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Anoka Council Seeks to Maintain Hold on Liquor Market

With the possible threat of Total Wine moving into Coon Rapids, and the city's desire to increase sales of intoxicating liquor, the Anoka City Council directed staff to explore the concept of building a new city liquor store at their off-camera "work session" May 22.

The City of Anoka owns and operates two liquor stores, while prohibiting privately-owned liquor stores from operating within the city limits.

City staff plans to develop a concept plan using \$100,000 in city funds which was previously budgeted for design work. Overall construction of a new city liquor store is estimated to be \$2.7 million. The new store would be located on the site of the existing Better Values Liquor (East) store located at 847 East River Road. (The city also operates a second (West) store, named Better Values Liquor, at 809 West Highway 10.)



Anoka's City Owned Best Values Liquor Stores
East Location (Top) - West Location (Bottom)
Photo credit: Google maps

Staff stated that a new 10,000-square foot liquor store would allow for storage of additional inventory and thus an increase in sales. On a per dollar unit basis, 50% of sales is beer and 20% is wine. Staff would like to increase the selection and quantity of wine sold as it has a higher profit margin, in the range of 40 to 50%.

The council raised questions about where funding for the new (East) liquor store would come from and how that would impact the city budget. Staff indicated that the \$70,000 annual payment from the liquor stores to the parks department would have to be reduced to \$30,000. This would continue for approximately 12 to 15 years until the \$2.7 million debt was retired around the year 2030. It was unclear if funding would be increased at that time. Staff indicated that by the time the (East) liquor store debt was paid off, the (West) location may need to be replaced.

While the (West) location on Highway 10 is currently in better physical condition than the (East) location, sales are lower. Soon the (West) location will lose freeway access when Highway 10 upgrades, anticipated to be completed around 2021, are underway.

To replace the \$40,000 in lost revenue to the parks department, staff suggested diverting money from the water and sewer fund on an annual basis. City council member Jeff Weaver opposed this. There also appeared to be little support on the council for raiding a public utility fund.

Council member Brian Wesp raised questions that remained

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Court Battles Between Branches of Minnesota Government are Nothing New. Why This One is Different.

By Briana Bierschbach | MinnPost

The state's executive branch and legislative branch are likely heading for court.

Gov. Mark Dayton's decision to defund the Minnesota Legislature was an unprecedented political maneuver. But where it takes lawmakers next is definitely not.

The state's executive branch and legislative branch are likely heading for court, where they have clashed about a half dozen times over the last two decades, usually over the question of the separation of powers between the branches of government.

In 2011, lawmakers went to court over whether it was the executive branch or legislative branch that had the authority to continue government services in the midst of a 20-day shutdown. In 2010, the courts ruled that former Gov. Tim Pawlenty overstepped his executive authority when he unilaterally reduced funding to balance the state budget a year earlier over the objections of the DFL-controlled Legislature. In 2001, a Ramsey County district judge ordered the executive branch to fund core services of state government if the Legislature failed to approve a budget by its deadline, which it eventually did.

This year, the question is whether Dayton violated the separation between the executive, legislative and judicial branches by completely defunding just one branch of government. On Tuesday, Dayton said his move was a result of a "sneak attack" from the Republican-controlled Legislature to force his signature on a \$650 million tax cut bill in order to fund the entire Department of Revenue. He wanted to re-open the conversation on the tax bill and a few other provisions and said he was defunding about \$130 million for the Legislature to do that.

Republicans immediately fired back, saying it was a clear violation of the separation of powers clause, which states: "The powers of government shall be divided into three distinct departments: legislative, executive, and judicial. No person or persons belonging to or constituting one of these departments shall exercise any of the powers properly belonging to either of the others except in the instances expressly provided in this Constitution."

Republican House Speaker Kurt Daudt said the Senate has 67 members who each represent nearly 80,000 residents and the House has 134 members who each represent nearly 40,000 people. "Ultimately, I believe the governor is acting unconstitutionally by defunding a separate branch of government that represents the voice of the people at the Capitol," he said.

Dayton said the Constitution gives him the power to line-item veto individual appropriations inside budget bills. "The Constitution gives me the authority to line item appropriation measures," he said. "It doesn't qualify if I can veto these measures but not others."

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unanswered at the end of the discussion. He asked, "Can we compete with Total Wine?", "Can we make a profit?"

According to Anoka County, the tax assessed value of the 0.46 acre Better Values Liquor (East) site is \$371,000. Its value on the open market is unknown.

If the property was sold and paid property taxes, it would generate

anywhere from \$11,000 to \$30,000.

City Manager Greg Lee stated that he would move forward with developing a concept plan and a budget for future review by the city council.

- *ACR Staff*

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"The courts will ultimately have to resolve it," he added. "There isn't case law directly applicable to this."

Unprecedented political move

Dayton's right about one thing, said David Schultz, an attorney and professor at Hamline University: There's never been a case quite like this one. "When it comes to the governor's actions, this is completely unique," Schultz said. "We've seen political standoffs where we've seen the Legislature wanting to fund something or not fund something, but those are a different kind of battle."

There is one oft-cited case — at least in political and legal circles — that could come close. In 1985, legislators passed a law that transferred most of the responsibilities of the state treasurer, then a constitutional officer, to the commissioner of finance. Minnesota's treasurer at the time, Robert Mattson, challenged the law as unconstitutional because it effectively abolished the duties of his office. The Minnesota Supreme Court sided with Mattson in that case.

"With the exception of Mattson, this is the first time there's been an effort to take a swipe at an entire branch of government," Schultz said.

As far as Schultz is concerned, Dayton's actions put the legislative branch of government in jeopardy, making it a clear violation of the separation of powers clause in the Constitution. "That clearly is going after a constitutionally explicit branch of the government," he said.

Less clear is whether Republicans actions that threatened to defund the Department of Revenue was a constitutional violation of the powers of the executive branch. Schultz could see an argument made where the state cannot function without the department, which collects the revenue that pays for all state services, but it's less clearly defined in the Constitution.

"I would feel more confident saying what the governor did violates the Constitution than what the Legislature did," he said.

What's next?

Republicans said they're uninterested in going back into a special session to negotiate their funding along with the other provisions Dayton objected to. Late Wednesday, Daudt said Republican leaders scheduled a Friday meeting to look into retaining counsel for the case.

"Yesterday, the governor took an unconstitutional step to defund the Legislature, attempting to silence both the House and Senate for the next four years," Daudt said. "The governor has left the Legislature no choice but to seek outside counsel in an effort to defend the people's voice at the

Capitol."

Benjamin Wogsland, a spokesman for DFL Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson, said the office often represents officials like the governor when they are sued, but they would need to review any possible litigation before commenting.

If a court case is filed by the Legislature, it will likely be expedited up to the Minnesota Supreme Court, Schultz said, bypassing the Court of Appeals and holding only a preliminary hearing in Ramsey County Court, where most legislative court battles start.

There's a lot at stake, especially since new funding for the Legislature's operations is supposed to start flowing on July 1.

In 2011, an order from the court during a 20-day government shutdown ruled that funding for the House and Senate was a core function of government that must continue.

"We don't have a shutdown, so it's a different situation," Dayton said, suggesting "tongue in cheek" that funding for the Legislature isn't essential when they are not in session. "These are the sort of questions that will have to be answered over time."

Minnesota legislators do have a so-called carry-forward fund that they could tap to pay legislators and staff, but that wouldn't last long. The courts could also issue a temporary injunction to fund the Legislature until the court case concludes.

Former Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justice Paul Anderson said he expected the court to treat the case with the "utmost seriousness."

"This is the interpretation of fundamental law," Anderson said. "This is about the Constitution, which originates from the people. The courts can be reluctant to rule against one branch or another, but the court knows it has a duty to act if the Constitution has been violated."

Whatever happens, it was another messy end to a political year in Minnesota. Gridlock between Republicans in the Legislature and Dayton didn't manage to shut down state government again, but it still wound up in the courts.

For Schultz, the latest episode just shows that chaos is the new normal in St. Paul: "Not only is it becoming common to blow past regular session, not only is it common for us to blow into shutdown; we are now making it common to solve our budget disputes in the courtroom."

Briana Bierschbach reports on public affairs, higher education, politics and other important topics and issues in the news for MinnPost.com

Sen. Benson Legislative Wrap-up

At the end of May we wrapped up a historically productive legislative session. If you take a look back at the to-do list Republicans laid out when we won the majority of both the Senate and House, you'll see that we checked off every item — plus a whole lot more.

Our first priority was addressing the health care premium emergency that Obamacare and MNsure created, in which thousands of families across Minnesota watched their premiums skyrocket — many were paying more than their mortgage! We passed an immediate relief package to ease the pressure on these families, and followed it up with a premium security plan to create more stability going forward.

Under DFL leadership, there were a number



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of issues that failed to get done, like tax relief, funding for roads and bridges, REAL ID, Sunday Sales, and a fix for Minnesota's teacher shortage.

Our tax relief bill was the biggest in two decades, with relief for working families, families with small children, retirees, students, Main Street business owners, farmers, and more.

Thousands of lane miles and hundreds of bridges will be repaired thanks to our transportation bill. Senate Republicans have promised for years that we could fix Minnesota's roads and bridges without raising gas taxes, and in our first session leading the Senate, that's exactly what we did. In fact, it's the largest investment in transportation infrastructure without a tab fee or gas tax increase in state history.

We passed a driver's license fix bringing Minnesota into compliance with the federal REAL ID law. This was a divisive issue — there are valid arguments for and against conforming to REAL ID. That's why we passed a compromise: REAL ID-compliant licenses will be available to those who want them, but if you don't want a REAL ID,

you will never be forced to get one. In addition, any changes made to the law at the federal level have to be approved by the legislature. If they try to expand the program beyond where it is right now, we can back out.

If you want to read more about our accomplishments this year, I'd encourage you to visit our web site at www.mnsenaterepublicans.com.

Republicans also set out to show that divided government and gridlock do not have to go hand-in-hand. We were productive because we involved the governor early and often. By getting his input and accepting so many of his suggestions, we were able to convince him to sign every one of our major agenda items, including each budget bill.

Any legislature would be happy to accomplish just one of these goals in a session, but Republicans got them all done. This historically productive session is just the beginning; we already have a strong foundation built for even more success next year.



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June 9th, 2017

Quote of the Week: "To me, it's shocking how little regard there is for business. There's an unreality in some of the comments about the cost of doing business and significance and fundamental importance of having large and small employers here."

- University of MN Professor Larry Jacobs, commenting on the Minneapolis mayor's race

Quote of the Week: "I discussed with the FBI's leadership team whether I should be prepared to assure President-Elect Trump that we were not investigating him personally. That was true; we did not have an open counter-intelligence case on him."

- Former FBI Director James Comey

Quote of the Week: "What's mine is mine. What's yours is negotiable."

- An old saw from the world of labor relations

WHAT'S MINE IS MINE

The political world, including this publication, has weighed in regarding the lawsuit over the governor's de-funding of the legislature's FY 2018-2019 operating budget via his line-item veto authority.

For the record, we have joined many other conservative groups in viewing his move as blatantly unconstitutional as a violation of the separation of powers clause.

But recall that the governor's rationale for the line-item veto was to coax legislative leaders back the bargaining table to eliminate some of the items that passed as a part of the special session compromise to pass the state's budget.

There is no way in hell either Speaker Daudt or Majority Leader Gazelka should agree to this false bargain, no matter how the lawsuit turns out.

Governor Dayton is attempting to frame negotiations as a trade-off between the legislature's budget and legislative accomplishments valued by Republicans.

In other words, Dayton wants Republicans to bargain with him only those things important to the GOP.

How naïve does he think Daudt and Gazelka are?

Thank goodness, both leaders have already publicly declared their opposition to this framework.

There should only be one question on the table: When does Dayton do the right thing and restore legislative funding?

It will happen when a court tells him to do, when he decides to do the right thing, or when a new governor comes in.

As we have noted, Dayton isn't likely to win the PR battle, should the courts side with him.

He has decided to hold public employees of the legislature hostage to his partisan political demands.

While it may be painful in many respects, the GOP leadership should hold out. A deal is a deal.

Which raises one other point regarding this whole affair.

The things that Dayton objects to are things he agreed to. He signed those items into law. Moreover, he publicly remarked that he has agreed to them.

They all reached a compromise, which, by definition, includes all sides agreeing to things they didn't necessarily like.

In the world of labor relations, this is called a "take back." Dayton is trying to take away something he has already given.

Daudt and Gazelka are spot on with a strategy that keeps the door open to restoring funding while taking the negotiation of their legislative victories off the table.

Mark Dayton has once again stuck his head deeply into the honey pot, concocting a scheme that sounded good at the time.

He now realizes that he's too cute by half.

He's in checkmate.

DOJ ENDS SLUSH FUND

While the legacy media continues to assassinate the admittedly flawed character of the chief executive, they simultaneously ignore an impressive stream of reforms reversing the Gangster Government of Obama.

One of those Gangster policies was one that allowed the Department of Justice to force corporations into legal settlements that involved paying money to third parties that were neither parties to the legal action or victims of the alleged transgression.

The process of making corporations a deal they couldn't refuse was a slimy carrot and stick approach.

The carrot was that for every dollar kicked back to a non-profit third party, the corporate wrongdoer would be credited with two dollars towards the settlement amount.

The stick was that corporations would be forced to sign this agreement prior to signing a plea agreement, as this scheme wasn't allowed a part of plea agreements.

The kicker was that a failure to sign it prior voided the plea agreement.

The purpose of the entire scheme was to transfer money from deep corporate pockets to left-leaning, ideological non-profits that had nothing to do with the underlying suit.

For example, Bank of America (BoA) recently plead guilty to charges stemming from the Great Recession.

As a result, BoA kicked out \$112 million to these non-profits, including the National Council of La Raza and the National Urban League.

Attorney General Sessions has righted this wrong, noting, "When the federal government settles a case against a corporate wrongdoer, any settlement funds should go first to the

victims and then to the American people - not to bankroll third-party special interest groups or the political friends of whoever is in power. Unfortunately, in recent years the Department of Justice has sometimes required or encouraged defendants to make these payments to third parties as a condition of settlement. With this directive, we are ending this practice and ensuring that settlement funds are only used to compensate victims, redress harm, and punish and deter unlawful conduct."

KANSAS ISN'T BURNING

Much has been made in the liberal media lately about the Kansas legislature overriding Governor Sam Brownback's veto of a bill that rescinded certain tax cuts in that state, thereby raising taxes.

The liberal media was gaga over the GOP legislature "repudiating" Brownback's "failed trickle-down" policies.

Of course, the Left loves to spin a narrative that tax cuts are bad for the economy.

The problem is that it simply isn't true.

Indeed, Kansas was facing a budget deficit, but tax cuts weren't the culprit.

First, Kansas is dependent upon agriculture and manufacturing, two sectors that are still struggling to recover.

Second, and perhaps more importantly, the Kansas legislature continued to spend money like it was going out of style.

For example, the legislature just committed nearly \$300 million additional aid to schools and has run budgets that run beyond inflation and population growth.

No, tax cuts aren't to blame.

On the other hand, the lesson of Kansas is important. While tax cuts are good public policy, it is equally good public policy to cap government spending to sustainable levels.

One thing we know is true. It won't be enough. The Big Government crowd will be back soon enough to ask for more.

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Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

Kids Safety Series

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with the Andover and Ham Lake Fire Departments, will be hosting a Kids Safety Series this summer.

Who's Invited: 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders

Where Is It: Andover Community Center

There will be four classes; kids can register for one – or all four.

June 22, 1 - 3 pm
Be Aware, Be Alert, Be Safe

June 29, 1 - 3 pm
Bike Safety

July 6, 1 - 3 pm
Fire Safety

July 13, 1 - 3 pm
Bullying Bystander and Prevention

For questions or registration, call (763) 323-5000 or visit: <http://www.anokacounty.us/2298/Kids-Safety-Series>

Andover

Burglaries

June 5 - 150xx Guarani St NW – forced entry into a garage; mountain bikes

June 3 - 151xx Round Lake Blvd NW – forced entry into a garage; car batteries, tools

Thefts & Damage to Property

June 6 - 158xx Vale St NW – unsecure vehicle; cash

June 5 - 18xx 139 Ave NW – unsecure vehicle; hand gun

June 5 - 152xx Bluebird St NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle

June 5 - 14xx 143 Ave NW – vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed

June 5 - 21xx Andover Blvd NW – vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed

June 4 - 22xx 140 Ave NW – vehicle stolen from

the property; the keys were in it

June 4 - 144xx Evergreen St NW – vandalism to a vehicle; egged

Arrests

June 8 - 161 Ave NW/Round Lake Blvd NW – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a working license plate light. The driver and passenger had active warrants. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male and female were arrested.

June 7 - Bluebird St NW/Crosstown Blvd NW – DAR, No Insurance; a deputy stopped a driver for failing to stop at a stop sign. The driver did not have a valid driver's license or insurance on the vehicle. The male was arrested.

June 7 - 42xx 145 Ave NW – 5th Degree Controlled Substance; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a male for a probable cause arrest. During the search of the male narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

June 7 - Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Heather St NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding and failing to stop at a stop sign. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .109

June 5 - 39xx South Enchanted Dr NW – Warrant Arrest, 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics; deputies responded to a dirt bike complaint. The deputies learned that the male had an active Hennepin Co felony warrant. During the search of the male narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

June 4 - 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy observed a male that had driven to the location that was off balance and detected the smell of an alcoholic beverage. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .080

June 3 - 13700 Block of Xavis St NW – DAR; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid

driver's license. The male was arrested.

Columbus

Arrests/Incidents

June 8 - 18xx Notre Dame St NE – Structure Fire; deputies responded to a pole barn on fire at the location. Forest Lake Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured. The pole barn was a total loss.

June 7 - 92xx Lake Dr NE – Recovered Stolen Vehicle; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a stolen vehicle that had OnStar indicating the vehicles location. The vehicle was located a held for Wood County Wisconsin were it was stolen from.

East Bethel

Burglaries

June 5 - 198xx Erskine St NE – forced entry into a detached garage; antique sled

Thefts & Damage to Property

June 7 - 204xx Hwy 65 NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

June 5 - 204xx Hwy 65 NE – vehicle wheels stolen off a vehicle

Arrests/Incidents

June 6 - 243xx Hwy 65 NE – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to exboyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The female was arrested.

June 3 - 33xx 183 Ave NE – House Fire; deputies responded to a house fire at the location. The East Bethel Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

June 5 - 19xx 145 Ave NE – unsecure vehicle; sunglasses, electronics

June 5 - 5xx 134 Ave NE – unsecure vehicle; garage door opener

June 3 - 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – vandalism to a parking lot; burnout tire tracks

Oak Grove

Arrests

June 7 - Lake George Blvd NW/201 Ave NW – 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics, Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having an active warrant. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The female was arrested.

June 6 - Cedar Dr NW/229 Ave NW – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for driving without a valid driver's license. The female was arrested.

June 4 - 19400 Block of Nightingale St NW – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for failing to stop at a stop sign. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .119

June 3 - Cedar Dr NW/221 Ave NW – 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics, DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle personal injury crash at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested. .259



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Bid #2017-13

Description of Bid/RFP: Riverfront Regional Park Redevelopment

Prevailing Wages Required

Bid Opening: July 14, 2017

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Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on May 15, 2017 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 5th day of June, 2017.

Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor
Denise Webster, City Clerk
(6/13, 2017 ACR) #640

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

	Total		Percent Increase (Decrease)
	2016	2015	
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 4,599,670	\$ 4,401,323	4.51 %
Licenses and permits	457,826	435,144	5.21
Intergovernmental	2,815,602	1,440,450	95.47
Charges for services	406,357	202,745	100.43
Fines and forfeits	42,585	51,618	(17.50)
Special assessments	8,110	10,195	(20.45)
Interest on investments	55,827	44,697	24.90
Miscellaneous	191,025	131,628	45.12
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 8,577,002	\$ 6,717,800	27.68 %
Per Capita	\$ 544	\$ 426	
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General government	\$ 926,774	\$ 964,196	(3.88) %
Public safety	1,715,838	1,684,350	1.87
Public works	983,250	1,044,789	(5.89)
Parks and recreation	253,916	244,181	3.99
Economic development	54,332	42,175	28.83
Capital outlay			
General government	273,126	17,261	1,482.33
Public safety	23,954	1,069,070	(97.76)
Public works	3,783,493	1,283,037	194.89
Parks and recreation	115,650	113,468	1.92
Economic development	-	1,299	(100.00)
Debt service			
Principal	155,826	130,000	19.87
Interest and service charges	66,017	61,219	7.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,352,176	\$ 6,655,045	25.50 %
Per Capita	\$ 530	\$ 422	
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 1,918,360	\$ 1,825,000	5.12 %
Per Capita	\$ 122	\$ 116	
General Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 3,057,096	\$ 3,052,283	0.16 %
Per Capita	\$ 194	\$ 194	

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Ham Lake to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue NE, Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304. Questions about this report should be directed to Sharon Kutzke, Finance Director at (763)-235-1668.

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CITY OF NOWTHEN

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a public hearing shall be held before the Nowthen PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Nowthen City Hall located at 19800 Nowthen Boulevard NW, Nowthen, Minnesota regarding the following matter:

A LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT and REZONING by Grant Rademacher (Rademacher Family Limited Partnership) and Kent Roessler (KR Farm Land Holdings LLC) for property owned in the NW quadrant of 181st Avenue and Baugh Street (PIDs 31-33-25-34-0003 [28.13 ac] and 31-33-25-31-0001 [part of 38.56 ac]), regarding the following two (2) matters:

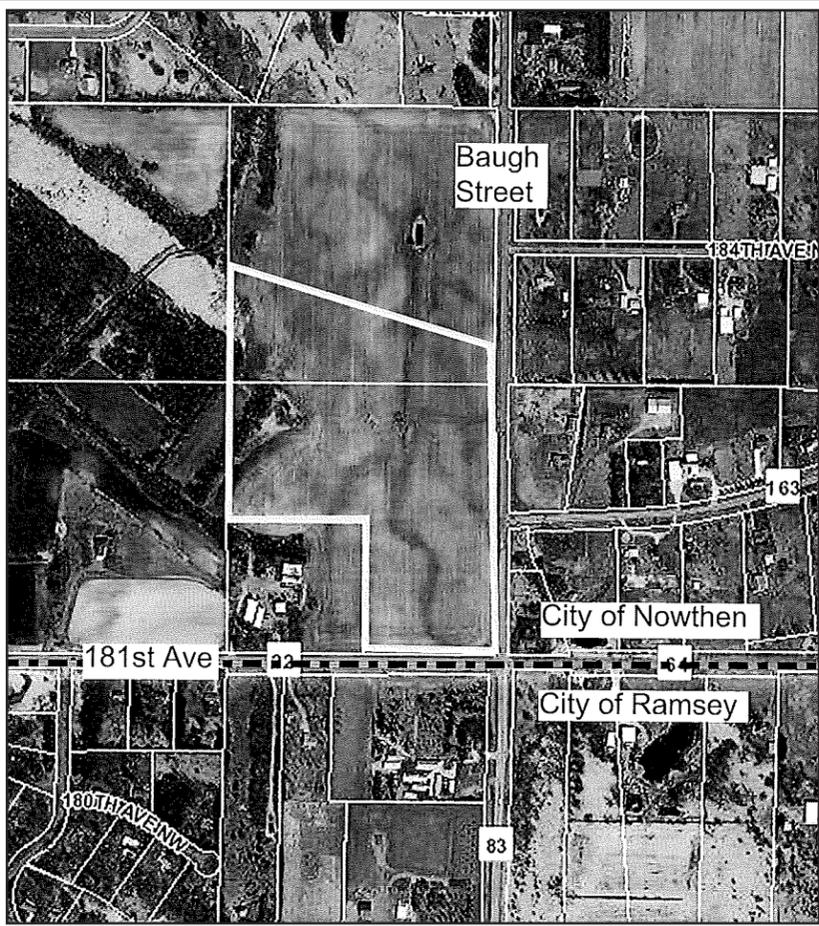
- Amend the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan by changing Permanent Rural Residential to Commercial/Light Manufacturing;
- Rezone 41 acres from RRA, Rural Residential Agriculture to a combination of C-1, Commercial and I-1, Industrial.

The Land Use Plan Amendment requires approval by Metropolitan Council before the City can formally adopt the Land Use Plan change and rezone the land. The amendment is desired to allow commercial development on the 10 acres abutting 181st Avenue and Baugh Street and to allow for establishment of a new business park on the remaining +/-31 acres.

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard. The City Council will act on this request at their July 11, 2017 regular meeting. Contact the City of Nowthen at 763-441-1347 with any questions or concerns.

Dated: June 9, 2017
Corrie LaDoucer,
City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Nowthen

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2017 SANITARY AND STORM SEWER REPAIRS AND INSTALLATIONS CH PROJECT 1711

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud by representatives of the City Council of Columbia Heights, Anoka County, MN, at the Municipal Service Center at 637 38th Avenue NE, in said City at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, for furnishing of all work and materials

for consideration of City Improvements: 2017 SANITARY AND STORM SEWER REPAIRS AND INSTALLATIONS. This work includes sanitary sewer system repairs/installations at 11 locations and storm sewer system repairs/installations at 5 locations. For the complete Ad for Bids, refer to "Bid Opportunities" on the City of Columbia Heights website at: www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us. Plans and Specifications

PROJECT MUST BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 1, 2017 (PHASE 1) AND SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2017 (PHASE 2) The City Council will consider award of contract at their regular meeting held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 590 40th Avenue N.E. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Kevin Hansen, Public Works Director/City Engineer

CITY OF COON RAPIDS

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PROJECT 14-26

The City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, will receive bids at the Coon Rapids City Center until 10:00 a.m., June 29, 2017, at 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 for the following improvements. Proposals must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "PROPOSAL

FOR BOULEVARD PARK IMPROVEMENTS" and addressed to the City Engineering Division, City of Coon Rapids, 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

Project Scope: The work includes, but is not limited to, general earthwork, removal of pavement, storm sewer and vegetation, bituminous trails, concrete pavement and curbs, water service,

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Attn: Anoka City Council

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CITY OF ANOKA NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The City of Anoka Public Services Department will hold a required annual meeting to update its City Council and interested individuals regarding the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The meeting will be held as part of the City Council agenda in the City Hall Council Chambers, 7:00 pm on Monday, June 19, 2017.

The City of Anoka discharges its storm water to the Mississippi and Rum Rivers under a General Permit granted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). As part of the requirements of this permit, the City has prepared a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which includes a number of Best Management Practices (BMP's) designed to address the overall goal of improving the quality of storm water runoff.

There will be a brief presentation on the main components of the City's SWPPP. The public will have an opportunity to make oral and/or written comments on the adequacy of the City's SWPPP. The City will consider comments received and make any necessary adjustments to the SWPPP based on the review.

To request a copy of the City's SWPPP or to review it during business hours, contact:

Ben Nelson, Engineering Technician, at (763) 576-2980. Written requests or comments may be directed to: Anoka Public Services - Engineering Department 2015 First Avenue Anoka, MN 55303

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storm sewer, electrical, splash pad, playground surfacing, landscaping, seeding, and site restoration.

The bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms provided in accordance with the Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifications as prepared by WSB & Associates, Inc., 701 Xenia Avenue South, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55416, which are on file with the City Engineering Division of the Coon Rapids and may be seen at the office of the Consulting Engineers or at the office of the City Clerk.

Complete digital Proposal Forms, Plans, and Specifications for use by Contractors submitting a bid are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for a nonrefundable fee of \$40.00 by inputting Quest project #5175917 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

An optional paper set of Proposal Forms, Plan, and Specifications may be obtained from the Consulting Engineers, WSB & Associates, Inc., 701 Xenia Avenue South, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55416, for a nonrefundable fee of \$100.00 per set, check payable to WSB & Associates, Inc.

Bids will only be accepted from Contractors who purchase digital or paper Bidding Documents as specified above.

All bids shall be accompanied by a five percent (5%) bid bond payable to the City of Coon Rapids. Bids shall be directed to the City Engineering Division, (23), Anoka County, State securely sealed, and endorsed upon the outside wrapper with the project number.

The provisions of the Minn. Stat. 16C.285 Responsible Contractor are imposed as a requirement of this contract. All bidders and persons or companies providing a response/ submission to the Advertisement for Bids/ RFP of the City shall comply with the provisions of the statute.

Cash deposits, certified checks, and bidder's bonds of the three (3) lowest bidders may be retained until the contract has been awarded and executed, by no longer than 60 days from the

date of opening bids. All other deposits will be refunded promptly.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities therein, and to adjourn the meeting to a later date for the purpose of further considerations of the bids and taking actions thereon. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids.

Bids will be opened and tabulated by the City Engineering Division at the Coon Rapids City Center at 10:00 a.m. on June 29, 2017. The bids will be considered by the Council at 7:00 p.m., July 5, 2017. The City of Coon Rapids reserves the right to reject or hold all bids for 60 days.

CITY OF BLAINE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BLAINE PLANNING COMMISSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of the City of Blaine, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on the following application:

CASE: 17-0017
APPLICANT: ACS Asphalt Concrete Solutions, Inc.

LOCATION: 10351 Naples Street NE

PETITION: The applicant, a commercial paving contractor, is requesting a conditional use permit to construct an 11,200 square foot office/warehouse building with one (1) acre of outside storage of vehicles and equipment related to the business. The site is zoned I-2 (Heavy Industrial).

Subject parcel is more particularly described as:

The West one-half (W 1/2) of the North Three Hundred Thirty Feet (N 330 feet) of the South Seven Hundred Fifty-nine feet (S 759 feet) of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Thirty-one (31), Range Twenty-three (23), Anoka County, State of Minnesota.

HEARING DATE AND TIME: Said hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at the Blaine City Hall Council Chambers, located at 10801 Town Square Drive, Blaine, Minnesota, 55449 at 7:00 p.m.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. If you cannot attend, please mail your comments in. Persons who have questions may call the Planning Department, City of Blaine, at (763) 785-6180. Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Contract Court File No. 27-CV-16-15608

Ashburne at Parkers Lake Condominium Association, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

vs. Lindstrom Cleaning & Construction, Inc. d/b/a Lindstrom Restoration, Inc., Roof Company N.A., Inc., and Laukka Management, Inc.,

Defendants,

and Roof Company N.A., Inc.,

Defendant and Third-Party Plaintiff,

vs.

Jorge Farfun, d/b/a Eagle Creek, Inc. and d/b/a Eagle Creek Construction; Wilfredo Batres, d/b/a Lakeside Exteriors; Riverside Exteriors, LLC; Rene Hernandez; Jady Murillo, d/b/a American Building Professional, Inc.; and Paul Mertens and Lisa Niedzieski, d/b/a Final Touch Contracting and d/b/a Final Touch Contracting, LLC,

Third-Party Defendants.

STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANTS:

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Third-Party Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Third-Party Plaintiff's complaint against you is attached to this Third-Party Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Third-Party Summons.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this Third-Party Summons a written response called an "Answer" within 20 days of the date on which you received this Third-Party Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Third-Party Summons located at:

Peter J. Manderfeld
The Mahoney Law Firm, PLLC
2445 Park Avenue, Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Also send a copy of your Answer to the attorneys for the Plaintiff and Defendants, located at:

Einar E. Hanson
Strobel & Hanson, P.A.
502 Second Street
Suite 301
Hudson, WI 54016

Michael D. Barrett
Cousineau, Van Bergen,
McNee & Malone, P.A.
12800 Whitewater Drive
Suite 200
Minnetonka, MN 55343

Michael Laukka
Laukka Management, Inc.
6504 Willow Wood Rd.
Edina, MN 55436

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Third-Party Plaintiff's complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Third-Party Complaint. If you believe the Third-Party Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS THIRD-PARTY SUMMONS.** If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Third-Party Plaintiff everything asked for in the Third-Party Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Third-Party Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Third-Party Complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. **Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Third-Party Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

Dated: June 2, 2017.

THE MAHONEY LAW FIRM, PLLC
/s/ Peter J. Manderfeld (#239690)
Attorneys for Defendant and Third-Party Plaintiff Roof Company N.A., Inc.
2445 Park Avenue, Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Telephone: (612) 339-5863

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contact Dawn Bugge at than June 6, 2017. (763) 785-6180 no later

Catherine Sorensen, City Clerk

JERARD LeROY MACKEY

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ANOKA PROBATE DIVISION
Estate of Jerard LeRoy Mackey, Tenth Judicial District
aka Jerard L. Mackey Court File No. 02-PR-17-289
aka Jerard Mackey NOTICE OF ORDER FOR HEARING
Deceased ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 1, 2017, at 9:00 am, a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Anoka County Courthouse, 325 East Main Street, Anoka, Minnesota, 55303, on the petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated October 1, 1982, and for the appointment of Susan A. Lynch, whose address is 10449 Jefferson Street NE, Blaine, Minnesota 55434 as personal representative of the estate of the decedent's estate in a Supervised 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 estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against said estate are required to present the same 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: 5/26/17 /s/ Thomas M. Fitzpatrick, Judge of District Court
/s/ Lori Meyer, District Court Administrator

David K. Porter; Attorney for Petitioner; Registration No. 87622; 5208 Bloomington Avenue; Minneapolis, MN 55417-1820; (612) 722-1001; email: Probater@Earthlink.net

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