assessment Hearing will be held to review and pass an assessment roll. This hearing will be held if the council orders the project and will immediately follow such action. The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. The total cost of the proposed project is \$3,974,000.00, with the total amount proposed to be assessed being \$705,734.40. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a signed, written objection is filed with the clerk prior to the hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. Upon such notice, the council may consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners, as it deems advisable.

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**CITY OF EAST BETHEL**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITY OF EAST BETHEL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that the Planning Commission of the City of East Bethel will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 2241

**CITY OF HAM LAKE - SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT**

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2017 budget information concerning the City of Ham Lake to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the complete budget may be examined at the Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Ave NE, Ham Lake, MN or on the City's website at [www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us](http://www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us). The City Council approved this budget on December 5, 2016.

**Governmental Funds 2017 Adopted Budget**

Budgeted Governmental Funds	2016	2017
	Original	Adopted
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Property taxes	\$ 4,505,338	\$ 4,633,301
Other taxes	66,300	98,108
Special assessments	1,272	1,272
Licenses and permits	358,370	362,020
Intergovernmental revenues		
Federal	0	0
State	3,290,675	1,516,366
County & other local governments	9,998	0
Charges for services	180,190	190,815
Fines and forfeits	52,000	50,000
Interest on investments	42,815	41,365
Miscellaneous revenues	78,100	121,393
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>8,585,058</b>	<b>7,014,640</b>
Other financing sources		
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	52,000	58,000
Transfers from other funds	1,130,100	1,212,100
<b>Total revenues and other financing sources</b>	<b>\$ 9,767,158</b>	<b>\$ 8,284,740</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Current expenditures		
General government	\$ 991,035	\$ 1,003,485
Public safety	1,763,288	1,761,594
Streets and highways (excluding construction)	981,517	979,475
Sanitation (recycling)	39,500	53,550
Parks and recreation	357,280	357,822
Economic development	52,660	50,900
Miscellaneous	15,500	15,000
<b>Total current expenditures</b>	<b>4,200,780</b>	<b>4,221,826</b>
Debt service-principal	130,000	182,117
Interest and fiscal charges	55,518	56,585
Capital outlay	5,970,497	3,436,120
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>10,356,795</b>	<b>7,896,648</b>
Other financing uses		
Transfers to other funds	1,130,100	1,212,100
<b>Total expenditures and other financing uses</b>	<b>\$ 11,486,895</b>	<b>\$ 9,108,748</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in fund balances</b>	<b>\$ (1,719,737)</b>	<b>\$ (824,008)</b>
<b>Property tax levy - all funds</b>	<b>\$ 4,465,338</b>	<b>\$ 4,593,101</b>
<b>Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments for 2016</b>	<b>\$ 6,075</b>	

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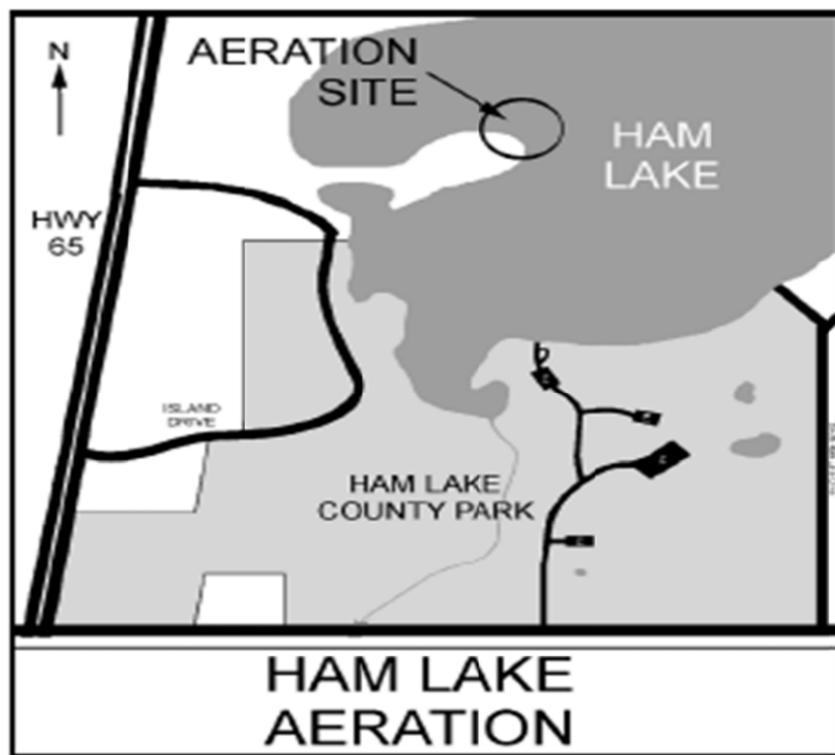
**Public Notice**

The City of Ham Lake hereby gives public notice of its intent to aerate Ham Lake to prevent winterkill of game fish. The City intends to use mobile systems which may be used at any time. The aeration systems will cause areas of thin ice and open water that fluctuate greatly. If there are any questions concerning the aeration system, please contact Ham Lake City Hall at 763-434-9555.

Dated: January 10, 2017 and January 17, 2017

**Warning!**

**Stay Clear of Designated Areas!**



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221st Avenue NE, East 2. The current Zoning 65 RIGHT OF WAY those receiving copies Bethel, MN. The hearing Classification is B3 TO THE CENTER OF of this notice. If you will be to consider the - Highway Business; CNTY DRAIN DITCH know of any neighbor request by applicant Address - 18579 NO 28(SUBJ TO ROAD or interested property Jacob Marrs dba North Highway 65 NE; PID EASE OVER THE WLY owner who for any Metro Motors to obtain a # 323323130007; 30 FT THEREOF ALL IN reason has not received Conditional Use Permit Legal description - THE SW1/4 OF NE1/4 a copy, it would be and variance from UNPLATTED VILLAGE SEC 32-33-23) THE hearing of this PUBLIC NOTICES request is not limited to continued on page 6

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing. The East Bethel City Council may consider this request at its February 15th, 2017 regular meeting. Colleen Winter

**ANOKA HENNEPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT #11**  
**Advertisement for Bid**  
 Bid # 17025B  
 Description of Bid:

Roosevelt Middle School HVAC Ventilation Upgrade  
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 Bid # 17028B  
 Description of Bid: Coon Rapids High School HVAC Ventilation

Upgrade  
 Bid Opening: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. LT  
**Advertisement for Bid**  
 Bid # 17020B  
 Description of Bid: Anoka High School Finished and Toilet Room Renovations  
 Bid Opening: Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. LT

**Advertisement for Bid**  
 Bid # 17021B  
 Description of Bid: Blaine High School Theater Rigging System  
 Bid Opening: Thursday, January 26, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. LT

**Advertisement for Request for Proposal (RFP)**  
 RFP # 17015P  
 Description of RFP: Facilities Cleaning Assessment Services  
 RFP Due: Thursday, February 2, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. LT

**Advertisement for Request for Proposal (RFP)**  
 RFP # 17039P  
 Description of RFP: Fiber Locate and Maintenance Services  
 RFP Due: Monday, January 30, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. LT

For more information regarding the above RFP, please visit the Anoka Hennepin School District #11 website at: <http://www.ahschools.us/Page/22461>

**SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS**

Spring Lake Park Schools is requesting self-funded proposals for Group Medical Insurance. The RFP, general instructions, all pertinent underwriting and general information can be obtained by contacting Sandy Oleson at Gallagher Benefit Services: (952)356-0750; e-mail: [sandy\\_oleson@ajg.com](mailto:sandy_oleson@ajg.com); 3600 American Blvd W - Ste 500, Bloomington, MN 55431. Any questions regarding the RFP should be directed to Sandy Oleson at Gallagher Benefit Services. All entities must provide SEALED proposals (3 copies) and must be received at the District Service Center, 1415 81st Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 no later than 2:00 pm on February 16, 2017. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered late and ineligible for consideration.

**2017 CITY OF OAK GROVE SUMMARY BUDGET DATA**

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2017 budget information concerning the City of Oak Grove to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 471.6965. This budget is in summary form: the complete budget may be examined at Oak Grove City Hall, 19900 Nightingale Street Northwest, Oak Grove, MN 55011. The city council approved this budget on November 28th, 2016.

**Governmental Funds 2017 Adopted Budget**

Budgeted Governmental Funds (General and EDA)	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Property Taxes	1,970,989	1,981,596
Special Assessments	13,000	13,000
Licenses and Permits	114,500	134,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	263,336	296,959
Charges for Services	20,575	20,575
Fines and Forfeits	35,000	35,000
Interest on Investments	9,000	9,000
Miscellaneous	9,000	9,000
Other Financing Sources	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,435,400</b>	<b>2,499,630</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Government	754,695	719,222
Public Safety	869,790	925,015
Public Works	514,100	523,542
Culture and Recreation	52,550	74,189
Conservation of Natural Resources	8,911	13,900
Economic Development	13,519	13,519
Streets and Highway Construction	115,000	115,000
Capital Outlay	29,600	47,500
Transfers to Other Funds	200,000	200,000
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Current Expenditures</b>	<b>2,563,165</b>	<b>2,636,887</b>

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**2017 SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT CITY OF NOWTHEN**

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2017 budget information concerning the City of Nowthen to interested citizens. This budget summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 471.6965. This is not the complete city budget; the complete city budget may be examined at the Nowthen City Offices located at 8188 199<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Nowthen, MN. The City Council adopted this budget on December 13, 2016.

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS 2017 AND 2016**

Governmental Funds	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$ 1,351,730	\$ 1,361,332
Licenses and Permits	71,303	86,555
Intergovernmental	44,962	48,279
Charges for Services	97,151	103,376
Fines and Forfeits	17,500	18,000
Investment Earnings	1,600	1,600
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,550
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ 1,586,798</b>	<b>\$ 1,621,717</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
General Government	\$ 474,799	\$ 439,286
Public Safety	370,606	388,441
Streets and Highways	404,938	397,693
Sanitation	39,830	43,327
Culture and Recreation	31,150	33,950
Debt Service:		
Principal	125,786	127,279
Interest and Other Charges	14,689	16,941
Capital Outlay	125,000	175,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,586,798</b>	<b>\$ 1,621,717</b>
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 906,171	\$ 780,385

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**RICHARD C. O'ROURKE**  
 STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT  
 COUNTY OF ANOKA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 In Re: Estate of Richard O' Rourke Court File No. 02-PR-17-15  
 Decedent. NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING  
 ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF  
 WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
 REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 7, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at Anoka, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated August 6, 2004, and edited on August 16, 2006, and Separate Writing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.2-513 dated August 25, 2006, and for the appointment of JAMES L. HOWITZ, whose address is 2301 Arnold Palmer Drive, Blaine, Minnesota 55449 as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.  
 Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.  
 Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.  
 Dated: 1/11/17 /s/ Dyanna Street, Judge of District Court  
 Dated: 1/12/17 /s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator  
 DUDLEY AND SMITH, P.A.; Steven C. Ophelm; MN# 169080  
 101 East Fifth Street, Suite 2602; Saint Paul, MN 55101  
 Telephone: 651-291-1717; Facsimile: 651-223-5055  
 e-mail: [sopheim@dudleyandsmith.com](mailto:sopheim@dudleyandsmith.com)  
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**JOHN MICHAEL PRIBULA JR. aka JACK PRIBULA**  
 STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT  
 COUNTY OF ANOKA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 In Re: Estate of John Michael Pribula Jr. Court File No. 02-PR-17-6  
 aka Jack Pribula, NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL  
 John M. Pribula Jr, AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
 Decedent. REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.  
 Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Sara Myre, whose address is 11148 Club West Circle, Unit A, Blaine, MN 55449 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.  
 Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.  
 Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.  
 Dated: January 11, 2017 /s/ Peggy Zdon, Registrar  
 /s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator  
 Donohue Green Law Office, PLLC; Margaret D. Green; MN# 0389695  
 222 North 2nd Street, Ste 300; Minneapolis, MN 55401  
 Telephone: 612-708-9767; Facsimile: 612-465-0095  
 e-mail: [mgreen@donohuegreen.com](mailto:mgreen@donohuegreen.com)  
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