

Oak Grove

Clerk Hiring Process Near Completion

Fiskewold Retires After 29 Years With City

Search for PT Administrative Assistant Continues

At their April 13th meeting, the Oak Grove City Council passed a resolution accepting the retirement of Sherry Fiskewold as City Clerk.

In her letter to the city council, Ms. Fiskewold noted her longtime residency in the city and her feelings that the City of Oak Grove was more than just a place of employment. She said many factors helped her make the decision to retire after 29 years with the city, including future opportunities. She said, "I find the idea of my retirement is bittersweet, as I am excited to start a new chapter in my life but sad to end another one."



Ms. Fiskewold encouraged the city council to select a replacement who has previous city clerk experience and is comfortable with dealing with a variety of tasks and working long hours when necessary. She noted that her last day of work will be June 30th. She offered to provide whatever assistance is necessary to assure a smooth transition to her replacement.

City Administrator Loren Wickham is leading the effort to hire Ms. Fiskewold's replacement, informing the *Record* that applicants have been interviewed over the past two weeks. Mr. Wickham informed the city council that he planned on having the new clerk on the city payroll prior to Ms. Fiskewold's departure to allow for training. The hiring process will conclude with the finalist selected by Mr. Wickham appearing before the city council for questions and a confirmation vote.

PT Administrative Assistant

Mr. Wickham also informed the *Record* that the search for a part time administrative assistance continues. The customer service position would offer daytime hours up to 20 hours per week and pay \$15-\$20 per hour depending upon qualifications.

The city council was informed that Kathy Bahma, who currently holds this part time position, would not be available to continue working for the city for much longer due to other time commitments.

The application deadline for the part time administrative assistant position has been extended to Friday, June 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. - *ACR staff*

Responsible Mining Resolution Passes State Central Committee

At the April 29th meeting of the Republican Party (GOP) State Central Committee meeting in Saint Cloud, Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt led the successful passage of a resolution supporting responsible mining on the Iron Range. The vote was unanimous.



In Speaker Daudt's opening comments, he noted the division that exists in the Democratic Farmer-Labor Party (DFL) on the issue of mining. He said those who currently control the DFL are radical environmentalists who are not concerned about the economy of Minnesota. Highlighting last fall's election results, he said, "People on the Iron Range, where Donald Trump literally carried the Iron Range, are sick of the Governor using the environmental review process to stop economic development."

"The Democrat Party in the State of Minnesota cannot pass a resolution in support of the mining industry on the Iron Range... Republicans care about their economy, care about their jobs, and we have their back."
- Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt (R- 31A)

DFL Resolution 54

The controversy highlighted by Speaker Daudt surrounds DFL Resolution 54, which opposes certain types of mining and is supported by metro area environmentalists. A vote on the resolution was delayed twice in 2016, due to its opposition by Iron Range DFL'ers and concerns about how it would affect the DFL vote in the 2016 State General

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Federal and Local Funding Still in Doubt for Southwest Light Rail

By Tom Steward

The sigh of relief by Met Council brass over a \$10 million New Starts federal grant that keeps the Southwest Light Rail line on life support illustrates just how jittery the regional agency has become over the fate of the controversial \$1.9 billion project.

But the troubled line still faces significant obstacles in Washington and St. Paul that threaten to derail funding and approval of the project.

The funding announcement became news as part of the federal budget deal reached by Congress over the weekend. Some initial reports gave the impression that Congress had fully funded the project and directed the US Department of Transportation to advance SWLRT.

Yet a closer look at the budget deal reached by Congress over the weekend shows SWLRT barely made the cut for transit dollars. The Minneapolis to Eden Prairie project received the lowest amount of funding by far of the twenty-one transit projects covered by the agreement.

SWLRT also remains on a list of four transit projects that did not meet the Trump Administration's proposed October 2016 cutoff for federal funding, potentially leaving the line

in limbo, or cancelled. In addition, Minnesota House Speaker Kurt Daudt and 83 Republican state legislators have asked U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao to reject funding for the project, along with Rep. Jason Lewis, R-Minn.

"The reports of full funding for SWLRT are premature: this is not how the New Starts program works," said Kim Crockett, Center of the American Experiment Vice President. "The budget 'deal' only directed the Secretary of Transportation to give SWLRT \$10 million-not the full \$929 million funding needed. I am not even sure that Congress can direct the funds because Congress cannot "earmark." I think it was more of a suggestion, given all the lobbying for this project in D.C."

Met Council officials have hinted that the grant announcement amounts to a green light for a project that's hit a roadblock due to the Trump administration's proposed cuts in transit funding.

"This is encouraging news. The inclusion of [SWLRT] in the proposed budget is an indication that the federal delegation understands this project is a key piece of our region's transportation infrastructure," Met Council Chairman Adam Duinick said in a statement to the Star Tribune.

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Rep. Peggy Scott**Privacy Protection Legislation**

I authored a bill which was recently passed by the Minnesota House of Representatives, HF179, which removes the ability of the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) to track the location of ignition interlock program participants. The legislation also requires ignition interlock vendors to provide a notice to their clients regarding any location tracking capabilities of the device.

The bill passed on a unanimous vote of 125-0.

It's encouraging to see unanimous support to protect Minnesotans from being tracked by their own state government. We want DUI offenders to use the ignition interlock system because it's proven to protect against DUI recidivism, and helps keep our roads safer for all. DPS tracking of these individuals deters the voluntary participation in this important program.

DPS is currently not subject to rule-making. This bill institutes the rule-making process and the increased public scrutiny and input provided by the rule-making process.

Our unelected state agencies shouldn't be in the business of making sweeping policy changes. Something as serious as tracking Minnesotans should have the full public vetting of the legislative process. We want to eliminate these abuses of power going forward and protect Minnesotans.

HF179 now heads to the Minnesota Senate.

Rep. Abigail Whelan**Real ID**

I know many people have been following the debate on complying with federal Real ID mandates in Minnesota, and I wanted to share an update. The House and Senate came to an agreement on Real ID, passing the measure which Governor Dayton signed into law. The measure passed 120-11 in the House.

I did not support the measure because I still believe the federal Real ID law is a violation of the Tenth Amendment, specifically infringing on state sovereignty. I shared in the Transportation Policy Committee earlier this session an explanation of my concerns where I voted yes in committee to allow the bill to be vetted through the process. I was a no vote on the floor of the House this week on final passage.

My primary concern is that 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. Furthermore, we are not ceding it solely to other elected officials, but to an unelected Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security who can at any time expand the use of REAL ID.

We can hope DHS will not do this, but history and experience with the federal government does

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not give me any comfort. If we give them some of our power, I believe it is only a matter of time before they take more. The federal government has continued to expand over the years, and I don't see why this would be different.

Please note that there are people I highly admire and respect on both sides of this debate. I understand the other side of the debate well - namely, there is a belief this will increase security, and on a very practical level people want to continue to be able board commercial aircraft and enter military bases with their "regular," or state-issued ID (though this ID will be in compliance with federal standards).

Whatever your own feelings, I think it is fair to say Minnesota was faced with a difficult choice. If we did not act and there are no changes from Congress or the Trump administration, citizens of Minnesota would have concerns about whether or not they would be able to board an aircraft or enter certain federal buildings with the current Minnesota license starting next year, when individuals would need an enhanced ID or passport. For me, the concerns regarding the federal government encroaching on our states' rights outweigh the potential risk.

For those who share my concerns, I want to note that the new system is one that you choose to opt into, meaning you can choose whether to get a Real ID-compliant license or choose an ID under our current system. Also, as we transition as a state to becoming fully Real ID compliant, a passport will continue to be an acceptable form of identification to fly and enter federal facilities. However, if you are traveling to a military base, I highly recommend calling ahead and asking what forms of ID they will accept.

At the end of the day, I think the good news is there is always room for continued debate and conversation, and even when we disagree with one another we can still maintain a positive relationship. That said, I want to thank Rep. Dennis Smith who carried the Real ID bill for the time, energy and hard work he put into the bill. He was always willing to talk and answer questions on it. Thank you Rep. Smith!

Teacher Licensure Vetoed

In 2016, the Office of the Legislative Auditor released a report summarizing the problems with the licensure system well. Some highlights from the report:

- "The constantly changing and poorly defined teacher-licensure laws make it difficult for BoT [Board of Teaching] board members, MDE [Minnesota Department of Education] licensing specialists, and teacher candidates to understand Minnesota's teacher-licensure requirements. (pp. 72-74)"

- "Multiple exceptions to licensure requirements have led to loopholes and meaningless standards. (pp. 74-75)"

- "MDE issued a denial letter in the remaining 17 cases in which the candidate did not receive the license for which he or she was recommended.

We evaluated the clarity of these denial letters. We considered 7 of the 17 denial letters to contain clearly written denial reasoning... However, we found the denial reasoning MDE provided to candidates to be unclear in the majority of cases."

For more on the problems within the current system, see: <http://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us/ped/2016/teacherssum.htm> and <http://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us/ped/pedrep/teachers.pdf>.

I am disappointed to share that Governor Dayton vetoed a bipartisan bill to address our broken teacher licensure system. The bill had overwhelming support from education stakeholders throughout the state, and was amended many times (the bill underwent 45 iterations) as state leaders and education advocates worked to make the bill better. This initiative was not about politics, but rather about good policy. It streamlined licensure, increased transparency, and worked to address our state's dire teacher shortage. This was about ensuring great teachers can get a license to teach in our state, and ensuring Minnesota kids have access to a world-class education.

Again, I am disappointed it was vetoed, and will continue to advocate for our students, educators and schools.

Around the Community

Foster Hope: To address our foster care shortage, Anoka County has partnered with groups to help families in crisis and provide information about foster care in the community. You can go to www.anokacounty.us/foster for more information.

Rep. Nolan West

The Minnesota House and Senate passed a plan that will bring Minnesota into full compliance with the federal Real ID act and it was signed into law. In 2018, Minnesotans will need to obtain Real ID compliant identification in order to board an airplane or visit a military base, which is why this bill was critically needed. The plan also addresses privacy concerns, as it will not create a federal database with your information – the State of Minnesota will still remain in control. I was pleased it was approved with overwhelming bipartisan support.

A proposal allocating \$800 million towards needed construction projects around the state recently failed in the Minnesota House, primarily because DFL lawmakers refused to support it. Because a capital investment needs 81 votes to be approved in the House, at least eight Democrats needed to vote for the proposal, and only three did.

I was an obvious yes vote as the plan included funds to reconstruct 105th Avenue near the National Sports Center in Blaine. Though I am disappointed this capital investment proposal did not move forward, there is a chance another plan could appear before session ends.

Budget talks are continuing with Governor Dayton. I remain hopeful a compromise can be found and our next two year budget can soon be approved by the Legislature.



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Quote of the Week: "My God, Mr. Bragg, you have quarreled with every officer in the army, and now you are quarreling with yourself!"

- **Memoirs of General Ulysses S. Grant**

GOVERNOR BRAXTON BRAGG

With just days until the 2017 legislative session expires Monday morning, Minnesotans are witnessing the all-too-familiar scenario of work remaining undone, with the prospect of a special session becoming more likely by the hour.

As this edition goes to press, none of the major appropriations bills has been agreed to by the governor and legislative leaders.

Thus, a special session is quite likely, given the logistics of passing bills prior to the legislature's mandated adjournment date.

Here are the nuts and bolts regarding what needs to be done and how it has to be done, per Minnesota statutes and the state's constitution.

Minnesota's has a two-year (bi-ennial) budget cycle, which expires June 30th of odd numbered years.

If the state doesn't have a budget by then, a government shut-down of every budget area undone happens until there is agreement on that budget area (e.g. education, public safety, transportation).

There is an exception in that Minnesota courts have deemed some governmental services "essential," so that they must be funded and provided even if there is no agreement.

For the record, the Watchdog believes this court doctrine is unconstitutional as a violation of the Separation of Powers. The legislature alone has the power to appropriate monies from the treasury. The legislature may not be compelled by any court to appropriate money. Nowhere in the Minnesota Constitution is there language that authorizes the judicial branch appropriate money. Check Article III. Check Article XI, Section 1.

The state constitution, Article III, Section 12 dictates that the legislature not meet in session after the third Monday following the third Saturday in any year.

That means that the legislature can meet and pass bills this year until Monday, May 22nd at midnight. Chapter 3 of Minnesota Statutes defines a "legislative day" as running from 7AM through 7AM of the following calendar day.

It's important to remember that this session is the first year of the bi-ennium and not the second.

Many Capitol folks believe that the constitution's prohibition on passing bills the last day of session applies this year. It doesn't.

Moreover, the governor does not have the ability to "pocket veto" bills this year, as this isn't a "sine die" end of the legislative bi-ennium. Instead, it is only an interim adjournment until a date certain in 2018 that will be agreed to by each house soon.

Thus, there are logistical challenges to getting bills passed by this coming Monday.

First, the governor and legislative leaders still need to agree to "global" spending targets.

Next, the committee chairs of each appropriation area must meet and agree between them and with the governor's staff on the details of not only how the money will be spent but what policy items may or may not be in them.

The bills must then be assembled and enrolled by non-partisan legislative staff, which can be a Herculean task, given the sheer size and money involved. Staff must make sure every line of the bill matches the intent of policy makers. The numbers must add up and the language must give effect to legislative intent.

Then the bills must pass each house, be enrolled, and presented to the governor.

All of this gets very hard, given the calendar.

All of this gets, very, very hard because Speaker Daudt and Majority Leader Gazelka must deal with an erratic governor.

The Watchdog has spoken to multiple Capitol sources and checked the public record, both of which show a governor who backtracks, moves the goal posts, and contradicts himself regularly, making negotiations difficult at best.

Which brings us to Braxton Bragg, a Civil War era general known both for his lack of success on the battlefield and his strange demeanor.

There is a famous anecdote, perhaps apocryphal, about Bragg's early years as a military officer. The story goes that Bragg was both a company commander and the quartermaster of a frontier post early in his career.

Bragg as commander submitted a requisition for supplies for his company, then as quartermaster declined to fill it. As company commander, he resubmitted the requisition, giving additional reasons for his requirements, but as the quartermaster he denied the request again. Realizing that he was at a personal impasse, he referred the matter to the post commandant, who exclaimed, "My God, Mr. Bragg, you have quarreled with every officer in the army, and now you are quarreling with yourself!"

Governor Dayton has indeed quarreled with himself both this session and every session since he assumed office in 2011.

For example, Dayton has argued with himself regarding spending targets, which has resulted in a moving target for the most fundamental issue of the session, how much to spend.

Dayton has argued with himself over transportation. He has publicly stated he would sign the transportation bill sent to him and then turned around and vetoed the bills sent to him, describing it as "deplorable."

He has further argued with himself over policy provisions in spending bills. He has called for the elimination of them from the spending bills, yet his administration has argued all session for their inclusion.

For interested parties, check the omnibus Taxes bill. Most of the policy provisions in the bill are Dayton administration initiatives.

Dayton has argued with himself regarding timelines, first demanding that global budget targets be agreed to by late April and then arguing that he wouldn't engage in those negotiations until the legislature had agreed amongst themselves, which was a May

deadline.

Mark Dayton demanded that the legislature, House and Senate, first agree amongst themselves before he would enter negotiations with them.

Perhaps it is time for Daudt and Gazelka to tell Dayton they're done negotiating with him until he is done negotiating with himself.

THE LATEST

Because of what's happening as described above, negotiations have broken down. While the governor is meeting with legislative leadership as this edition hits your inbox, there is little hope that global targets will be agreed to, with exception of the Agriculture bill.

Look for the House and Senate to assemble a second round of appropriations bills that make a last-ditch attempt to get the job done.

If past performance is any guide, Dayton will likely sign some of those bills and veto others, leading to a special session.

You heard it here first: Watch for Republicans to tee up and pass a constitutional amendment question dedicating sales taxes on auto-related items to roads and bridges if the governor doesn't get serious about the subject.

The ballot question only needs a simple majority in each body and doesn't need a gubernatorial signature.

This circumstance would hit the sweet spot of good public policy and good politics.

Transportation is important to a public growing tired of driving on congested and dangerous roads.

They're receptive of a message that the governor has held up transportation funding because he wants to fund trains.

They're receptive to a message that roads and bridges can be funded without raising taxes.

They're receptive to constitutionally dedicating these auto-related taxes and protecting them from raids to fund pet projects like teaching homemakers to fish and providing taxpayer-funded abortions.

These ballot measures have passed rather easily in other states.

It's time for Republicans to take the question of road funding to a higher authority - the taxpayer.

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Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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Election. However when State DFL Chairman Ken Martin was asked about the party's need for Iron Range support, he told the Star Tribune in August 2016 that the party didn't "need the Iron Range to win statewide."

GOP Resolution

The text of the resolution adopted by the GOP State Central Committee is as follows:

WHEREAS, there are more than 5,000 jobs directly tied to Minnesota's mining industry; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate along the Iron Range is almost twice as high as the unemployment rate for the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, new mining projects along the Iron Range will create 360 permanent mining-related jobs and 830 temporary construction jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Democrat-Farm-Labor (DFL) Party has failed to pass a resolution supporting new mining projects; and

WHEREAS, the Dayton Administration has used the environmental review process to unnecessarily delay the approval of economic development projects across northern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Republicans believe we can responsibly protect the environment while at the same time taking advantage of our natural resources to create jobs and grow the economy along the Iron Range and across Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Minnesota Platform states, "we should follow commonsense practices in forest, wetlands and wildlife management, and promote multiple uses of natural resources in most cases. Republicans encourage free enterprise in the agricultural economy, and support technological advances in the creation, processing and use of agricultural products and natural resources;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee affirms its commitment to support mining and finds that responsible mining of our natural resources has the ability to usher in a wave of economic development across Minnesota.

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Yet SWLRT does not have a signed grant agreement with the federal agency tasked with selecting projects under the New Starts program. Nor has it completed the federal checklist needed for full funding. The federal to-do list includes:

- Complete the engineering phase of the project
- Negotiate co-location and other agreements with several freight railroads in Minnesota
- If unable to reach agreement, file for federal common carrier designation
- Obtain federal Office of Railroad Safety approval of those agreements

Local funding also remains up in the air. The Met Council continues to scramble to cobble together the fifty percent of local funds required by the FTA.

When the state legislature declined to fund SWLRT last year, Met Council Chair Adam Duinink, broke a promise and threatened to finance the project with "certificates of participation." This "go-around" is an obscure borrowing technique that does not have the same requirements as bonding, even though it is a form of borrowing.

"As we have warned, the Met Council (all appointed by Dayton) is more powerful than the Legislative majority in Minnesota, not to mention all five suburban counties who have been demanding that its governance structure be reformed," Crockett said.

Legislators have responded with transportation bills that, among other restraints on LRT expansion, forbid the Met Council from using certificates of participation without

their approval. With the transportation bill in conference committee right now, it remains to be seen whether the prohibition against the controversial form of financing makes it into the final bill, or goes to the Governor's desk.

Center of the American Experiment opposes light

rail transit on the grounds it diverts hundreds of millions of transportation dollars that could be spent more effectively to relieve congestion on Twin Cities highways.

Tom Steward writes for the Center of the American Experiment

State	Project	Dollar Amount	Percentage
Hawaii	Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor	\$243,730,000	9.8%
California	San Francisco Third Street Light Rail Central Subway	\$150,000,000	6.0%
Colorado	Denver RTD Eagle	\$150,000,000	6.0%
Massachusetts	Boston Green Line Extension	\$150,000,000	6.0%
Maryland	National Capital Purple Line	\$125,000,000	5.0%
California	San Jose Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension	\$100,000,000	4.0%
California	LA Regional Connector Transit Corridor	\$100,000,000	4.0%
California	LA Westside Purple Line Extension	\$100,000,000	4.0%
California	LA Westside Subway Extension Section 2	\$100,000,000	4.0%
North Carolina	Charlotte Blue Line Extension	\$100,000,000	4.0%
Oregon	Portland- Milwaukie LRT	\$100,000,000	4.0%
Texas	Fort Worth TEX Rail	\$100,000,000	4.0%
Washington	Seattle Lynnwood Link Extension	\$100,000,000	4.0%
Illinois	Chicago Red and Purple Modernization Phase 1	\$100,000,000	4.0%
California	San Carlos Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project	\$100,000,000	4.0%
New York	Canarsie Power Improvements	\$83,680,000	3.4%
Michigan	Grand Rapids, Laker Line BRT	\$56,810,000	2.3%
California	San Diego Mid-Coast Light Rail Extension	\$50,000,000	2.0%
California	Santa Ana and Garden Grove Streetcar	\$50,000,000	2.0%
Arizona	Tempe Streetcar	\$50,000,000	2.0%
California	Sacramento Downtown Riverfront Streetcar	\$50,000,000	2.0%
Indiana	Indianapolis Red Line All-Electric BRT	\$50,000,000	2.0%
New Mexico	Albuquerque Rapid Trartsit Project	\$50,000,000	2.0%
Washington	Seattle Center City Connector	\$50,000,000	2.0%
Texas	Dallas DAR T Red and Blue Line Platform Extension	\$49,170,000	2.0%
Washington	Everett Swift II BRT	\$43,190,000	1.7%
Missouri	Kansas City, Prospect MAX Bus Rapid Transit	\$29,890,000	1.2%
Florida	Jacksonville First Coast Flyer East Corridor BRT	\$16,930,000	0.7%
Florida	Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit Phase 2 South	\$16,060,000	0.6%
Florida	Fort Lauderdale Wave Streetcar	\$11,010,000	0.4%
Minnesota	Minneapolis Southwest LRT	\$10,000,000	0.4%
Total		\$2,485,470,000	100%

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF OAK GROVE

Administrative Assistant- Part Time
The City of Oak Grove is seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant with a strong customer service orientation. The position is up to 20 hours per week with typical hours of Monday - Friday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Position includes, but is not limited to: providing daily customer service activities, assist all departments with general administrative tasks, and assist the general public with questions on the phone or at the counter. Salary Range \$15-

\$20/hour depending on qualifications. An application and full job description are available and online at www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us. To apply please send cover letter, resume and completed application to City of Oak Grove, 19900 Nightingale Street NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011. Application Deadline is Friday, June 2, 2017, 4:00 P.M.

CITY OF HAM LAKE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VACATION OF PUBLIC LAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held before the Ham Lake City Council on the 5th day of June, 2017, at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City

Hall, 15544 Central Avenue N.E. Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304, to hear comments and questions concerning the proposed vacation of the following described land within the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota: That part of Lot 2, Block 1, KULZER WOODLAND ADDITION, Anoka County, Minnesota, dedicated as drainage and utility easement, EXCEPT the north 10.00 feet, the east 10.00 feet, the south 10.00 feet, the east 10.00 feet of the west 20.00 feet which lies southerly of the north line of the pipeline easement per document 1719778 as found in the office of the Anoka County Recorder and the west 10.00 feet of said Lot 2 and EXCEPT that part thereof which

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:
1. Assumed Name: **NinjaDataBackup.com**
2. Principal Place of Business: **1933 Branch Ave Suite 8 Anoka, MN 55303**
Nameholder(s): **Justin J Gund 1933 Branch Ave Suite 8 Anoka, MN 55303**
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: 3/20/2017 # 941423000021 /s/ Justin J Gund (5/23, 5/30 2017 ACR) #675

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The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:
1. Assumed Name: **The Shopping Depot**
2. Principal Place of Business:

2575 234th Ct. NW Saint Francis, MN 55070

Nameholder(s): **Bridgette Ann Votruba**

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MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

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2. Principal Place of Business:

2645 146th Ave NE Ham Lake, MN 55304

Nameholder(s):

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/s/ Glenn E. Jahn

(5/23, 5/30 2017 ACR) #677

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

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2. Principal Place of Business:

17450 Driscoll St NW Ramsey, MN 55303

Nameholder(s):

Jeffrey G Patnode 17450 Driscoll St NW Ramsey, MN 55303

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FILED: 4/17/2017

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/s/ Jeffrey Patnode

(5/16, 5/23 2017 ACR) #673

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CITY OF COLUMBUS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - Interim Use Permit

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Columbus Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as parties may be heard as required by City Code, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota, to review a request by the applicant for an Interim Use Permit in the HR District to hold events and activities at Running Aces Casino & Racetrack. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Applicant: Running Aces Casino & Racetrack

Property Owner: North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC

Property Location: 15201 Zurich St. (Running Aces Blvd.) NE, Columbus, MN

Legal Description: LOT 1 BLOCK, 1 NORTH METRO HARNESS INITIATIVE, SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, ANOKA COUNTY, MN

Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning Administrator

CITY OF COLUMBUS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - Interim Use Permit

Notice is hereby given

that a Public Hearing will be held by the Columbus Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties may be heard, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota, to review a request by the applicant for an Interim Use Permit to allow the existing concrete bunkers to remain in place on property. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Applicant: Jonathan M. Peterson
Property Owner: The Barn LLC (Peterson Companies Inc.)

Property Location: 9218 Lake Drive, Columbus, Minnesota

Legal Description: W1/2 OF SE1/4 OF NW1/4 OF SEC 24 TWP 32 RGE 22, EX E 566 FT THEREOF, EX RDS, SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning Administrator

CITY OF COLUMBUS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - Variance

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties may be heard, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota to consider a request for a variance from the required 16.5' feet wetland buffer setback to a 4' feet wetland buffer setback for the construction of a new home. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Applicant: Jeff Brown (J. Brown Homes, Inc.)

Property Owner: Troy Lawrence Lund

Property Location: Vacant Lot - Crossways Lake Drive NE, Columbus, MN

Existing Legal Description: UNPLATTED COLUMBUS TWP NW1/4 OF SE1/4 22 32 22, ANOKA COUNTY, MN

Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning Administrator

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS

ORDINANCE 228, SECOND SERIES AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS:

5-3-3 Hours and Days of Beer Sales; 5-4-2 Sunday Sales; 5-4-3 Hours and Days of Liquor Sales; 5-4-5 Hours and Days of Sales by On-Sale Wine Licensees; and 5-8-5 Sunday Sales

THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Code Adopted. That Section 5-3-3 entitled "Hours and Days of Beer Sales" shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

5-3-3: HOURS AND DAYS OF BEER SALES. Hours and days of beer sales will be as outlined in Minn. Stat. Sec. 340A.504 and other applicable state law except that no on-sales may occur after 1:00 AM

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CITY OF NOWTHEN SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Nowthen to interested citizens. The complete financial statement may be examined at the City Offices, 8188 199th Ave NW, Nowthen, MN. Questions about this report should be directed to the City Clerk at (763) 441-1347.

Revenues and Expenditures for General Operations Governmental Funds For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	Total		Percent Increase (Decrease)
	2016	2015	
REVENUES:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,343,441	\$ 1,238,753	8.45 %
Special Assessments	2,611	4,419	(40.81)
Licenses and Permits	102,268	114,839	(10.94)
Intergovernmental	124,174	246,023	(49.53)
Charges for Services	125,930	155,951	(19.25)
Investment Earnings	3,880	4,062	(4.48)
Miscellaneous (Lot sold 2015)	53,642	118,779	(54.84)
Total Revenues	\$ 1,755,946	\$ 1,882,826	6.74 %
Per Capita	395	424	
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General Government	\$ 440,432	\$ 469,197	(6.13) %
Public Safety	397,886	378,402	5.15
Streets and Highways	330,754	344,486	(3.99)
Sanitation	58,634	57,315	2.30
Culture and Recreation	30,516	25,372	20.27
Debt Service:			
Principal	125,786	125,322	.37
Interest and Other Charges	20,943	24,015	(12.79)
Capital Outlay	213,799	178,209	19.91
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,618,750	\$ 1,602,313	1.03 %
Per Capita	364	361	
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 780,385	\$ 906,171	(13.88) %
Per Capita	176	204	
General Fund Balance December 31	\$ 1,448,156	\$ 1,272,078	13.84 %
Per Capita	326	286	

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until the beginning of the next morning sales as permitted by state law. No sale of beer shall be made between the hours of 1:00 AM and 10:00 AM on the days of Monday through Saturday, nor between the hours of 1:00 AM and 12:00 NOON on Sunday.

Section 2. Code Adopted. That Section 5-4-2 entitled "Sunday Sales" shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

5-4-2: SUNDAY SALES. (Ord 72, SS, 6-16-2003)

A. License Required. The electorate of the City having heretofore authorized the same at a general or special election, a Sunday on-sale liquor license may be issued to restaurants or clubs in conjunction with the sale of food, which have on-sale liquor licenses and which also have seating capacity for not less than fifty (50) guests at one time. Prior to issuance of such license, the applicant shall provide the City with proof of financial responsibility for Sunday sales.

B. Hours of Sale. The hours of Sunday on-sale liquor sales shall be as outlined in Minn. Stat. Sec. 340A.504 and other applicable state law except that no on-sales may occur after 1:00 AM until the beginning of

the next morning sales as permitted by state law, from 10:00 AM on Sundays to 1:00 AM on Mondays; provided that the license is in conformance with the Minnesota Clean Air Act. C. Unlawful Acts. It is unlawful to sell on-sale liquor on Sunday unless such sales are (1) licensed in accordance with this Section, (2) in conjunction with the sale of food, and (3) during hours of permitted sales.

Section 3. Code Adopted. That Section 5-4-3 entitled "Hours and Days of Liquor Sales" shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

5-4-3: HOURS AND DAYS OF LIQUOR SALES. Hours and days of Liquor Sales will be as outlined in Minn. Stat. Sec. 340A.504 and other applicable state law except that no on-sales may occur after 1:00 AM until the beginning of the next morning sales as permitted by state law. No sale of liquor shall be made between the hours of 1:00 AM and 8:00 AM on the days of Monday through Saturday, nor after 1:00 AM on Sundays nor between the hours of 8:00 PM on December 24; and 8:00 AM on December 25. No off-sale shall be made on Sundays, nor before 8:00 AM or after 10:00 PM on Monday through Saturday, nor on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day, or December 25. (NOTE:

This Section does not prohibit sales during hours when on-sale is permitted on Sunday as stated in the Section of this Chapter entitled "Sunday Sales".)

Section 4. Code Adopted. That Section 5-4-5 entitled "Hours and Days of Sales by On-Sale Wine Licensees" shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

5-4-5: HOURS AND DAYS OF SALES BY ON-SALE WINE LICENSEES. Hours and days of on-sales for wine will be as outlined in Minn. Stat. Sec. 340A.504 and other applicable state law except that no on-sales may occur after 1:00 AM until the beginning of the next morning sales as permitted by state law. No on-sale of wine shall be made between the hours of 1:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday, nor between 1:00 AM and 8:00 AM on the days of Monday through Saturday, nor between the hours of 8:00 PM on December 24 and 8:00 AM on December 25.

Section 5. Code Adopted. That Section 5-8-5 entitled "Sunday Sales" shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

5-8-5: Sunday Sales: Off-sale licenses granted pursuant to Section 5-8-4 may receive a Sunday sales license provided that the sales are limited to the legal hours for

**CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL PUBLICATION
MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORES
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 and 2015**

Assets	2016	2015
Current assets:		
Cash and investments	925,972	1,159,736
Accrued interest	3,259	3,736
Inventory	683,816	736,109
Total current assets	1,613,047	1,899,581
Noncurrent assets:		
Land and improvements	429,732	55,082
Buildings and structures	1,128,265	1,128,264
Furniture and equipment	223,052	223,052
Machinery and automotive equipment	14,806	14,806
Total Property	1,795,855	1,421,204
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,207,537)	(1,162,036)
Net noncurrent assets	588,318	259,168
Total noncurrent assets	2,201,365	2,158,749
Deferred outflows of resources:		
Deferred pension resources	52,602	52,602
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	2,253,967	2,211,351
Liabilities and fund equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	265,368	319,307
Accrued wages payable	59,925	62,613
Unearned Revenue	3,716	3,382
Net pension liability	382,462	382,462
Total current liabilities	711,471	767,764
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Deferred pension resources	44,491	44,491
Fund equity:		
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	588,318	259,168
Unrestricted	909,687	1,139,928
Total fund equity	1,498,005	1,399,096
Total liabilities and fund equity	2,253,967	2,211,351

**CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL PUBLICATION
MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORES
SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 and 2015**

	2016	2015
Liquor sales	4,117,402	4,174,041
Cost of sales	(3,138,630)	(3,157,252)
Gross profit	978,772	1,016,789
Gross profit as a percent of sales	23.8%	24.4%
Total operating expenses	866,112	828,359
Operating Income	112,660	188,430
Nonoperating revenues:	16,151	18,319
Income before transfers	128,811	206,749
Transfer out	(30,000)	(150,000)

off-sale in the city for otherwise limited by shall take effect on the PASSED AND 15th DAY OF MAY, 2017. Sundays in Section 5-4- holiday hours. later of 30 days after its ADOPTED BY THE CITY Steven D. Feldman
3 general weekday sales Section 6. Effective publication or July 1, COUNCIL OF THE CITY Mayor of St. Francis
in Section 5-4-3 unless Date. This Ordinance 2017. OF ST. FRANCIS THIS Barbara I. Held, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on July 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at 10170 Wintergreen Street NW, Coon Rapids, Minnesota, 55433, the following property will be sold by public auction by the Sheriff of Anoka County:

a manufactured home described as a 1978 Artcraft Apollo, 14' x 66', Serial #11851 located at 10170 Wintergreen Street NW, Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

This sale will be held to satisfy a claim upon the above-described manufactured home held by 550 Associates d/b/a Creekside Estates. The above-described manufactured home owned by Diane Marshall has been abandoned in the Creekside Estates manufactured home community. The amount of the claim against the above-referenced property is \$11,278.83 computed to the date of sale, exclusive of the expenses of said sale and the advertising thereof, together with the actual expenses of making said sale.

Dated: May 5, 2017 MALKERSON GUNN MARTIN LLP
/s/ Thomas F. DeVincke (#301759)
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